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		Elizabeth Slocum (2019)	

The Board of Directors meets on the first Monday of the Month at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise posted. The annual meeting is held on the second Wednesday of December at 7:30 p.m.

Gateway Activities Organization - GAO Board

President:	Peter Soehnlén	269-9569
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The balance of the Steering Committee is made up of the chair or appointed representative of each park activity. The Steering Committee meets on the second Saturday, October through April at 10:00 a.m. The annual meeting of the GAO is held on the first Thursday of March.

Communications

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GATEWAY SECURITY

The Editor

There have been reports by residents of strangers (non-residents) present in the park after dark. Should you observe those you do not believe to be part of the community you are encouraged to contact the Pinellas County Sheriff's non-emergency number at (727) 582-6200 and report that there are strangers on foot in the community. Do not call 911 except in the case of an EMERGENCY.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 2nd – Saturday – Christmas Bazaar Fundraiser @ 9:00 a.m.
- December 3rd – Sunday – Creative Coloring @ 6:00 p.m.
- December 7th – Thursday – Continental Breakfast @ 9:00 a.m.
- December 9th – Saturday – Pancake Breakfast @ 8:00 a.m.
- December 9th – Saturday – Gateway Activities Organization Meeting @ 10:00 a.m.
- December 10th – Sunday – Santa Parade and Carol Sing @ 5:00 p.m.
- December 13th – Wednesday – Potluck Dinner @ 5:00 p.m.
- December 13th – Wednesday – GHA Board Meeting & Election @ 7:30 p.m.
- December 14th – Thursday – Bike Parade @ 9:00 a.m.
- December 21st – Thursday – Bike Parade @ 9:00 a.m.
- December 25th – Monday – Christmas Dinner @ 1:30 p.m.
- December 28th – Thursday – Coffee Chat @ 9:00 a.m.
- December 31st - Sunday - New Years Eve Party @ 8:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – CELEBRATE THE SEASON!

Cheryl Williams, Chairperson

Christmas time is here and along with the holiday hustle and bustle this brings our annual Gateway Christmas Fundraising Bazaar!

The Bazaar includes our Ladies Day table, featuring handmade crafts by our Gateway ladies, a jewelry table containing new and gently used baubles, card tables where you can both relax and try your hand at a game of chance, a bake table where you can taste some wonderful homemade goodies, raffle basket tables and our ever popular bike raffle. Also we have our kitchen open for some yummy lunch and you can sit in our Christmas Cafe and eat as you take in all the fun!

The Bazaar is our annual GAO fund raising event and provides the bulk of the financial support that enables your dedicated volunteers to provide Gateway residents with quality activities and entertaining social events. So, come on out and join us on Saturday, December 2nd beginning at 9:00 am. Drawings for theme baskets, money tree and bike begin at 1:00 pm. Winners need not be present to win but there is always a special joy in seeing the expression of surprise and joy on the faces of the winners. So come on out and join your neighbors for fun and good times.



**A Complete Listing of Resident Services
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GATEWAY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION AGM & ELECTION – WED, DEC. 13, 2017

June Boudreau, Chair Nominating Committee

The Gateway Homeowners Association (GHA) of Pinellas County, Inc. will hold the Annual Meeting of the Membership and Election of Directors on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Each paid-up household is entitled to one vote, and a majority of votes cast at the meeting is binding. It is important to be a paid-up member and attend the meeting as a majority of the membership is required to constitute a quorum.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, proxy forms are available from the GHA Secretary, and must be submitted prior to the meeting. Please remit your 2017 membership renewal fee of \$2 to the GHA Treasurer, Lana Kennedy. Registration and payment of fees will begin at 6:30 pm, prior to the meeting.

The Nominating Committee was tasked with recruiting at least two (2) residents to replace the two (2) Directors retiring from the Board on December 31st. It is with pleasure that we announce the following slate of Director candidates for the term January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020: Janice Cook of 10441 Bay St N; and Tracy Schofield Djevalikian of 10547 1st Way N. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at the meeting.

Please plan to attend the meeting and election on December 13th, and participate in our community government.

GATEWAY ACTIVITIES ORGANIZATION

Peter Soehnlén, President



Our seasonal residents have been slow to arrive primarily due to an extremely mild month of October throughout the mid-west, north-east and Canada. In spite of this, attendance at regular activities was approaching normal numbers by the second week of November.

Bingo started the first week of October and is continuing to attract greater numbers and increased prize payouts. The Thursday Continental Breakfast was well attended and the premiering last Thursday of October, Coffee Chat, was a great success! Residents are reminded that each Thursday features a Social gathering at the Gateway Clubhouse.

Potluck Dinner and Pancake Breakfasts have done well and this seasons Halloween Dance was especially well attended.

We took time to honor the military veterans who reside in our community. And the Gateway Choir were joined by all at our November 9th Bike Parade in singing a medley saluting each service branch. The morning was closed with all joining together for God Bless America. Thanks goes out to each of our Veterans for your service to our wonderful country.

This months Gateway Bazaar Fundraiser marks the start of our Christmas season. The Bazaar is our major fund raising event for the year and is the primary source for the funds made available to finance each of the activities that GAO provides to the residents. So come on out, have some fun and support your GAO.

December is also the month for our Choir Santa Parade and Carol Sing which features

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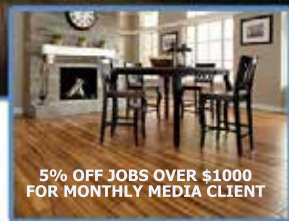
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decorated bikes and golf carts parading through Gateway streets as they visit and provide gifts of Christmas Cookies to shut-ins. Decorated golf carts and bikes are judged at the clubhouse just prior to the parade, with prizes awarded when we return for refreshments. During the parade the best decorated Gateway Homes are also recognized and prizes are awarded.

Plans for a celebration of New Years at the Gateway Clubhouse have yet to be concluded. Watch the Clubhouse and Laundry Bulletin Boards and Display Cases for announcements of details.

GAO as we are commonly known is responsible for the operation of the regular Park social activities. Each activity is in turn the responsibility of a multitude of unpaid full and part-time resident volunteers. The volunteer officers, president, vice-president and secretary are elected for two-year terms, the volunteer treasurer serves at the pleasure of the members. The GAO Steering Committee, the appointed chairmen in charge of the various activities, meet monthly October through April to plan and co-ordinate the activities. Any resident interested in taking part in the operation of any activity should take the time to attend a Steering Committee meeting the second Saturday of each month at 10 am at the clubhouse in order to familiarize yourself with how activities are planned, organized and ultimately offered to residents for their enjoyment.

GATEWAY CHOIR

Kathleen Soehrlen, Director

“HEAR YE, HEAR YE”

The annual Christmas Parade and Carol Sing, led by Santa and Mrs. Claus is scheduled to “take-off” from the Gateway clubhouse at 5 o’clock on Sunday, December 10th.

This festive event welcomes any park resident to join our merry holiday group as we ride through the park delivering cookies to shut-ins and singing traditional Christmas carols and songs. Parade participants are encouraged (not required) to decorate their golf carts, bicycles and any other source of transportation they choose. During the parade, recognition will be made for decorated homes as chosen by our elite Gateway judges. Every home is eligible. The line-up for the north bound Parade, led by Santa, will start at the 1st Way entrance to the Clubhouse.

A reception will follow the Parade. Free photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available again this year. Prizes will be awarded for Best Decorated bike, golf cart and home. Please bring “light supper” refreshments and pastries for this event.

Cookie donations to be given to the residents unable to be out and about will be greatly appreciated. Please bring them to the clubhouse by 4:00 PM that Sunday afternoon. If you are aware of someone who is a shut in, please contact a member of the choir to provide their name and address.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Pete and Kathy Soehnlén, Chairpersons

Christmas Dinner at the Clubhouse will be on Monday, December 25th. Gateway Management and the GAO will provide the turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, rolls, butter, pie, tea and coffee. We are asking that people attending bring a side dish to complete the meal. Please have your food at the hall before 1:15 PM, we will be eating at 1:30. There will be a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse for vegetables or other favorite additions to our menu.

Tickets are \$3.00 for residents and \$5.00 for guests. They can be purchased from Barb Fuelling at 10516 Bay Street and Bonnie Sisco at 10515 Bay Street. Tickets will go on sale Thursday, December 7th. Tickets must be purchased in advance in order to know how many will be attending. The last day to buy a ticket will be Tuesday, December 19th.

There will be a complete seating chart posted on the table at the east entrance to the clubhouse for you to sign up for your choice of seating. The committee requests at that time you also sign for the side dish you will be providing. Anyone with any questions, especially residents new to Gateway, and those interested in assisting with preparation of our Christmas Dinner, please contact Kathy.

When you come for dinner please bring your own place setting and your side dish and arrive before 1:15 PM. We will eat promptly at 1:30. You can call Kathy Soehnlén at 727-269-9569 if you have any questions.

CHRISTMAS 'GIFT GRAB'

Lana Kennedy, Chairperson

Join us then following Christmas Dinner at the Clubhouse.

The 'Gift Grab' will begin following the completion of the Christmas Dinner.

Start time will be approximately 3:00 PM.

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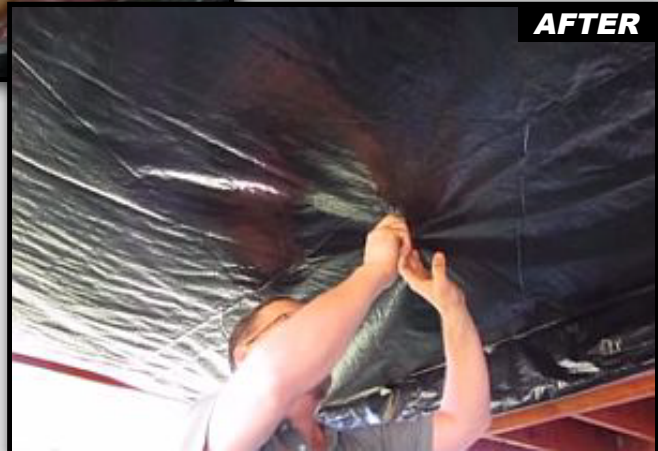
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BULK trash pickup will be on the last Wednesday of every month.

December's **BULK** pickup will be on the last Thursday of December 12/28/2017, due to the holiday schedule. Place your bulk items to be removed at the curb next to your driveway. **DO NOT** place trash containers out on this day as they will **NOT** be picked up.

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HALLOWEEN DANCE

Barb Fuelling, Committee Chairman

About 40 residents and guests had a spooky good time at this years Halloween Dance. Everyone enjoyed dancing and singing along with our entertainer, Del. Thanks to Lana Kennedy for continually getting us great entertainers.

There were a lot of good costumes, which made this years judges' job even harder. Thanks to Barb Koubeck, Jon Fuelling and Rebecca Hammond for picking our costume contest winners. They were **Cassie Gilbert, Jayne Naska, Lew & Barb Wood and Ellen Mickelson's sister, Lauren Felter.**

A special thanks to all those who donated door prizes. There were so many that I find it impossible to begin to name you all! What a wonderful show of support!

And I can't forget to give a big thanks to our decoration team - Kathy, Bonnie, Pete, Bob, Marianne and Jon. Also thanks to those who assisted with the dance set-up and clean-up the following day, they were Kathy, Lana, Gail, Judy, Bonnie, Dory, Marianne and Jon.

The dance was a great success! Thanks to all of you!

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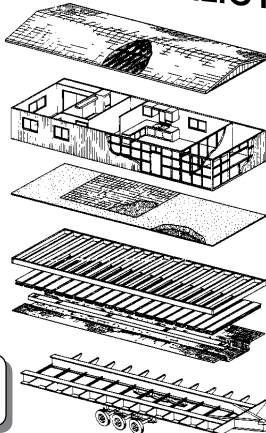
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GATEWAY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

The Editor

Over the past weeks there has been discussion within the Park regarding the requirements for Board Training as set forth in Florida Statutes. According to the Federation of Manufactured Homeowners of Florida, Inc. the provision of the law applies to those Board members elected or appointed after July 1, 2016.

Florida Statutes Chapter 723 Mobile Home Park Lot Tenancies provides general rules for how Home Owners Associations shall function.

723.0781 Board member training programs.—

(1) Within 90 days after being elected or appointed to the board, a newly elected or appointed director shall certify by an affidavit in writing to the secretary of the association that he or she has read the association's current articles of incorporation, bylaws, and the mobile home park's prospectus, rental agreement, rules, regulations, and written policies; that he or she will work to uphold such documents and policies to the best of his or her ability; and that he or she will faithfully discharge his or her fiduciary responsibility to the association's members.

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COFFEE CHAT THURSDAY

Peter Soehnen, NewsNDos Editor

The idea for a Coffee Chat came shortly after the decision to move Continental Breakfast to the first Thursday of the month. It was rather simple to understand that having some manner of social gathering each and every Thursday would be preferable to asking residents to wake up that morning wondering whether there was anything happening at the Clubhouse.

What a surprising and satisfying Thursday, October 26th proved to be! Nearly 30 people, so many that Kathy brought additional fresh brewed coffee from our home! Great luck was Bob Daniels finding Publix donut dozens BOGO and those, together with a couple coffee pastries and Cassie Gilbert's fresh from the oven Apple Cake gave us just enough to feed everyone.

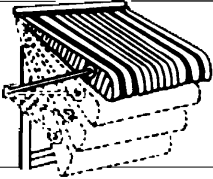
A 50/50, which David Hickenbottom graciously donated back, was sufficient to finance the morning and assist in supporting Bike Parade and other activity expenses.

Judy Mitsch helped by cutting pastries and donuts and Bob Harris and Walt Willis assisted with clean-up.

The November 30th Coffee Chat was dedicated to the Preview of the Bazaar Theme Baskets and this years Bike.

This months Coffee Chat Thursday will be December 28th.

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POTLUCK DINNER

Lana Kennedy, Chairperson

Pot Luck went really well for November, 2017. We had some really good dishes: Eggplant Parmesan, Chicken Alfredo, Ziti, Spanish Rice, BBQ Chicken, Broccoli w Butter Sauce, Chix with Rice & Vegetables and Porcupine Meat Balls. Thanks go out to Walter for all his help setting up and after. More Thanks to all those who helped me clean up - Marianne, Judy, Gail, Kathy and Barbara. I hope I didn't miss any one.

Come to the next Pot Luck Dinner on Wednesday, December 13th at 5PM. IT'S FREE!! Just bring a dish to share and your own place setting. We will supply Coffee and Ice Teas. I have been labeling the food as it comes in and this seems to be well-received. So please check in with me when you arrive.



CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Kathy Soehnlén and Cheryl Williams, Chairpersons

What a difference a day makes! I have been joined in the kitchen by Cheryl Williams and we were quite pleased to have 36 residents to start and 40 by the end of our now first **Thursday** of the month Continental Breakfast on November 2nd!

Pete is still hanging around and continues to compose and present the monthly activity announcements and your volunteer GAO crew has added Cheryl and Walter Willis as regulars, along with anyone who cares to join in assisting with clean-up.

Gateway Continental Breakfast, the first Thursday of each month, provides pastries and beverages furnished courtesy of ARC Investments and local park management. It is a great way to meet and become acquainted with the social atmosphere of the Gateway community. Come join your friends and neighbors for camaraderie and food.

Thanks to all who attended and assisted with cleanup.

This month's Continental Breakfast is Thursday, December 7th at 9:00 am. Mark your calendar, we will see you there!!

LINE DANCING

Lana Kennedy, Chairperson

I challenged some men to learn one line dance and we had 3 takers. Hopefully we can continue this on Monday nites at 6 o'clock (for ½ hour). All men are welcome to join us.

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	17 1:00P Shuffleboard 6:30P Line Dancing	18 7:00A G 9:30A La 4:45P Bi
	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 7:00A G 9:30A La 4:45P Bi
8:00P New Year Eve Party	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i>

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00A Golf 6:30P Euchre	2 9:00A - 1:00P Bazaar Fundraiser
5 Golf Ladies Day Pingo	6 6:00P Holdem Poker	7 9:00A Continental Breakfast Choir Practice 6:30P Game Night Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8 7:00A Golf 1:00P Shuffleboard 6:30P Euchre NewsNDos Deadline	9 8:00A - 9:15A Pancake Breakfast 10:00A GAO Meeting
12 Golf Ladies Day Pingo	13 5:00P Potluck Dinner 6:00P Holdem Poker 7:30P GHA Board Meeting & Election Hanukkah	14 9:00A Bike Parade Choir Practice 6:30P Game Night	15 7:00A Golf 6:30P Euchre	16
19 Golf Ladies Day Pingo	20 6:00P Holdem Poker Last Day of Hanukkah	21 9:00A Bike Parade w/Blood Pressure Choir Practice 6:30P Game Night	22 7:00A Golf 1:00P Shuffleboard 6:30P Euchre	23 8:00A - 9:15A Pancake Breakfast
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Jayne Naska, Chairperson



Happy Holidays from all in the Creative Coloring Group! We wish you all a wonderful Holiday Season with your friends and family! Speaking of family, Karen Fayen brought her grand-daughter, Alainya and great-grand daughter, Skye to coloring on November 5th. We all enjoyed Skye, she is 8 and has some artistic talent and brought her art box of pencils and other art supplies – WOW.

Coloring will not be meeting on Sunday, December 10th as Gateway Choir will be having their Christmas Santa Parade and Carol Sing event. Creative Coloring will take a three week Holiday break December 17th, Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.

Watch for the Coloring Theme Basket at the December 2nd Gateway Bazaar.
Enjoy the Upcoming Holidays!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Dick Gilbert, Chairperson

I am well pleased with the first two turnouts. We served 35 to 45 and we still have many of our regular seasonal residents to arrive at the park. Winner of the November 11th 50/50 was Lana Kennedy. Again, thanks to all of those who regularly attend and participate at Gateway Pancake Breakfast.

Pancake Breakfast is held the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month from 8:00 to 9:15 am for an affordable \$2.50. So join us Saturday, December 9th and December 23rd.

You get orange juice, coffee, 2 pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs; regular and sugar free syrup at each table. What a deal!!

LADIES DAY

Ellen Mickelson, Ladies Day Chairwoman

November was a busy month. Many of our Northern friends returned and now that the weather is cooling down many of our activities are picking up, including Ladies Day. Kathy is helping to make plastic baskets. Games are always fun, and if there's a craft or project you need help with just come down to the club house on Tuesday mornings. The third Tuesday of each month we go out for lunch. For November we went to Cheddars. Good food, good friends and great conversation is always a big part of Ladies Day.

We will have a table at the Christmas Bazaar; if you can donate a craft item please bring it to Ladies Day.

Thanks everyone, let us make this our best year ever!



GATEWAY BINGO

Cheryl Williams, Chairman



Gateway Bingo is off to a great start! Attendance picked up in November and with it came increases in regular game and the Jackpot payouts. We adjusted our games in order to assure a more timely completion of our session. All regular games pay the same amount, the “X” game 50/50 pays the regular game amount PLUS the 50/50 and the Jackpot pays, well, the Jackpot amount. For those of you who have yet to try Gateway Bingo, we are offering a discounted introduction \$11 game package that includes cards for every game. There are plenty of friendly faces, all your Gateway neighbors, who will welcome you and make an effort to assist you with your Bingo experience.

Gateway Bingo begins with the sale of game packages at 4:45 pm each Tuesday. Sale of game sheets ends at 6:00 and after the money is counted and prize envelopes prepared the games (18) can begin as early as 6:15. There is a 15-minute half-time break following the 50/50 game and the session usually finishes around 9 o'clock.

We look forward to our weekly games and expect to experience increased attendance and an accompanying increase in prizes as the season progresses.

So join us at the Gateway clubhouse each and every Tuesday for Gateway Bingo.

BIKE PARADE

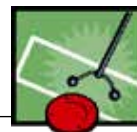
Barb and Jon Fuelling, Chairpersons

November was a beautiful month for Bike Parade. The weather was great for the bike rides. We thank the Gateway Choir for putting on a wonderful program honoring our veterans, and for paying for their breakfasts. The following Thursday the Choir sang us a few tunes to get us in the Thanksgiving spirit. We sure appreciate having them. Also, many thanks to Pat Oliverio for donating a Flag Set and Thanksgiving Basket as free raffle prizes at our Veterans appreciation and pre-Thanksgiving Bike Parades.

Our Bike Parade team wishes all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Come join us at 9:00 a.m. on December 14th and 21st. Just bring a dollar and your coffee cup; we would so love to have you join with us.

GATEWAY SHUFFLEBOARD

Chris Kennedy, Shuffleboard Club President



Welcome back to all Shuffleboard Players. The following dates are scheduled for Home Games in December—December 4th, 8th, 18th, 22nd and 29th. Away Games in December—December 1st, 11th, and 15th.

These schedules are posted on the bulletin board at the west entrance in the Clubhouse.

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Our next play will be "Leading Ladies" on Saturday, February 24th. It is about two Shakespearean actors down on their luck perform scenes from Shakespeare on the Moose Lodge Circuit in the Amish Country of Pennsylvania. They hear that an old lady is about to die and leave her fortune to her nephews. From there, the story takes many hilarious turns. Come and join us for an evening with your friends and neighbors.

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Lew Wood



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WELCOME TO GATEWAY

Pat Oliverio and Emma Nebel, Welcome Hostesses

This month we welcome Louis Ballone and Josh Austin. Louis lives on 1st Street came to the park last December. He works in Capital Marketing and moved to Gateway from St. Pete Beach. He loves to bike ride, but keeps to himself in the park.

Josh Austin moved to Bay Street in March from Gulfport. He has one daughter and works in Shipping&Receiving. He enjoys collecting coins and has two Jack Russell Terriers, Bella and Romeo. He keeps very busy working long hours and likes the fact that the neighborhood is very quiet.

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Our 2018 Gateway Community Directory will be going to the publisher soon. Please review your information to assure it is correct and listed as you wish for it to appear. These directories are meant for use by residents and should not be casually discarded or left at the Clubhouse. Should yours become lost, destroyed or be eaten by a pet please feel free to contact Peter Soehnlén, Editor of NewsNDos at (727) 269-9569 or GAONews@tampabay.rr.com for a replacement. Additional copies will NOT be available at the Park Office.

ANNIVERSARIES, BIRTHDAYS

The Editor

Wedding Anniversaries and Birthdays listed each month in the NewsNDos are based upon information supplied directly to the Editor or to the Welcome committee person who contacted you when you took up residence at Gateway. These dates are maintained separate from Park Directory information and are published only when people have chosen to share this ‘personal’ information.

If you do not see your name(s) listed it is because the Editor does not have the information in the Anniversary and Birthday Data Files and if you wish the information be published please contact the Editor, Peter Soehnlén, 10402 1st Street; (727) 269-9569, or; GAONews@tampabay.rr.com.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrating a Birthday this month are:

4th Bonnie Sisco
7th Joanne Liebegott
Jackie Meli
12th Guadalupe Robles
16th Jayne Naska
18th Nancy Disinger
Barbara Ehrhardt
22nd Connie Carver
28th Robert Farquhar
Danielle Witkop
29th Linda Parker
30th Penny Flanary



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5th Roger & Linda Parker
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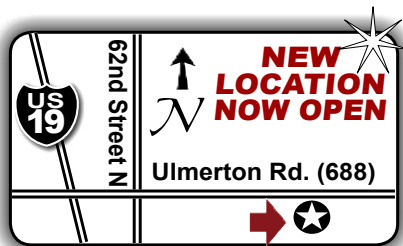
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Book Recommendation:

Here Vultures Fly

by Rudy Rodrigues

This is the narration of the personal experiences of the author, Rudy Rodrigues, during his ten years of service with the United Nations in Afghanistan, where he was engaged in emergency relief and later rehabilitation programs in close collaboration with the Communist government, the mujahideen, the Taliban, and the post-Taliban government.

The author was responsible for opening the first UNICEF office in Kyrgyzstan soon after the collapse of the Soviet Union in a unique environment and culture. During this time, he was working with a government unfamiliar with the United Nations and its goals and objectives. In addition, the Kyrgyz population was traumatized by this sudden period of transition and uncertainty. A major focus of the author's work was gaining the confidence of the government in Uzbekistan and to ensure the building of meaningful partnership programs for women and children.

This book also covers the adventures, romance, and thrill of being born and raised in Kenya; serving as an officer in the army; the challenges of working in Papua New Guinea; and having the glorious opportunity of working in the UN in different parts of the world with a multiethnic/multicultural community.

About the Author

Rudy Rodrigues was born and raised in Kenya. He graduated from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and the British Army Staff College. He was commissioned and served as an officer in the Kenya Army in both command and staff appointments. Resigning after sixteen years of active service, he then immigrated to Canada with his wife and three children.

Later, Rodrigues was appointed country director of a Canadian NGO in the Sudan, with a mandate to provide leadership, strategic planning and the delivery of UN (WFP) emergency relief supplies to the more than three million starving people displaced by the famine of 1985. He did so using a fleet of 350 cargo vehicles and a staff of over 3,000 people. This trucking operation was later taken over by the UN, and Rodrigues served as its Director.

In 2006 Rodrigues ended his career, and moved from Afghanistan, where he was last working with the United Nations. He retired to Winter Park, Florida where he lives today, and enjoys traveling, writing and spending time with his family, children and grandchildren.



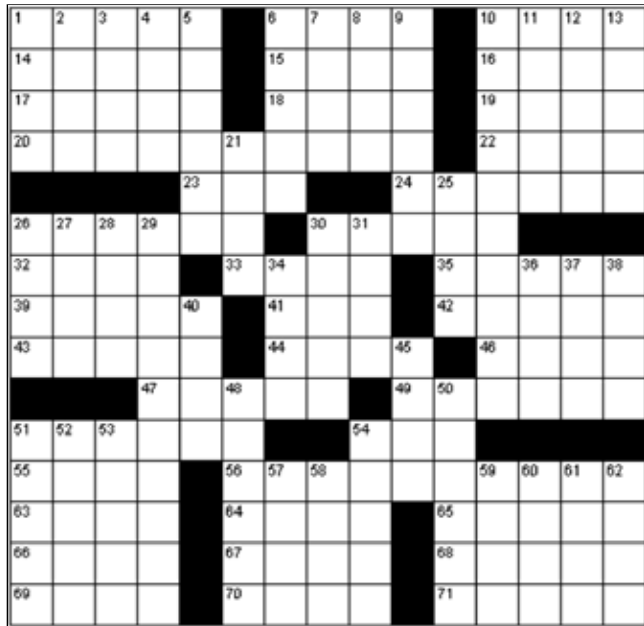
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1. Could turn things into gold (Greek mythology)
6. A structural support
10. Reserve of money
14. Give expression to emotion
15. Uncouth
16. A slender woodwind instrument
17. Reel
18. Exploiter
19. Part of a plant that's in the soil
20. The quality of being uncomplicated
22. Lessen the intensity
23. Female sheep
24. A marine mollusk
26. Be alert to
30. Swallowed by a whale (Bible)
32. A river in England
33. Wander
35. Young sheep
39. All the plant and animal life of a region
41. Gorilla or chimpanzee
42. A magistrate of the Roman Republic
43. Goodnaturally mischievous
44. Suspend
46. Burden
47. A petty officer on a merchant ship
49. Lets downward
51. Ape or monkey
54. Second (abbrev.)
55. Threesome
56. Inducements
63. Where the sun rises
64. Cry weakly
65. Delete
66. Against
67. Yellow Dutch cheese
68. Armor to protect the upper thigh
69. A round flat object
70. Cincinnati's baseball team
71. Contemptuous smile



DOWN

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Untidiness | 21. Anagram of "Were" | 45. Singers Campbell or Frey |
| 2. Zulu warriors | 25. An Ivy League school | 48. Sharpshooter |
| 3. Fate | 26. Infant | 50. Groups of 8 |
| 4. At the highest point | 27. Wicked | 51. Place |
| 5. Vendor | 28. Bark | 52. Pertaining to modern day Persia |
| 6. Dried plum | 29. Penicillin is one | 53. Fogs |
| 7. Ploy | 30. Land of the Rising Sun | 54. Appears |
| 8. Lyric poems | 31. Portent | 57. Naked |
| 9. Individual | 34. An island of central Hawaii | 58. Clothed |
| 10. Portend | 36. Not yours | 59. Anagram of "Rain" |
| 11. Submarine | 37. Make indistinct | 60. Urn |
| 12. Hangman's knot | 38. Soap-frame bar | 61. Nature of being |
| 13. Dissuade | 40. Dwarf buffalo | 62. Fortune teller |



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EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Carport Sale: Saturday December 2nd, 2017 8 am to 2 pm. Park Royale MHP 10611 66th St., Pinellas Park

Holiday Craft Bazaar Sunday Dec 3rd @ 9am-2pm. Sunset Palms Community 3401 Gandy Blvd 33781.

SOUTHWIND CRAFT FAIR and BAKE SALE: December 2nd, 9am-1pm. 795 County Road !, Palm Harbor

Palm Hill Country Club Bazaar, Craft & Bake Sale. Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 9am-1pm. 8:30am early entry \$1.00. North Clubhouse 401 8th Ave. SW, Largo.

ANNUAL CARPORT SALE. 12/2 & 12/3 8am-2pm . Lincolnshire Estates 1071 Donegan Rd, Largo. Carport sale, furniture, nick nacks, glassware and more. Over 100 homes participating.

Moving/Estate/Yard Sale: January 6, 2018 8am-3pm 124 Ranch Ave. in Ranch Mobile Park. Antiques, Household goods, furniture. Everything priced to sell.

Ranch Mobile Park Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, January 6th, 8:00am - 2:00pm at 6800 - 150th Ave. N., Clearwater, (Largo).

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - December 16th, 10am - 2pm. Vacation Village 6900 Ulmerton Rd.

Christmas Gift Market & Silent Auction. Crafts, Vendors, Lunch 12/2 9am-2pm. Connect2Christ Church 9398 Oakhurst Road, Seminole, FL 33776

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-Monthly Media Staff

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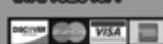


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Pat Schmidt..... \$100	Discount Computer Repair	Joy Olson..... \$5 ...	Battleline Termite & Pest Control, Inc.
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Pat Jackson..... \$10	Recreational Golf Carts	Aida Amico..... \$5	Appliance Specialty, Inc.
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Michael Kent..... \$10	Imperial Electric Service of Pinellas	Lynn Ruhl..... \$5	Ron Wyngarden Mobile Home Washing
Julia Warner..... \$10	Royal Enterprises	Marilyn Larochelle..... \$5	Jones & Sons Plumbing, Inc.
Maurice Fisher..... \$10	Suncoast Auto & Tire, Inc.	Barb Wilcox..... \$5	Doll Brothers Carpet Cleaners
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Irene Unger..... \$10	At Home Floors, Carpets, + Color Tile	Mary Novotny..... \$5	Ron Wyngarden Mobile Home Washing
Nanette Edmiston..... \$5	Air Masters of Pinellas, Inc.	Wendell Schisler..... \$5	Air Masters of Pinellas, Inc.
Ronald Wallace..... \$5	Recreational Golf Cars	Jim Monogioudis..... \$5	Bill The Carpet Guy
Larry Green..... \$5	Palm Harbor & Dunedin Electric, Inc.	Janis Wallace..... \$5	Florida Anchor & Barrier
Dota Brown..... \$5	Modern AC & Appliance Service	Mary Blackmon..... \$5	Appliance Specialty, Inc.
Raymond Jablonski..... \$5	Perfect Repair & Constriction, Inc	Art Johnson..... \$5	Boss Electric Corp.
Phil Fiacable..... \$5	Barron's AC & Appliance Service	Florence Ballard..... \$5	Buggin Out Termite & Pest Control, Inc.
Cindy Byer..... \$5	Jones & Sons Plumbing, Inc.	Mari Sorrell..... \$5	Hellers Mobile Home Washing
David Trenkamp..... \$5	Royal Enterprises	Michelle Bourdeau..... \$5	Ron Wyngarden Mobile Home Washing
Patricia Quinn..... \$5	Sunset Appliance Service	Mark Evangelos..... \$5	Bob's Mobile Home Washing
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Control that holiday glow

Candles are a popular holiday decoration, but they're also one of the most dangerous. It's important that you follow these precautions to prevent full-blown fires:

- Never leave a lighted candle unattended.
- Always put candles in a metal or ceramic holder. Never place them in combustible containers or ones that can melt.
- Put out candles once they get within two inches of their holders or decorations. This is especially important to follow with natural or plastic decorations that often grace holiday candle holders.
- Keep wicks trimmed to a quarter-inch.
- Never burn candles near things that can catch fire—including Christmas trees and curtains.



Be safe on your bicycle

Bicyclist deaths have risen significantly in recent years, and adult men, not kids, are most often the victims, according to the Medline Plus website. In 2015, the most recent year figures are available, biking deaths rose 12 percent. Of the 818 fatalities in 2015, a hefty 85 percent were men, with an average age of 45.

A report by the Governors Highway Safety Association noted that bikers often believe they have the right of way and are unable stop in time to avoid a collision. Drivers also often don't see bikers until it's too late.



Intersections aren't the most dangerous area. Seventy-two percent of bicycle fatalities occur away from intersections. More than half take place between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Alcohol, whether consumed by the biker or the driver, is also a factor in 37 percent of collision deaths.

If we are creating ourselves all the time, then it is never too late to begin creating the bodies we want instead of the ones we mistakenly assume we are stuck with.

—Deepak Chopra



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Palms of Pasadena	381-1000
Pinellas County Sheriff	911
Non-Emergency	582-6200
St. Anthony's Health Care	825-1100
St. Petersburg General Hospital	384-1414
Sun Coast Hospital	581-9474
Sun Star Ambulance	911
Non Emergency Service	587-2111
U S Veterans (Bay Pines)	398-6661



December Sudoku

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5	1	9	4	2	7	6	3	8
8	2	7	3	1	6	5	9	4
4	6	3	8	5	9	7	2	1
6	8	4	2	7	5	9	1	3
9	7	2	1	3	4	8	6	5
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DAILY/WEEKLY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEES

Bingo	Tuesday	4:45 p.m.	Cheryl Williams	607-725-2180
Bicycle Parade	2nd & 3rd Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Barb Fuelling	577-6042
Choir	Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Kathleen Soehnlen	269-9570
CoffeeChat	4th & 5th Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Peter Soehnlen	269-9569
Continental Breakfast	1st Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Kathleen Soehnlen	269-9570
Creative Coloring	Sunday	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Jayne Naska	798-9898
Euchre	Friday	6:30 p.m.		
Game Night	Thursday	6:30 p.m.		
Golf	Tuesday & Friday	7:00 a.m.	Lew Wood	418-1422
Holdem Poker	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Peter Soehnlen	269-9569
Ladies Day	Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Ellen Mickelson	630-530-7924
Line Dancing	Monday	6:30 p.m.	Lana Kennedy	579-3679
Pancake Breakfast	2nd & 4th Saturday	8:00 - 9:15 a.m.	Richard Gilbert	815-236-9946
Potluck Dinner	2nd Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Lana Kennedy	579-3679

SPECIAL MONTHLY ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEES

Gateway Activities Association (GAO)	President, Peter Soehnlen	269-9569
..... Committees Meeting	2nd Saturday (October - April) 10:00 a.m. (Observers Welcome)	
Bazaar Fundraiser	December 2nd, 2017	Chairman, Cheryl Williams 607-725-2180
Let's Connect	June Boudreau	Juneboudreau5@gmail.com
Dinner Theater	Barb Wood	418-1422
Computer Club	Larry Koubeck	798-1202
Library	Lana Kennedy	579-3679
Sunshine	Pat Oliverio	385-5747
Cabaret Party/Dance	Steering Committee	
Summer Activities	Marlene Johnson (GAO VP)	248-410-2698
Shuffleboard Club	President	Chris Kennedy 579-3679
.....	V. President	Chuck Gross
.....	Secretary	Betty Kennedy
.....	Treasurer	Ellen Mickelson
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.....		Co-Captain: Bob Harris
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