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From The Desk of the President

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

Continuing to try to clear up some confusion on the workings of the HOA, I will explain two Committees formed one month after the election of officers and directors.

A **Negotiating Committee** is formed to handle any agreements, contracts, etcetera with the owners of the park. This includes rent increases and Rules & Regulations. Under FS723, within 30 days after the receipt of the rental increase notice or change in the Rules & Regulations, the HOA may submit a request for a meeting to discuss the particular notice. This Committee consists of the President, Vice President, the Association attorney when necessary, and two (2) other paid-up members of the Association selected by the Board with the advice and consent of the membership.

The **Liaison Committee** shall be the only spokesperson for the Association in all discussions between the Association and the park owners or management with the exception of the Negotiating Committee. All matters brought to this Committee shall be in writing and signed, provided that complainants names are not to be made known unless that person so desires. This Committee shall report to the members on any progress or lack of progress in its meetings with the park owners or management. This Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice President and one other Director as appointed by the Board. The President from the preceding year shall act as an advisor to the Committee for one year.

Bob

From the Desk of the Vice President

Tom Watson, Lot 68, 727-216-6092

2016 is now history, as we move forward into 2017, new challenges surface, another great opportunity for everyone to make a difference in their life.

Our community (Island in the Sun) continues to grow with new homes, many new residents, time and place never remain the same. The overall flow of new residents picking Island in the Sun as their new home are a younger generation. Many that have arrived are still active full time workers and to meet their needs we also must adjust what we offer as activities.

To begin with, we must find and correct the reasons that attendance to events is not increasing. We have a team of 20 residents that meet two times a month to present possible events, determine what is required to make this event happen and if it is affordable for our residents.

I am sure you have heard the old saying if you continue to repeat the same process each time you cannot expect the see a different outcome. Perhaps this is one of our issues, we offer events that have been proven and true in the past and expect to see different results.

This is where new ideas must be presented, changes made as to what is being offered. This is where new people with new ideas are truly needed. We are barely scratching the surface of available residents; as an example we have over 500 residents living here: with an average participation of less than 100 or 1/5. We are failing to offer what will bring more residents to our events.

To make this happen we must find people willing to be Team Leaders and Co-Team

leaders, to be a central point for information and assets. Prior to today we always called our activities leader Chairperson or Manager, giving the indication that they are totally responsible for everything connected to a proposed event. NOT TRUE. This person is a collector of information gathered, someone to guide and support the people that come to our meetings each month. THIS IS A TEAM EFFORT, we sometimes think it is a one person show.

In the past year, we have had 5 people step up as activities director, they did not receive the support of the community and sometimes members. As a team, we have knowledge that must be shared with everyone that will move us forward and pull people together.

We meet the 1st Saturday of each month at 10AM. Everyone is welcome to attend and help create a movement in 2017.

This is only the beginning process, now we must find people willing to help work the programs, whether as a TEAM LEADER or a VOLUNTEER doing set up, cooking, clean up, decorating, and more.

I have so much to express about possible changes, but they do not allow me to use all the space in the media. Help me, Help the Team make 2017 a great year.

Thanks

Tom Watson V.P. HOA

December 3, 2016

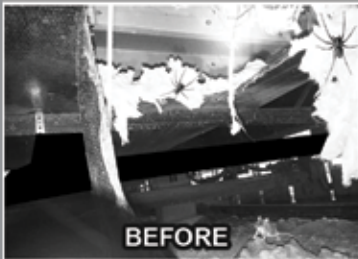
Ladies Lunch Bunch

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

On Thursday, Nov. 17th, fifteen of ISLAND IN THE SUN 'S fabulous Golden Girls met at The Ivory Bistro Restaurant in Dunedin. The food was excellent, as was the company. This restaurant is under new management since we last met there for lunch, and it just could not have been any better. Our service was prompt and accurate, and the restaurant was very clean and enjoyable. Kathy McNay was the lucky winner of our door prize. This month it was a beautiful sculpture of Madonna and Child which was hand crafted and donated by Jaci Salisbury. What a great prize! Thank you again, Jaci for your generosity. **On Thurs. Jan. 19th we will be meeting at Queens Pizzeria on Belcher Rd. Plan now to attend for a great Greek /Italian luncheon.** Sign up in the activities book at the clubhouse and don't forget to invite your friends.



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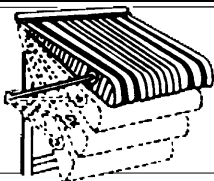
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Men's Monthly Breakfast

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

On Thursday, Nov. 17th, thirteen gents from ISLAND IN THE SUN met at Georgie Boy's on Missouri Av. for a fun time together and a great meal. Those in attendance were Rick K, John O, Jerald C, Bill S, David H, Fred P, Don M, Skip S, Mike P, Wayne C, Richard O, Don S and myself, Ed Dennison. It was good to have some of our northern friends back with us along with some new faces. Skip shared his experience of how he piloted a million dollar plus yacht from Annapolis, Md. down here to Florida. He said he witnessed much devastation from Hurricane Matthew along the way. It made us all count our blessings as we recalled how we had been spared the blunt of that terrible storm. **On Thursday, Jan. 19th, 2017, we will meet again for breakfast at "OUR PLACE RESTAURANT" on Main St. in Dunedin.** Be sure to sign up in the activities book at the clubhouse and invite a friend to join us.

"Life is short.....take the scenic route."

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

The Lone Ranger and Tonto were camping in the wilderness. After they got their tent set up, both men fell sound asleep. Some hours later, Tonto

wakes the Lone Ranger and says, "Kemo Sabe, look toward sky, what you see?"

The Lone Ranger replies, "I see millions of stars."

"What that tell you?" asked Tonto.

The Lone Ranger ponders for a minute then says, "Astronomically-speaking, it tells me there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time-wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three in the morning.

Theologically, the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant.

Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow.

What does it tell you, Tonto?" "You dumber than buffalo... It mean someone stole tent."

Rummikub Winners for October

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

Nov.	1	Betty Mecke
	8	Pat Clark
	15	Betty Mecke
	22	Betty Mecke
	29	Rick World and Betty Mecke



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Island in the Sun - Pooch Patrol

Submitted by Karen Custy #229,7 27-729-3441

At #180, the gorgeous pink house owned by Cheryl D'Andrea, resides the most precious dog. His name is Skip and he is a Lab/Schnauzer mix. Skip is fourteen years old but you would not believe it. And when Skip looks at you with his big brown eyes, they melt your heart. This particular mix breed is highly intelligent and active. Cheryl got Skip as a rescue dog in Grand Junction, Colorado. He had been there a long time, and had actually been brought back twice after being adopted. But when Cheryl looked into his eyes, she knew he was the one for her. He was approximately three years old when she got him, so he has been with her a long time. When Cheryl got him, Skip was his name and she decided not to change it. The thing that makes Cheryl smile most about Skip is his empathy for her. Recent studies have indicated that dogs can tell how their owners are feeling. What a blessing to have that personal connection with a pet. Skip's most endearing bad habit is eating acorns. I had to smile when I heard that. Their favorite thing to do together is take walks. I often see Cheryl and Skip walk by my house. Skip's favorite plaything is a Kong toy. Skip's most cherished place to hang out is anywhere Cheryl is. He loves to play tug of war with Cheryl. Skip offered me his paw several times without even asking him to. He is a very special dog. In the brief time I spent with him, I can see why he is a treasured part of Cheryl's life. With such a loving disposition and his beautiful wavy, brown coat, it doesn't take much to love Skip.



Dominoes

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

November 07
November 14th
November 21st
November 28th

Sandy Champigny
Rick World
Betty Mecke
Betty Mecke



Getting Old..... To my Ever--So-Young friends!

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

*I very quietly confided to my best friend that I was having an affair.
She turned to me and asked, 'Are you having it catered'?
And that, my friend,
Is the definition of 'OLD'!*

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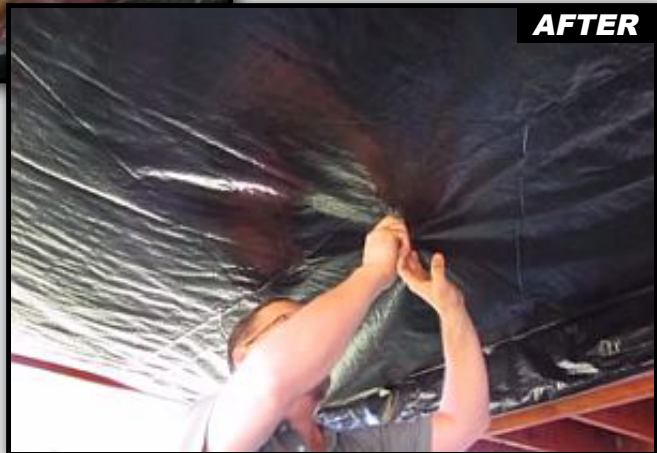
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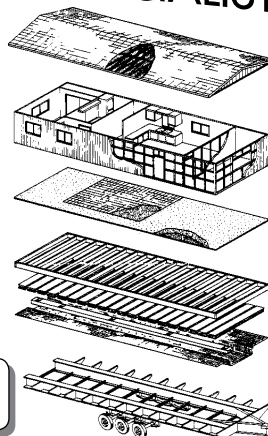
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I've sure gotten old!
I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement,
New knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes
I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine,
Take 40 different medications that
Make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts.
Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation;
Hardly feel my hands and feet anymore.
Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92.
Have lost all my friends. But, thank God,
I still have my Florida driver's license.

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I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape,
So I got my doctor's permission to
Join a fitness club and start exercising.
I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors.
I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour..
But, by the time I got my leotards on,
The class was over.

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Told her preacher she had two final requests.
First, she wanted to be cremated, and second,
She wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart.
'Wal-Mart?' the preacher exclaimed. 'Why Wal-Mart?'
'Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week.'

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My memory's not as sharp as it used to be.
Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

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As your coffee maker.

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Grant me the senility to forget the people
I never liked anyway,
The good fortune to run into the ones I do, and
The eyesight to tell the difference.

January 2017 Anniversaries and Birthdays

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

January Birthdays

- 9 Sonja Payne
- 10 Robert Burke
- 11 Gerry Fisk
John Mackay
- 12 Jim Walker
- 14 Brenda Gerry
- 15 Josephine Storey
- 21 Donald Blue
- 23 Susan Ceuvels
- 28 John Meyn



January Anniversaries

- 16 Ray and Donna Slover
- 24 Allen and Maria Platt



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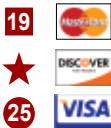
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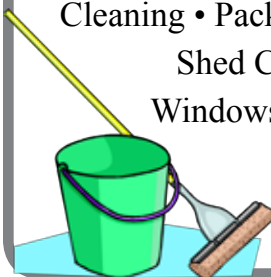
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I'm unsure if this is a good thing or a lack of communication. No other notices of illnesses, hospitalization or deaths were received this past month. If you hear or know of any of our residents that have fallen ill or have family members that have passed, please let Dottie know.

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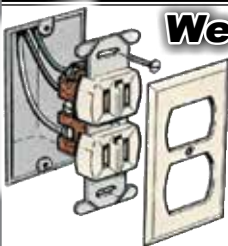
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Spotlight on resident, Mason Day, Lot 263

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

You may have noticed a tall, very slender fellow who wears glasses, meandering around the west side of the park on Bermuda, Kingston, or Trinidad. You will usually see his little poodle, Bentley trailing right behind his footsteps. Mason attends a lot of our activities and goes to the pool most every afternoon late in the day. He also rides around in his golf cart so you may spot him stopping to chat with others in the park. If you catch him going to or from the pool, he'll have his beach towel draped around his neck. Nothing shy about him, he is very friendly and never meets a stranger.

Mason was born and grew up in Jacksonville. You probably won't find many others in the community who are Florida natives. After high school, he joined the Marine Corps for two years and upon discharge began attending college in Gainesville on the GI bill. After losing his driver's license due to driving a little fast, he moved to Homestead, FL to live and work with an aunt and uncle who had an assortment of job opportunities available to him. They owned lime, avocado and mango groves, a feed and seed warehouse, a general store that became the local post office, many rental properties, an interior decorating service, buildings leased to the ancillary support services of the interior decorating industry; i.e. upholstery, refinishing, drapery making, painters, framers, etc. He began working in their groves and rental property maintenance and later began to assist in his aunt's interior decorating services. He remained there for six years, helping with deliveries and assisting with all the ancillary services her customers in the Miami area needed. His aunt eventually turned her complex into the precursor of today's antique malls. Her complex became known as Cauley Square and it prospered well until Hurricane Andrew damaged all the buildings by removing most of the roofs, forcing the vendors to exit in search of dry dwellings to operate their businesses. She passed away not long after that in her 80s.


In 1980, Mason began looking for change and another place to try out and decided to move to York, PA, where another aunt and uncle lived. His uncle was the Conductor of the York Symphony Orchestra and the Director of Music at the York College of Pennsylvania's Music Department; furthermore, his aunt assisted in public relations for the symphony orchestra. Mason was able to return to college there for only the cost of books since his uncle was an instructor, and earned his degree in Psychology. He met his wife there and has been married for thirty four years, but is now separated. They do not have any children. He has an older sister and two younger brothers, all whom live in Jacksonville. Both his parents lived to be in their eighties.

Mason's career in Psychology has been quite varied. He was a counselor at an alcohol and drug treatment center. He worked at an adolescent outpatient center as

a substance abuse counselor. He moved to Baltimore, Maryland to an inpatient adolescent center where he developed an Intensive Outpatient and a Continuing Care Program. Then he got into marketing and outreach services in Baltimore and later nationally. He has spent 30+



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years in counseling, substance abuse and psychiatry industries and has enjoyed it immensely. He has lots of stories he could tell about his varied experiences.

His interests are computers, fishing, swimming in our pool, photography, socializing, and walking his dog Bentley. He loves art, antiques, nice furniture and nice rugs. He enjoys bicycling, travel, and the water. Many sports interest him-football, tennis, track, cross country, and ice skating. He competed in triathlons when he was younger. He is a regular watcher of CNBC, a TV business investment channel and feels both lucky and blessed with his stock market investments and life.

Mason has been friends with Les, a neighbor here in the park for about 35 years, meeting him when they both lived in York, PA. He has another friend of 30+ years in New Port Richey and both of them encouraged Mason to move here. He had grown tired of the cold weather and found Island in the Sun Community to be a beautiful park, with nice ambience and it offers a variety of amenities. In the couple of months since he has been here, he believes the park is moving beyond the problems of the past and is getting a healthier and a more positive outlook.

I asked him where he saw himself in five years and he told me he had been researching some islands and had another friend in Costa Rica who wanted him to come for a visit.

He has some health issues with his back after a number of surgeries and additional lung problems, so he just takes life a day at a time right now. However, Mason is a very optimistic guy and can do whatever he sets his mind to do. He is a fellow who is very educated and easy to talk with, so stop by and visit, or seek him out at the pool or clubhouse and you'll have some interesting conversations.

Blessing Bags

Submitted by Lynette Engebretson, Lot 103, 727-452-7648

A friend and I have recently taken up handing out "blessing bags" to panhandlers who approach us, or to homeless people seen walking in our area. I carry a few bags in the car with me at all times because I do not like to give money to panhandlers. I know some of them would use the money to purchase liquor rather than food.

Each bag usually has some healthy snacks, maybe a new pair of socks, some personal care items, and a small amount of cash, usually a \$5.00 bill.

I have begun to keep the soaps and shampoos from our hotel room in order to alleviate the cost of each bag. If you have an opportunity to save soaps or shampoos from hotel rooms as you travel, please keep my blessing bags in mind. I would appreciate any extras you might have. They can be dropped off at Lot 103.

Oh by the way, I am well aware of the need for caution as I hand the out. I am very careful not to put myself into any potentially dangerous situations. There are so many needy people out there and this is one opportunity to assist them directly, and to let them know that they have not been forgotten by the rest of us.

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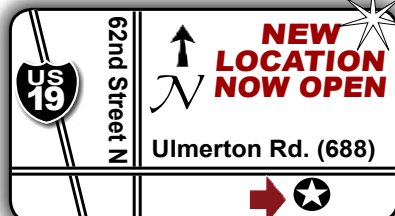
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Become a Block Captain

Submitted by Tom Watson, Lot 68, 727-216-6092

We are updating one of our old programs and looking for anyone interested in helping.
Count me in!

If you are interested in serving as a block captain, or if you would like further information, please complete the form below. Someone will be in touch soon. There's no obligation, so fill out the form and we'll talk.

Name* _____

E-Mail*: _____

Your (street address)* _____

Phone: (____) _____

We are making changes to our operations in order to improve communications throughout the park. The lack of a method for everyone to communicate with its Board of Directors indicates it is time to look to the future. Looking outside at different parks and what they are using indicates the creation of a BLOCK CAPTAIN to help fill this void.

Here is a brief description about the duties of a block captain.
Block Captains Duties and Responsibilities

The Block Captains assigned throughout our community are residents who volunteer their time and effort to the community. They are the conduit between the residents and the Board of Directors and the various committees within our homeowners' association. Below are some of the duties they are responsible for:

- Keep Family Data Sheet information up to date as information changes (Phone numbers, email addresses, etc.),
- Distribute information from the HOA Board of Directors and various HOA Committees to the residents. MEDIA one time a month, Flyers with Special Events.
- Forward questions, issues or complaints from residents to the HOA Board,
- Work directly with the Community Greeter, to meeting and greet the new residents.

Below are some of the things Block Captains are "NOT" responsible for:

- Enforcement of HOA covenant restrictions. Residents can report items to the Block Captains and they will forward this information to the HOA Board for appropriate action.
- Knowledge of the general well-being or health of residents within their block of responsibility. This is a private matter between the residents and their family and friends.
- General bad behavioral traits of residents within their block. If residents have an issue with a neighbor or someone on their block, they should either confront the neighbor directly or if the situation is getting out of hand, call local police.
- Any security issues (i.e., break-ins, thefts, vandalism, solicitors, unauthorized fishing, etc.) should be reported to the local law enforcement agency and the HOA Board. However, this information to the HOA Board can be passed thru the Block Captains to the Board of Directors.

Please consider becoming an important part of our team.

Thank You,
Thomas E. Watson
VP HOA Island in the Sun

December 2016



A Child's View of Retirement

Submitted by Shirley Savage, Lot 146, 727-799-5223

After Christmas break, a teacher asked her young pupils how they had spent their holiday. One small boy responded as follows:

We always used to spend Christmas with Grandpa and Grandma. They used to live in a big brick home but Grandpa got “retarded” and they moved to Florida. Now they live in a place with a lot of other retarded people. They all live in little tin boxes. They ride three wheeled tricycles and they all wear name tags because they don’t know who they are. They go to a big house called a “wrecked hall”. But if it was wrecked they got it fixed up because it’s all right now. They play games and do exercises there, but they don’t do them very good.

There is a swimming pool there. They go in and just stand there with their hats on. I guess they don’t know how to swim. As you go into their park, there is a doll hose with a little man sitting in it. He watches all day so they can’t get out without him seeing them. When they can sneak out, they go to the beach and pick up shells that they think are dollars.

My Grandma used to bake cookies and stuff, but I guess she forgot how. Nobody cooks. They just eat out. They all eat the same thing every night, “early birds”. Some of the people are so retarded they don’t know how to cook at all, so my Grandma and Grandpa bring food to the wrecked hall. They call it “potluck”.

My Grandma says Grandpa worked all his life and earned his retardment. I wish they would move back up here, but I guess the little man in the doll house won’t let them out.

Upcoming 2017 Activities

January

6th, Last time to get tickets for the **Denim & Diamonds Resident Appreciation Gala**

21st, Cal-Am presents the **Denim & Diamonds Resident Appreciation Gala**

28th, Dinner Dance, dinner starts at 6PM, music from 7-10PM, Dinner will be chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, vegetable and salad

February

5th, “The Big Game” Party

11th. “Remember When” dinner and Dance

March

4th, Can-Am Party

18th, St. Pats Day Dinner

April

7th, Remember the date, Friday night annual Baseball game at Brighthouse Field. 6:30Pm
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Spotlight on Resident, Jamie Brogley Lot # 87

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

A pretty, vivacious young lady moved to Island in the Sun on the last day of July of this year. She was drawn to our community due to the beautiful grounds, the nice clubhouse, the pool and hot tub, and the many amenities offered by our HOA and Cal Am.

Jamie was born and grew up in Easton Maryland. She graduated high school and after a one year program, she became an LPN. She married at age 19 and had one son, who is now married and still lives in Maryland. Her son and his wife are both very career oriented people and love to travel, so they have chosen to not have children. Although Jamie thinks she would like being a grandmother, she has accepted their decision and is very happy to have a grand dog and a wonderful daughter-in-law.

The second oldest of four girls, they lost their mom to dementia and kidney failure three years ago. Their father remains in Maryland, but is battling cancer. Keep him and their family in your prayers.

Jamie's companion is her little dog, Bella. After three unhappy marriages totaling twenty-five years, Jamie has no desire to remarry. She does enjoy having a male friend to go places and do things as she is quite a "social butterfly" and makes friends wherever she goes.

An Associate degree as an RN, and later a Bachelor's degree in Gerontology from the University of Maryland in College Park offered her many interesting jobs in the nursing field during her career in several cities in Maryland. She was in Nursing Management for a pediatric floor in a hospital, a Director of Nursing at a continued care retirement community, and a Hospital Supervisor. After that she got into Sales and Marketing for

Genesis Health Care. She was able to transfer in that position to Clearwater.

Three years ago, she grew tired of the northern cold winters and felt ready for a new adventure. She looked at a map and found Pinellas County was surrounded by water and decided a change was necessary. She liked Clearwater due to the central location and moved to Grand Venezia Baywatch where she rented for a while. She found this place to attract much younger residents and was not happy there. She then decided to move to the beach, but found going to and from the beach traffic was just not her style. She wanted to live in a 55+ community and looked around at mobile home parks until she discovered Island in the Sun. She was not happy with Genesis Health Care but chose to go into sales and marketing in real estate, so got her training and license for that. She is an Office Manager working for a real estate firm that deals with bank owned properties, 9 to 5 Monday through Friday and this suits her salt life style much better and she can sell real estate when she chooses.

Many activities interest Jamie. She loves to dance and loves to sing. She is in the choir and enjoys singing karaoke. She can belt out Patsy Cline songs with ease. She has golf clubs, but has only played once since moving here. She would love to meet up with others who enjoy the sport. I discovered from reading her Facebook posts that she is an avid sports fan as she has several favorite teams that she roots for. She loves to travel, even went on a cruise once by herself. She is not afraid to venture out on her own. She has many friends in the park, from previous places she has lived, and from the real estate business.

If you haven't met Jamie, you must come to some of the events at the clubhouse. She is always smiling and has a twinkle in her eye. She's the kind of person all of us should strive to be, sweet, kind and helpful. If you come around and are shy about meeting people, she will seek you out as she is truly a people person and has no trouble initiating a conversation.



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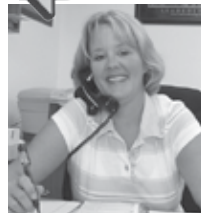
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