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HOA January 2015 Activities Notes

01/10 8-10AM There will be a Community Breakfast. \$5.00 per person. Includes Texas Toast French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage links and patties with coffee and OJ.

01/15 12:00 noon. Ladies Lunch Bunch will be at Kally-K's in Dunedin

01/17 Cal-AM will be having a dinner and entertainment night

01/18 Sundae Sundays.. Come and get your Banana split, Sunday or a root beer float.

01/24 Can-Am Dinner Dance 5:30PM \$ 10.00pp. Get your tickets early. Tickets at Lot #312 or Rose Olivers Lot #184

MOVIE NIGHT.. We have two movie nights this month. 9th is "Shall we Dance" and on the 30th is "Mr. Poppers Penguins". \$2.00pp and the HOA supplies the pop and popcorn. They will start at 7PM



























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From the HOA Presidents Desk

reetings!
Every year at this time, the HOA board prepares for the annual meeting by wrapping up the previous year and gearing up for the next. As we start to put "2015" on document headings, I am reminded, once again, how quickly time goes by.

My Term as an HOA President is coming to an end, it is my intentions to ask the residents to allow me to continue as President for another year. We will be looking for residents who are willing to serve on the HOA Board as officers.

Being involved in the HOA has given me the chance to get to know many Island in the Sun neighbors who I wouldn't have met otherwise, as well as gain a valuable understanding of issues involving our neighborhood and the City of Clearwater. I look forward to staying involved with the HOA serving at the desire of the IITS community.

If you have an interest in finding out more about our HOA, I strongly encourage you to consider attending the annual meeting in February and getting involved. There are both small and large projects that need volunteer support. For example, we are always looking for people to help out with new events, established programs or putting together the media newsletter. Or if you are able to take on a larger role, consider serving as a HOA board member and making decisions on which projects the HOA should tackle next.

HOA Annual Meeting

ur annual meeting of the Clearwater Island in the Sun HOA will take place February 3, 2015, at 7pm in the club house. Annual meeting materials will be available at the end of December and a reminder email will be sent out in January and February.

We hope to see many of you at the February meeting, but if you are unable to attend, please take a few moments to sign the proxy form and send it back with your annual dues payment. We cannot hold the annual meeting without reaching a quorum of residents.

Membership Drive

Only homeowners shall be eligible to be members of the association. To be a member of the HOA, one must have paid the required annual dues.

Member's dues, \$7.50 per person per year, were discussed at the November meeting and accepted at the December meeting in accordance with HOA Island in the Sun Bylaws.

Those wishing to join the association should have their dues paid by February 1st to be able to vote.

Your block captains have the new 2015 membership cards and will be making contact with everyone in the park prior to February 1, 2015.

Paid members have a voice when voting for any article that is presented. The strength of the HOA comes from the residents with paid memberships which provides a stronger voice during discussions with the park owners.

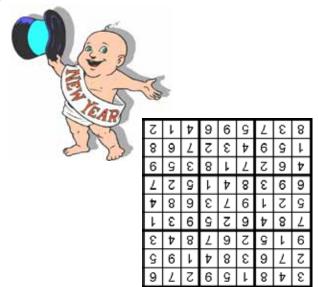
I hope to see you on February 3rd! Thomas Watson Hoa.president.iits@gmail.com

Island in the Sun

January Sudoku

Difficulty level: easy.

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Remembrance and Concerns

Submitted by Rose Montgomery Oliver #184 - 301-332-9358 or 727-726-0637

Please remember Sally Shoop, #214 as she continues to recover from procedures. We are sorry to hear that Warren Martinson, #188 lost his mom, Norma. Pastor Richard Diamond, #317 had a stroke and was in the hospital. Our thanks go to Jack Allen for keeping us informed.

Bob Newman, #46 had a heart attack December 5. Please keep him in your

prayers.

We were saddened to hear about the death of Norm Coates, husband of Janet Coates, #292. Norm passed away on November 18. Our prayers are with them.

It is very important to keep us informed when you have a remembrance or concern. Please help me with a phone call.

Lunch Bunch

Submitted by Rose Montgomery Oliver #184 - 301-262-3057 or 727-726-0637

The Lunch Bunch met November 20 at PF Changs Restaurant in the Countryside Mall. Eleven of our lovely ladies graced the beauty of the day by telling of things for which they are thankful. Most of our ladies cited their family, friends, health, and the love of our



gracious Lord. Many of the lovely ladies mentioned the thankfulness for their great husbands. Frequently mentioned were thanks for special neighbors.

It is with many thanks that I give to Helen Dennison for sharing with me the beautiful things from the Lunch Bunch. Ladies, please try to join us for the next Lunch Bunch. All of us would be so pleased.

Recipes of the Month

German Red Cabbage Recipe

Submitted By Helen Dennison

- 1 Cup Red Wine Vinegar
- 1 Head Red Cabbage {Shredded)
- 1 Cup Apple Cider Or Juice
- 4 Granny Smith Apples, (Cut Up In Pieces Like For Pie) Leave Skin On.
- 1 Onion, Chopped
- 1 Stick Of Butter Or Other Shortning. (Melted)
- 1/2 Cup Brown Sugar.
- Salt And Pepper

- Mix all ingredients except butter in very large bowl or pan. Let sit overnight on counter top to form brine.
- Next day, place all in a large pot, mix well, and simmer for about one and a half to two hours. Enjoy!
- Cut bacon into mix before cooking if you like

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Corn Pudding

Submitted by Pat Henderson

- 3 eggs
- 1/3 cup melted butter
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 4 Tbsp. cornstarch
- 1 can whole kernel corn (drained)
- 2 cans cream style corn

- Beat eggs lightly, then add butter, sugar and milk. Mix and then whisk in corn starch until well blended. Stir in both kinds of corn and mix well.
- Pour into greased casserole and bake for 1 hr. in 400 degree oven. Easy and delicious

To ALL Residents of Island in the Sun

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What was it!



















Teason, one Thursday Night in November will never be forgotten. It was truly amazing. The ladies of a certain table were on a roll. Pat Forest, Judy Koonter and other friends at that table were so into this nights Bingo games that we ALL shook our heads and yelled...AGAIN. Pat said she won around \$30.00 and who knows how much Judy won. Thanks goodness Rick World won the coverall. Poor Pat did not even want to yell out" BINGO" anymore, but she did with that big smile. As we all shook our, we will not ever forget that night. Even our number caller Rene shook his head and laughed. Sorry no pictures to protect the heavy winners.

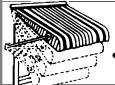
SENIOR MUSINGS

Aging Alphabet

A is for Apple, and B is for Boat, That used to be right, But now it won't float! Age before Beauty is what we once said, But let's be a bit more realistic instead.

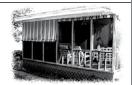
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Anonymous

Spotlight on a New Resident - Mari Sorrell, #289

Submitted by Judy Koonter

Te have some very interesting people living in our community: doctors, lawyers, artists, musicians, interpreters! Interpreters? Really? Yes, really; Mari Sorrell served as a contract Sign Language interpreter for the intelligence community for 25 years facilitating communication between the deaf and hearing in all aspects of agency work. She also provided interpreting services in several covert areas. In addition to her agency work, she has interpreted for a President; shook hands with another President; inter-

preted for Senators, Congressmen, Generals, doctors, lawyers, teachers, musicians, churches, just to name a few. She has interpreted in hospitals for surgeries, ladies giving birth, and doctors appointments, also in universities and high schools for students and their various activities.

What an interesting career.

When I entered into Mari's home for an interview for this article, I was greeted by the smell of a yummy cake in the oven. Mari says that when it is cold, she likes to bake and cook. Since it was 41 degrees on the day of this interview, her baking urges had kicked in. I was treated to a warm piece of an apple cake - delicious.

Mari was born in Washington, D.C. Her father was a career military man and they moved many times in her life. Mari and her husband had one son. Her husband had a heart attack and died in 2001 when they were living in Wheaton, Maryland. When her husband passed, Mari found it necessary to become an employee, not a contractor, at the Defense Intelligence Agency in order to have health insurance. She retired on July 4, 2009, her "Independence Day".

Mari's son married and gave Mari two grandsons. Mari is very close with her son Dave and her daughter-in-law, Angie. She traveled to Pittsburgh with her daughter-in-law to visit her oldest grandson and then after driving from Pittsburg to Florida together, Angie was able to stay with Mari a few days.

Mari has been a guest of IITS over the years as she is the "little" sister to her "big" brother, Wayne Cleveland. She would visit and stay with Wayne and Terry for several weeks at a time during vacations from work and, after retiring, lived with them until she was ready to find her own place.

Mari purchased the home previously owned by dear Evelyn Ninekirk. She said family is what brought her here - and she feels safe here. Mari likes life at IITS but has many other interests as well. She likes to walk the beach, exercise, attend church activities, and visit art museums. She takes long walks in Safety Harbor and visits the manatees - she says they smile at her. She also enjoys music, dancing, photography, painting, reading, crocheting, and sewing. Above all else, Mari basks in the love of her Jesus. As busy as her life sounds on paper, she says life is lonely as a single lady. She is grateful for neighbors and family that include her. I feel that I met a new friend today and that is lucky for me. Talk to her and you will see what I mean. She is a charming, dear lady!

THANKSGIVING DINNER

ur Thanksgiving dinner was held in the clubhouse on a beautiful sunny day. Eighty people had made reservations, but only 67 showed up. This makes it hard for the activity committee to plan accordingly when this happens. If you make reservations for an event such as this, and are unable to attend, please be courteous enough to let John know by the cut- off date, if possible, so he does not purchase more food than is needed. Residents on golf carts delivered about 10 meals to those who were "shut in" before we began.

We had an abundance of food, mostly because we had planned for more to attend. The HOA provided turkey, smoked turkey and ham. The vegetables, salads, meats, and desserts were scrumptious. We sure had a lot to be thankful for with that large assortment of food.

Many of the folks who missed the dinner were with family. It is a blessing that some of us have family close by with whom we can share holidays. Some even went away for the holiday to be with family and friends. IITS is our local family and it is so nice when we can all get together for these special occasions.

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Ladies 1st Annual Christmas Tea

Submitted by Nancy Fields, #279

ur first "Tea" was a great hit. We had 35 beautifully dressed ladies that were anxious to see just what this new event was. There were several things to drink such as punch, coffee and a large variety of tea. Everyone brought a finger food as requested; in fact, there was more food than we expected. The ladies enjoyed the conversation with one another,

candy kiss game and Left, Right game. The prizes were plentiful and everyone had a great time. We also had a special prize for the "Hat Ladies." Thanks to Cassie, Jackie, Pat and Crissie I had all the help I needed. The center pieces were tea pots with live poinsettias, pine cones from Georgia and all donated by Crissie Riley... what a great bunch of girls. We know that this special day for the ladies will continue on. Thank you all you beautiful residents for coming and supporting another IITS event.



A Note of Thanks

Bonnie Davis

















Tust a short note to thank some lovely people who live in this community. I was moving from one home to another across the street. Because of health issues, I found it very difficult. These great people volunteered their time and effort to help me. I am ever so grateful to these people, asking for nothing in return. They are Helen Leonard, Judy Koonter, Alta Keith, Doris Ready, and Pat Forrest - Great People in a Great Community. A Million Thanks.

Spotlight on one of our Canadian Couples

Submitted by Judy Koonter



Rene & Suzanne Boisvert, #108

This charming couple with the beautiful French accent, hail from Boucherville, a suburb of Montreal, Canada. Rene's paternal grandmother was from New Hampshire but married a Canadian and stayed there. Suzanne says this explains why Rene still likes some American foods and spices, such as cinnamon and pumpkin pie. They have been married for 46 years and have two children and four grandchildren. Their family is of primary importance to them and their family visits them each year. This year their daugh-

ter and family will visit them for Christmas and their son and family will come in the Spring.

Rene was a civil engineer for a utility company for 35 years where he designed and built hydro-electric power houses. He explained that much of the electricity in Canada is produced using the country's vast water resources from their many rivers. Rene's final position was Vice

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President of International Operations that required travel to Europe, Africa, South America and many other countries.

Rene and Suzanne usually vacation for two weeks each summer in Europe, sometimes as part of a tour group and sometimes on their own. Last year they traveled by themselves and visited London, Amsterdam, and Brussels, making most of their travel by train and public transportation. Suzanne usually does the planning of where to go. She studies what to see and do and then Rene is responsible for the logistics necessary to visit those sites. Suzanne is already doing research for their trip to Spain next summer. They plan to do this trip on their own.

Rene and Suzanne started vacationing in Florida in 1972, shortly after their daughter was born. They came for a couple weeks most years and visited parents that were at the Kapok Park in Clearwater. When Rene retired in 1999, they decided to spend their winters in Florida. They first had to decide between the East coast and the West Coast. They were already familiar with the Gulf Coast and had watched this park being developed. They chose their manufactured home over a condo or house because they wanted to be active and participate in the friendly atmosphere and activities offered by the park.

I found it very interesting to hear them talk about transitioning from French to English when they came to Florida. They start forming their thoughts in English in October and it takes them a week or so to get it flowing easier for them without having to translate in their brain. They continue to watch English television in Canada to keep their language skills good. They do crossword puzzles in French while they are in Florida.

They are a very active couple. They have raised their children to be active and the family played tennis, went skiing, sail boating, golfing. As residents of our community for 15 years, they have also embraced a very active lifestyle. They bicycle, walk, and golf. Rene has been in the IITS choir in the past; he is a bingo caller and Suzanne verifies winning Bingos. Suzanne was very involved in potluck dinners, holiday dinners, for the park in the past. They are both still involved in shuffleboard and Rene talks about strategy being as important for the game as skill.

Rene and Suzanne believe that it is easier to be active during the winter when in Florida because of the activities offered and the fine weather that allows them to be outside. They also believe that staying active is better for being healthy. They are certainly a welcome addition to our community.

A Note of Thanks

Sally Shoop

















would like to give many, many thanks to Vickie for chicken noodle soup, the spaghetti and sausage and meat balls. To Dottie and Bob for the Italian soup. To Marlene for the GREAT Turkey soup, and to Helen and Ed for the many dishes, and many Prayers from ED and Hugs. To Shirley for the 5:30 A.M. trips to Tampa General, I can't THANK YOU enough.

For all that have offered to run me around and shop for me, for over 30 cards and prayers. For one special card from Rose Oliver that says SMILE and that is what I have been doing every day and keeping the FAITH.

Thanks to all and I love you













INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK

Te are going to try to have some "themed" potluck dinners this year. We started with one in December which was "international" potluck. We were asked to bring a dish from our country of origin. We had cards to place by our dishes to identify the dish and the country. We had many countries represented but I will just mention a few that I can remember. We had food from Portugal, Germany, England, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Spain, and lots of others, including the United States. I tried to taste a vast majority of the dishes and I liked every one that I tasted. I heard so many compliments on the variety of food. It seems to me that every potluck gets better and better. We really have some great cooks living in Island in the Sun. People are requesting recipes so we will be including at least two recipes every month in the Media. If you have a recipe you'd like to share, please send

"A NEW YOU"

Submitted by Pat Henderson (pat1014@bellsouth.net) Lot 266 (270)-320-4000

it as an attachment and I will submit it to our editor for the Media

In planning ahead for the year 2015 I have given a lot of thought to making some lifestyle changes to make myself an all around better person. Some of the things I have as goals are to get a little bit of exercise several times a week, eat healthier, drink more water, go to bed earlier and get out of bed earlier, be more active in the community, make more friends and less enemies, etc. If you notice, I did not say "lose weight". Yes, I do need to lose weight, but that sounds so depressing so I am choosing not to make resolutions, but to make lifestyle changes with an end result being some weight loss.

I have been meeting with the activity people for several months and we have had a dozen or more in attendance with lots of good ideas. Some of the ideas are to try to start a weight loss group here, maybe Weight Watchers as several in our park are members. Another idea is to get someone to come in and show us how to do yoga, maybe form a walking group or bicycle group. We are working on getting a beauty salon to come in and give manicures or pedicures for the ladies. A number of ladies do various crafts so we want to do some classes so we can learn new things. I thought about getting someone to come in and talk to us about low self-esteem. There are many speakers that are available for free. If you have idea for things to help our ladies, please let me know.

Our new park manager, Julie wants more daytime activities, so I came up with the idea of having at least one activity a month for the ladies that is geared toward "self-improvement". I have decided to call this activity "A New You". I was a skin, makeup and color analysis consultant for 12 years so I am planning on having a workshop to teach ladies how to take care of their skin and how to apply age appropriate makeup. I can also tell them the best colors to wear for their hair and skin color. I did this for many years and sold products. There is no charge for this workshop and I am not selling anything. All I ask is that each lady bring her own skin care, makeup, cleaning cloths, sponges or whatever she uses and a mirror she can use to ap-

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POTLUCK DINNER







ply makeup. I will instruct the proper way to apply it. If you have never worn eye makeup, I have some things I can bring that are sanitary and can be used to show you how to apply eye makeup. This can be a lot fun. If you have never worn makeup, go to the Dollar Tree and buy a few things and you can experiment with it. If you don't want to do the makeup, at least come and watch. You just might learn something. Notice day of the month may change from month to month as we schedule outsiders to speak or conduct a meeting.

"A New You" Workshop Wednesday. January 14, 2015 11:00AM HTS Clubhouse

PS I think it would be a good idea for the men to start up their own "A New You" group. They could come up with men's activities, I know they have golf outings now, but they could start a walking or bike riding group. I ran a "Singles Group" in KY for 12 yrs. I had a psychologist come and talk to our group about "anger Management because several had issues with that. You can get speakers to talk about Health issues common among men. If there are men who having drinking problems, They could have someone come talk about that or perhaps even start a support group. There are endless possibilities. Someone just needs to volunteer to start the group. I would be willing to meet with a leader or help with a meeting to get it started.

All activities must be approved by the Activity Chairperson John Opaczewski, so time in the Clubhouse can be saved.

Note: The activities committee is working on the above activities. We do have a Yoga Instruction who will come out. There will be more to come)

Euchre Monthly Scores

Submitted by Patrick King

11-26-14 High Score Fred Green #70 Most Lone Hands, Don Hendrixson # 28 11-19-14 High Score Fred Green #70 11-12-14 High Score Fred Green #70 11-5-14 High Score Carolyn Green #70

Dominos Winners for November

Domino winners for the month of November were:

Nov.3- Betty Mecke #255 Nov.17- Helen Dennison #210

Nov.24- Ed Dennison #210

















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January Anniversaries and Birthdays

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

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January Anniversaries

- 16 Ray & Donna Slover
- 24 Allen & Maria Platt
- 29 Fred & Carolyn Green



January Birthdays

- Dennis Dumond 15 Josephine Storey
- Sonja Payne 19 George Hunt
- 10 Robert Burke 21 Donald Blue
- 11 Gerry Fisk 25 Fred Green John Mackay 28 John Meyn
- 14 Brenda Gerry 31 Bessie Gomez

Men's Breakfast

Submitted by Richard Oliver, #184 727-726-0637













The "Men of the Hood" met a Lennys on November 20 for their monthly men's breakfast. The eleven in attendance were Larry, three Bills, Ed, two Fred's, Wayne, Gene, Jim, and Curtis.

The topics of conversation covered such topics as: Getting ready for the holidays; decorating inside and out; trips to visit family; and the changes taking place in the hood.

Lennys was a nice place to eat. The staff was friendly and the food was good. As usual, a good convivial time was had by all. So, men come and join us for our next breakfast. Sign up at the clubhouse. All that is required is a good sense of humor. See you there!!!

IITS TREE TRIMMING

large group of people gathered in the clubhouse Sat. Dec. 7th to hear our lovely chorus lead us in singing Christmas carols. Wayne handed out lists of the words so we could all sing-a-long. All of the chorus are women at this time. Although they have lovely voices, we could sure use some men to join the group. Contact Wayne Cleveland or Bill Shiels if you are interested. The ladies looked very festive in their cute Santa hats



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and pretty neck scarves. Wayne and Bill stood out with their festive attire too. The participation of most everyone in the singing of the carols showed that our residents are certainly getting in the Christmas spirit.

As usual, every time we have a food event, I am amazed at the amount of food and all the ideas people come up with for snacks. We had plenty to eat and some people left their food for us to use at bingo.

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