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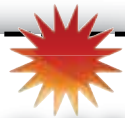
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From the Desk of the President

Submitted by Robert F. Newman, Lot 46, 727-724-6283

The Annual Homeowners Meeting of Island in The Sun will take place in a little over a month. The voting and election of officers and Directors for the HOA for the 2017-2018 term will take place at that meeting. For your information, I will not be running for reelection as President.

The positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Three-year Director and Two-Year Director will be open for election. The One-Year Directors position will be occupied by Don Salisbury who automatically moves from the Two-Year Directors position.



If you are intending to run for any of the 6 open positions, please contact Linda Walker, #301, 540-272-1992, lindawalker.va2006@yahoo.com, or Gerry Fisk, #275, 797-1230, who are on the Nominating Committee, prior to the February HOA Meeting so that they can place your name in nomination. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at that meeting.

Bob

DUTIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

A. The **President** shall:

1. Preside at all meetings of the Board and at all association meetings.
2. Be an ex-officio member of all committees, except nominating and auditing committees.
3. Appoint chair-persons for each activity.
4. Appoint an auditing committee of two (2) persons, two (2) months prior to the annual membership meeting and the report of the auditing committee shall be given at the annual meeting.
5. Appoint a parliamentarian.
6. Call membership meetings, as necessary, with a minimum of fourteen (14) days' notice. The notice must be posted in the clubhouse at least fourteen (14) days prior to the membership meeting along with the reason for the meeting.
7. In concurrence with the Board, appoint a person to fill any vacancy on the Board with said appointment remaining in effect until the next annual membership meeting, except for VI – B - 1 and VI – E – 3 of the By Laws, successor language for positions of President and Vice-President.
8. Appoint two (2) members as Federation of Mobile Homeowners (FMO) representatives.
9. Upon completion of his or her term of office, the President may serve the following year as a non-voting member of the Board.

B. The **Vice President** shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, or assume the presidency for the unexpired term of the President in the event of a vacancy in that office. If the Vice-President, upon the vacancy of the office of President, declines that office then the Director with one (1) year remaining in office assumes the position of President. If the Director with one (1) year remaining in office declines the position of President, then the Director with two (2) years assumes the position of President. If the Director with two (2)

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years remaining in office declines, then the Director with three (3) years assumes the position of President. If the Director with three (3) years remaining in office declines the office of President, a general election must be held to fill the office of President. The Director(s) not accepting the office of President shall retain their current position as Director and assist the President and other members of the Board as required.

1. Complete and maintain the monthly activity calendar from information supplied by the Chair-persons and the Board and coordinate all the activities.

C. The **Treasurer** shall:

1. Have custody of all funds from all activities and make authorized disbursements.
2. Deposit all funds in the designated bank, which shall require a signature card for the Treasurer, President, and Vice President.
3. Maintain the Treasurer's ledger and report all receipts and disbursements at each regular monthly meeting.
4. Provide a detailed financial report for the year and present this report at the annual membership meeting and make copies available for the members.
5. Make the Treasurer's ledger available to the auditing committee as needed.
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D. The **Secretary** shall:

1. Keep records of all monthly, annual, Board, liaison, negotiating and special meetings.
2. Present minutes of all the above meetings for approval.
3. Keep an up to date listing of members, addresses, telephone numbers, etc.
4. Keep all documents and correspondence for the association.
5. Send and receive all correspondence for the association.
6. Send a copy of the minutes of the monthly meetings to any member that requests them, if that member is not in the park for four (4) consecutive months. The request for same must be given to the Secretary in writing each year and be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope.
7. After each regular Board meeting post the proposed Agenda for the next association general meeting.

E. The three (3) directors who are not officers shall:

1. Assist the officers as required.
2. The director with one (1) year remaining on term of office shall assume the office of Vice President upon a vacancy occurring in that office and remain so for the unexpired term until the next annual membership meeting.
3. If the Director with one (1) year remaining in term of office declines the office of Vice-President, then the Director with two (2) years remaining in term of office shall assume the office of Vice-President. If the Director with two (2) years remaining in term of office declines the office of Vice-President, then the Director with three (3) years remaining in term of office shall assume the office of Vice-President. Should he/she decline the office of Vice-

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4. Assist the chair-persons in presenting their problems and possible remedies to the Board as required.

From the Desk of the Vice President

Tom Watson, Lot 68, 727-216-6092

The Unknown: Over the past 10 months we have experienced some highs and lows as decisions were made, leading us into 2017.

Many of the events are repeats that people indicated they would like to have again. We found as new residents move in, they bring new ideas and challenges to meet. Our problem is finding people to take these suggestions and make it happen. Most volunteers came from a core group that regularly attend our activities meetings. Some residents indicated it is time for new younger residents to take over, allowing others to enjoy events.

Over the past couple of months, we are seeing new people come forward, either chairing or working events, a great change for all. They challenge our way of thinking how events are done. Great we need this input to keep everyone working together.

What's Next? The change of direction as new board members will be elected. This time is upon us. Today it is too early to have enough information to guess the future. How many board members will choose to remain? Our President Bob Newman has already advised he will not be running this year. All positions, other than the 2-year board member, Don Salisbury, are up for election.

Now is the time for anyone that wants to be on the HOA Board to begin building his/her board. Someone they feel will benefit their leadership and contribute to the day to day operations. Only active people should consider this position, each opening has responsibilities connected with the board positions.

We have a very good group of people working today, and they have a lot of knowledge. Consider speaking with them, and your life will be so much better.

At the time of this writing I have not yet decided to run for another year, I have enjoyed working with everyone and appreciate the support you have shown me.

Sincerely,
Thomas Watson

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Spotlight on new Resident, Janet Gardy, Lot #97

submitted by Pat Henderson, Lot 266, 727-400-6002

Our ladies luncheon in December at the Beachcomber Restaurant on Clearwater Beach drew a lot of interest. A new lady in our community needed a ride and I was more than happy to offer to pick her up. That resulted in me meeting a lovely and friendly lady and having an opportunity to tell her about some of the many fun amenities offered by the Island in the Sun HOA. Detroit, Michigan is the birthplace of Janet. She grew up and finished high school there, and like many of us, she married quite young. Her husband had already completed two years in the Navy, and he finished his duty with two years in Jacksonville, FL. After their marriage, they returned to Detroit and moved in with family until they found a home to buy. She worked for Kroger for three years as a cashier and worked for a doctor in the office setting appointments, filing insurance claims, etc. for about two years. Later they moved to Chesterfield Township and she again worked for Kroger for ten years.



From there they moved to South Lyon, MI where they resided thirty-three years. They were unable to have children, so after fourteen years, they adopted a two-month-old boy when Janet was 31 years old. She was a mother and homemaker while he was young, and eventually went to a local community college and obtained an Associate's degree, which enabled her to be Food Service Manager at South Lyon School.

Her husband spent thirty-six years as a Radar Engineer at FAA. He passed away at age sixty-six of leukemia, just four days after his diagnosis. Their only child passed unexpectedly at age thirty-three of a sudden heart attack. He had not married and did not have any children.

Janet's husband had dreams of moving to Florida to enjoy their golden years. She had the opportunity to spend eight weeks in the Carrollwood area of

Tampa visiting a cousin's son's home. Both of her parents had been deceased twenty-five years, and after looking around she found comfort in the Island in the Sun community. She feels her husband's presence around her. She loved this area because of the beauty and the many amenities offered here.

An older brother and two younger sisters live in the Detroit suburbs, and all are retired. They have children and grandchildren so don't want to move, but Janet says she has room for them to come for visits. Her brother and his wife came and did some painting, etc. and helped her get her mobile fixed up when she moved here.

Janet enjoys going out to eat and socializing. She has met several folks in the park when out walking her dog, but wants to meet more. If you see her, go up and introduce yourself. You will find her to be very pleasant.

She would be interested in playing cards-Canasta, Rummy, Euchre, or Pinochle. She plans to join the Domino group. We also talked about trying to get a Progressive Dinner Club started. This would be a great activity for singles, and couples to organize separate groups. If you have any interest in these ideas, call Janet at 248-437-2776 or myself Pat at 270-320-4000.

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Ladies Lunch Bunch

Submitted by Helen Dennison, Lot 210, 727-754-6977

In December, the Golden Girls of Island in the Sun met at the beautiful Beachcomber Restaurant in Clearwater Beach for their monthly outing. Thirty - one ladies were in attendance setting a record for our group. The menu had so much from which we could choose. Everyone enjoyed their meal and the decorations were spectacular. Sharon Horr and Nancy Barnes were both winners of door prizes supplied by Jaci Salisbury. They both received a pottery gingerbread man to hang on their tree. The Spirit of Christmas was in the air, and fun was had by all. On Thursday, FEBRUARY 16th, the ladies will be gathering at "JOHNNY'S " on SR 590. **Be sure to sign up in the activities book in the clubhouse.**



Men's Monthly Breakfast

submitted by Ed Dennison, Lot 210, 727-754-6977

In December, the men went to Tiffany 's Restaurant in Palm Harbor for breakfast. There was quite a large crew in attendance. They included Don Morrison, John O., David Horr, Jack Oosterhuis, Wayne Cleveland, Dick Oliver, Ross Duncan, Wayne Dodd, Bill Shiels, Keith Johnstone, Fred Mecke, Ron Koonter, Peter Benson, Skip Shepherd, John Mackay, Murray Ross, Arden Jones, and myself, Ed Dennison. The food was delicious and the company was great. It was so nice to have our Northern buddies back with us for the winter. This sure beats that snow, sleet and ice they left back home. There is one request for the men, however. If one of you would please take a picture of our group and pass it along to Linda Opaczewski for the media, it would be greatly appreciated. Our breakfast outing in February will be at **PAPA'S NEW YORK DINER**, on Gulf to Bay Boulevard just west of Keene. **Be sure to sign up in the Activities book at the Clubhouse.**





Santa Goes to The Dogs At IITS

submitted by Karen Custy, Lot #229,727-729-3441

On Saturday December 17th IITS had a visit from Santa Claus when he arrived at the clubhouse to take pictures with our furry family members. It was a great turnout with treats for the doggies and humans. The pooches also enjoyed a photo op with a Christmas photo booth set up.

We had 37 dogs turn up and even a cat and four birds. What a great fun day it was.

Thanks to all who participated and made this event a success.



PARK TELEPHONE BOOK

submitted by Bob and Dottie Newman, #46, 724-6283, pcfriar64@yahoo.com

Corrections to 2017 Phonebook:

Correct middle initial – 311 Nordin, C

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Rummikub Winners for October

Submitted by Patricia Clark, Lot 125,727-726-5145

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Submitted by Nancy Barnes, Lot 157,727-799-2434

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Spotlight on Residents Les Irish and Barb Lot # 299

submitted by Pat Henderson, Lot 266, 727-400-6002

In driving around the park on Trinidad, you may have noticed a tall slender fellow outside his home tinkering with his boat, travel trailer, pickup truck, kayaks, or golf cart. Or perhaps, you've noticed a petite blonde-haired lady walking their two dogs, stopping to chat with neighbors or you may have seen her outside painting pictures.

These two are so friendly I would swear they were southerners, but they are northerners and not snowbirds either. They chose Island in the Sun as their home after being in Holiday FL and looking around at mobiles and loved all the amenities offered here at IITS. They moved here a few months ago, with Barb's mother and they plan to camp around the state and see all the sites. Les is an active fisherman, he snorkels, scuba dives and wants to learn to spear fish.

Barb was born in Waltham, MA in an army hospital. At the age of six months her family moved to Philadelphia and at age six they moved to Lancaster, PA. She finished high school and was a cheerleader. She attended cosmetology school and taught cosmetology for about six years.

She married and had three children. Her oldest daughter has a Doctorate Degree in Education, the second daughter owns a restaurant, and her son is a Captain in the Marine Air Corp. and flies Hornets. They have blessed her with seven grandchildren. Barb worked forty years in the restaurant business as owner or manager. She has a younger brother in Michigan.

Spray painting pictures is a favorite pastime for Barb. She presented me with a beautiful scenic picture that she had just finished, which I am delighted to have, and I will frame it and proudly display it in my home. She is willing to teach a class on how to paint with spray cans, so I will work with her to plan a class probably for February.

Barb and Les met online and Les really complements her on being a real fine lady who had brought him a lot of happiness. Barb had been taking care of her mom for twenty years, but that didn't stop Les from falling in love with her. They are engaged, but after each of them having been married several times, they are in no hurry to tie the knot. They have been together almost four years

Les was born in Bronxville in Yonkers, NY into a Madison Avenue Advertising family. He is the second oldest of four children and the four of them talk once a month on conference call. Both of his parents are deceased. The family moved to Chappaqua, NY, then to London, England where he attended Junior High, then back to Chappaqua, then on to Hanover, PA where he graduated high school. He moved to York, Lancaster, York again, then Wrightsville where he lived before moving to Florida.

After high school, Les attended Penn State for three years majoring in French, Theater Arts and Creative Writing. He could speak fluent French when younger, but is a bit out of practice. His work career is quite varied. He sang and played lead guitar in bands, did artwork for show carnivals, he was a Research and Development Tech, a welder (USWA) and built M109's and



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M88's for the US Military.

He became a self-employed Graphic and Multi-Media Designer, a computer “idgit/genius”, and he learned to build computers and websites. He officially retired 3 years ago, at age 63.

He was married several times and had two daughters and one son from the first one and they blessed him with seven grandchildren, same as Barb. Wife #1 left him with a 10, 8 and 2-year-old to raise as a single father. One daughter and her husband are in real estate redevelopment in Georgetown. The other daughter is a High School Assistant Principal and her husband is a teacher. His son is a Lead Analyst for a company that manages government contracts.

From the time Les was nine or ten years old, he had a passion for amateur pyrotechnics. As an adult, he reignited that passion and had training, and learned to build the components and assemblies of rockets and shells, and learned how to shoot fireworks shows.

Les is still a journeyman blues, rock, lead guitar player/vocalist. I bet there are other musicians in our community that could form a band to play for some of our events. If you are a musician, you'd love talking with him.

Les says he is very lucky to have met Barb and is very fortunate to be gifted in several areas. Barb and Les are both very proud of their children and grandchildren.

February 2017 Anniversaries and Birthdays

Submitted by Robert Newman, #46, 727-724-6283,pcfriar64@yahoo.com

February Birthdays

- 2 James Ackerman
- 3 Art Jackson
- 6 Craig Walck
- 7 Steve Twomey
- 8 Bonnie Baldwin
Nick Papathanasopoulos
- 17 Janet Nolfo
- 19 Pat Troise
- 22 Jim Dudley
- 23 Don Keith

February Anniversaries

- 14th Jerald Cardin & Sudie Borders
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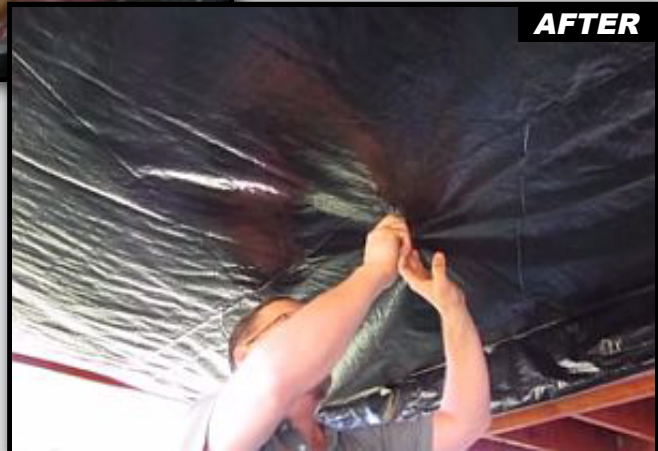
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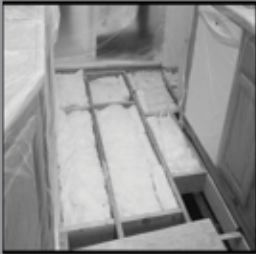
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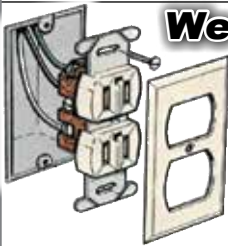
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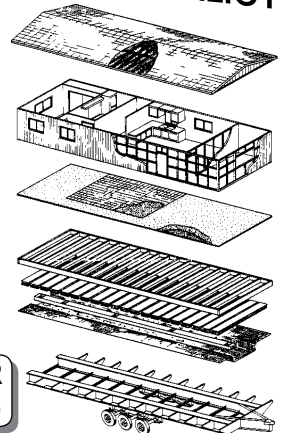
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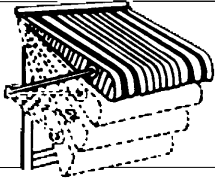
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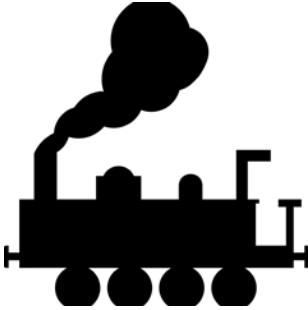
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other people will board the train;
and they will be significant
i.e. our siblings, friends, children,
and even the love of your life.

Many will step down
and leave a permanent vacuum.

Others will go so unnoticed
that we don't realize
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This train ride will be full of joy,
sorrow, fantasy, expectations,
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Success consists of having a good relationship
with all passengers,
requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is:
We do not know at which station
we ourselves will step down.

So, we must live in the best way,
love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are.

It is important to do this
because when the time comes for us to step down
and leave our seat empty
we should leave behind beautiful memories
for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life.

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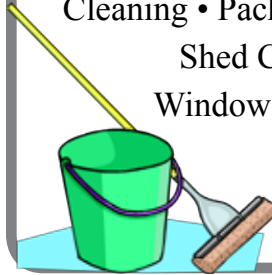
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Remembrance Corner

submitted by Dottie Newman, Lot 46, 727-724-6823, pcfriar64@yahoo.com



Tom Watson, #68, took a horrific face-first fall playing pickle ball, which left him with numerous bruises.

Warren Martinson was on a cruise when he took a bad fall on board the ship. Because of the seriousness of his injuries he was flown here to get the medical attention he needed. He is now in rehab with hopes of returning home soon.

If you know of anyone needing a get-well card or sympathy card from their I.I.T.S. family, please let me know by calling or E-mailing.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor

submitted by Larry Taylor, Lot #296, 727-286-7740

The first Saturday of each month, we will pick up any donations you can make at 1PM in a plastic bag by your mailbox. Food donations boxed or cans, paper products, soap products. The donations will be used for anyone in our park needing a little help. Kris and myself will be very discrete, so if you or someone you know could use a little help, let us know.

Thank you
Kris and Larry Taylor

Hello from the IITS Activities Committee

submitted by Linda Walker, Lot #301, 540-272-1992

(text is preferable if you need contact me, thanks! Just include your name and Lot # so I know who you are.)

I'm back! After a brief recess, and with the support of the community, I decided to resume my role as Activities Director/Team Leader for Events. This is a role that I really enjoy, and decided that I wanted to serve the IITS community in this function. I am looking for a co-chair/co-leader for this function, as it takes quite a bit of time to manage all the responsibilities of this position. If you are interested, please let me know.

NOTE: there will be an activity meeting on Saturday the 4th of February at 10:00 am. I am asking everyone who can to attend and bring ideas for parties and their willingness to help chair special events, and with setup and clean up for those events.

As always, thanks to those who take the time to attend the activities meetings, contribute ideas, and volunteer their time to chair or help with setup/clean up, or whatever is needed. I truly appreciate the support that is provided, and if I have missed personally thanking anyone, please consider this your thanks for a job well done!

Suzanne Jones will be the Team Lead for potlucks from January – April, and is looking for someone to assist. We will also need a replacement once Suzanne and her husband leave to go back home for the summer.

Birthday/Anniversary celebrations will be held quarterly for 2017 instead of monthly. Sudie Borders is the Team Lead for this ongoing event.



I have a proposal for our IITS residents: I challenge each of you to volunteer to chair at least one event during the year! It doesn't always have to be a dance, so use your imagination! If we can get 50 people to volunteer, we could run events for approximately two years! The Activities Team Leader and VP are always available to help, so there is no need to feel like you are 'going out on a limb' by volunteering your time and talent. I know there are lots of you out there who have good ideas to share, and I challenge you to step up!

Cal Am contributes \$300 per month for entertainment, so we can bring in some type of professional talent each month. In addition, it is nice to have at least one other type of event. The goal is to have a structured weekend event at least two times per month, and it doesn't always have to be a night time party.

Event Ideas:

- Wine tasting
 - Rockabilly sock hop (50's music)
 - Pool parties (Memorial or Labor Day, or anytime during the warmer months)
 - Magician or comedy shows
 - Game shows (Think Family Feud, Price is Right, etc.)
 - Speakers for pertinent topics
 - Art classes
 - Trivia competition
 - Amateur night
- You get the idea!

'Happenings at Island in the Sun'

Feb 5th, NFL Championship Game Party 5:30PM. we will open at 5:30, food will be served at 5:45 game starts at 6:30PM. Pizzas cooked in our ovens, wings, salad and cold drinks. BYOB \$6.00 per ticket.

February 18, 2017 Dinner and Dance – 5:30 PM "Remember When", submitted by Judy Koonter, Lot 81

This group is named "Remember When" and it certainly is appropriate for their type of music. Remember the days when you could sing along to every song, you could dance to every song, and you knew every artist? This group will bring it back to you. The group consists of Emery (Skip) Rowand, Nate Schenker, and Helen and Roger Blake.

Skip started singing as a teenager on the street corners of Jersey. He really got into the music when he was in his 20s singing in various groups - The Concepts, the Four Leads, the No Names. The No Names were featured in various radio stations, one famous one being DJ Blovatt. They sang songs by the Flamingos, the Duprees, the Platters and the Drifters.

Nate Schenker splits his time between Las Vegas and Florida and sang with different groups. He never crossed paths with Skip in the early years but met up with him several years ago, and they complement each other so well.

The final piece of the puzzle is Helen and Roger Blake. You may remember them for doing a party for us last April. They were so well liked that we talked them into playing for an additional half-hour (10:30). They also teamed up with Skip and Nate a few years ago.

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February 14th Pot Luck, Valentine's Day Theme 5:30PM social Hours, 6:00 Salads, 6:30PM Main Course. Please sign up early. The chorus will be singing that night. Bring a dish to share with everyone

February 25th Community Breakfast, 9-11. French Toast, Biscuits and Gravy, Eggs, and Sausage with OJ and coffee. \$5.00, Tickets required

March

4th, Can-AM Party. Our wonderful annual Party for **Can-Am** will be **03-04-2017 from 5:30PM to 10PM.** Menu is as follows: Baked Pork Chop with Dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, roll and dessert. For someone who cannot eat pork, we will offer Chicken Breast with stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, roll and dessert. However, we must have an advance count on your choice. When you purchase your ticket, you will need to state which meat entrée you want. Come all enjoy the Chorus, Dinner and DJ Wiggles and Have a great time!

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April

7th, Remember the date, Friday night annual Baseball game at Bright House Field. 6:30Pm \$18.00pp, more to follow

Check your calendar in the Media for our daily activities also.

15th Easter Egg Hunt Planned, submitted by Linda Webster, Lot # 27, 732-915-2458

We are planning the Island in The Sun **3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt!** If you came last year you will know that we had a great time! Eggs contain a number and every gift is numbered. There are tons of kid prizes to be collected by your visiting Grandkids! Adults are welcome to participate too! One Egg will have a \$10 gift card for a restaurant visit! There will be a box in the Library area at the clubhouse if you would like to donate some kid stuff or gift cards for the hunt. Please shop for "good buys" and spend less than \$5 per item! If you are a crafter, we would love to include a few handmade items – child or adult to keep it interesting!

The object is to have fun searching for eggs and taking our time disbursing the gifts. This gives the visiting children a chance to meet potential playmates and the Grands can show off the beautiful family that came to see them!

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LARGO, Teakwood Village East, Sat, Feb 18. Annual carport sale. Missouri Ave, between Largo High School & WalMart. 9am till 1pm. Over 50 homes. Look for balloons! TONS of STUFF!

ANNUAL Flea Market: Four Seasons Estates, Largo- Saturday, February 25, 2017. Early bird entrance \$1.00 from 7:30 - 8:00a.m. Huge variety - furniture, tools, clothing, jewelry, linens, books etc.. Homemade baked goods, snack bar and terrific raffles & prizes. Free golf cart shuttle service. Join us at 13225 101st St., behind Largo Mall, just off Ulmerton Rd., beside Golden Corral.

Fun Night with Silent Auction, Feb. 18 eve, Sugar Creek MHP, Largo, North at 101st.

ANNUAL BAZAAR: Feb. 25, 2017, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Shady Lane Oaks, 15777 Bolesta Rd., Clearwater. Breakfast & Lunch available. Collectibles. Household items, furniture and more. 50/50 drawing, raffles.

ANNUAL BAZAAR: Lincolnshire Estates, February 4th, 8 - 12. Breakfast / Lunch Served.

DORAL VILLAGE BAZAAR, Sat., Feb. 25th, 8am-1pm. 29250 US Hwy 19N. Furniture, Clothing, Linens, Books, Appliances, Kitchen Items, Glassware, Jewelry, Baked Goods, Raffles, Baskets, Donuts, Coffee, and Lunch!

La Plaza MHP Carport Sale. 6700 150th Ave. N., Clearwater, FL 33764, Saturday, February 18, 2017, 8am-1pm.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3rd, 9am-1pm, Flea Market/Bake Sale Lake Seminole Resort MHP Clubhouse, 10245 110th Ave. North, East off Seminole Blvd. Refreshments, Lunch.

Sugar Creek Mobile Home Park Carport Sale: Sat. Feb. 4th 8 AM - 1 PM. 10265 Ulmerton Rd., Largo (behind Pier One store). Lots of stuff - Old stuff - New stuff. But - All Good stuff.

Carport Sale - February 18th, Rancho Village, Ulmerton Rd., 8am-3pm.

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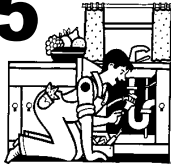
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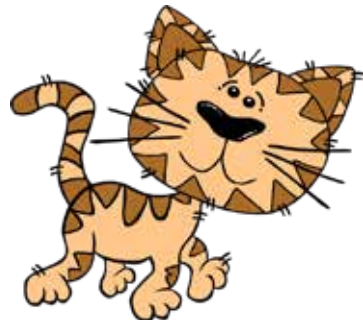
Johnny: “Six.”

Teacher: “Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats, and another two, how many would you have?”

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Get up and work out

The alarm rings. Do you leap out of bed to head for the gym? Or hit snooze and tell yourself you’ll work out tomorrow? Motivating yourself to get up and start exercising can be tough. If you give in to temptation to skip the health club more than you’d like, try these tips to get moving:

- **Watch what you eat before bedtime.** A heavy snack right before you hit the mattress will make you feel lethargic in the morning. Stick to fruit, vegetables, and lean, protein-rich foods, and don’t eat anything for at least 90 minutes before you go to bed.
- **Go to bed early.** You’ll wake up feeling refreshed and ready to work out if you get enough sleep—seven to eight hours. Limit your TV, computer, and cellphone use before bedtime so you can get to sleep easier. 
- **Look forward to something.** Don’t think of exercise as drudgery. Find something you enjoy about it so you wake up excited about hitting the gym, or give yourself a reward for working out once you’re finished.
- **Find a workout buddy.** Exercising alone can be boring. Ask around your neighborhood, workplace, or health club and find someone who works out on the same schedule you do. When you know you’ve got someone waiting for you, you’ll be more motivated to show up.



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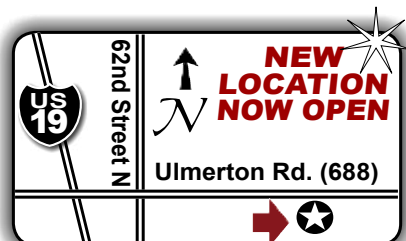


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Daydreaming can be good for you

Daydreams aren't necessarily a waste of time. We daydream for different reasons, but it can have a positive affect on your life and career. Consider these facts about daydreaming from the LiveScience website:

- Daydreaming can be controlled—up to a point. Most people daydream intentionally because they're bored or working on something simple. When tasks require more concentration, drifting off is less frequent, but still happens.
- Blinking is a clue. Wonder if someone is daydreaming while you're talking? Look closely at their eyes. Studies show that people blink more often and more rapidly when they daydream.
- Daydreaming can help with problem solving. Let your mind wander when you're working on a tough problem. Scientists have observed that the areas of the brain involved in problem solving turn more active when we daydream.

Sharpen your mind with these puzzles

Brainteasers are good for honing your creative thinking. Try these to stretch your mind:



1. You are driving a bus with nine passengers. At the first stop, three people get off and five get on. At the second stop, seven people get off and four get on. At the first stop, six people get off and two get on. How old is the bus driver?
2. You have to choose to enter one of three rooms. Inside the first room is a team of ninjas hired to kill you. Inside the second is a tiger that hasn't eaten for three months. Inside the third is a raging inferno. Which room do you enter?
3. Harry is a butcher. He started his career at age 19. He worked for nine years in Boise, Idaho, and then moved to Duluth, Minnesota, where he's been in the same line of work for 14 years. What does Harry weigh?
4. Imagine you're in a leaky rowboat that's sinking. Great white sharks are circling your boat. How do you get out of this predicament?

Answers:

1. Whatever you own age is, since you are the bus driver.
2. Room No. 2. A tiger that hasn't eaten in three months is dead.
3. Meat.
4. Stop imagining.



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