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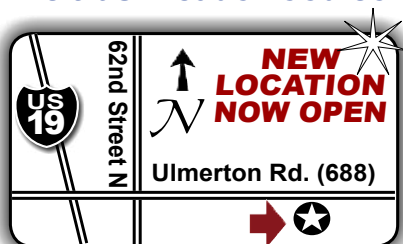
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## March Anniversaries and Birthdays

Submitted by Robert Newman #46, 724-6283 [pcfriar64@yahoo.com](mailto:pcfriar64@yahoo.com)

If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary listed in the newsletter, please contact me by phone or email with the information. I only need the name(s), lot number, and the month and day. You may also jot it down on a piece of paper and drop it off in the office and they will get the information to me. Thank You

### March Anniversaries

- 3 Bill & Marcy Shiels
- 31 Keith & Karen Custy



### March Birthdays

- 1 Maria Platt
- 5 Barbara McEachern
- 6 Marlene Logan
- 7 Shirley Savage
- 8 Nancy Dimatties-Harazin
- 18 Gene Ecker
- 21 Kay Robinson
- 22 Dorothy Taylor
- 26 Larry Gomez
- 27 Rex Plent
- 28 Richard Diamond
- Lorraine Keller
- 29 Rick Gay



## A RESIDENTS PERSPECTIVE

Submitted by Nancy Fields, Lot # 279, 727-266-4836

When Jim and I decided to leave our home of 12 years in Holiday, we never expected to live in such a beautiful community with such great people. Looking back at the years we have visited and lived in Florida, I know we made the correct decision to be a part of IITS. We have seen park managers come and go, changes in ownership, trees coming in and going out and many more activities since we arrived in January of 2011. All parks change and

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gracious people come and go on committees as we have all been a witness to. I guess what I am trying to say is, we are all (most of us) seniors in a mostly senior population and we need to support those of us who have so many great activities planned. I know some are not able to come to the club house and that is understandable; but those who can, need to help make this an active community. All things are for our benefit so put down the boxing gloves and wear a smile, remember that it is best to keep your head up because all good things come from above. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your "family."

## **Bread Pudding Recipe**

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

### **Bread Pudding Recipe**

- 6 slices of day old bread
- 2 Tbsp. melted butter
- 1/2 cup raisins or craisins
- 4 beaten eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp vanilla

Spray 8" square pan with not stick spray. Break up bread slices into 1" pieces and place in pan. Pour melted butter over bread.

In mixing bowl whisk eggs, milk, sugar and vanilla. Pour half of this mixture over bread and press down with a fork to cover all of the bread.

Pour the remaining half of mixture over bread. Sprinkle with cinnamon.

Bake in pre-heated oven at 350 degrees for 45 min. 12 servings

## **Southern Country Community Breakfast**

*Submitted by Larry Taylor, Lot 257, 727-286-7740*



**O**ur community breakfast will be March 21st from 8:00 – 10:00AM. We will be serving sausage gravy and biscuits, scrambled eggs, sausage links, juice and coffee. Toast will be available. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

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## Euchre Scores

Submitted by Patrick King, Lot 90, 727-726-3890

- Jan. 7th** -----High Score-----Donna O. #76  
Lone Hand-----Bill V. #95
- Jan. 14th**-----High Score-----Donna O. #76  
Lone Hand (Tie)—Don H. #28 & Patrick K. #90
- Jan. 21st**-----High Score-----Don H. #28  
Lone Hand (Tie)—Don H. #28 & Sonja P. #236
- Jan. 28th**-----High Score-----Tom C. #125  
Second High-----Buckeye Bill #95  
Lone Hand-----Tom C. #125



## Farmers Markets and Festivals

Submitted by the editor

**S**aturday Morning Market: Perhaps the granddaddy of area farmers markets, St. Pete's Saturday Morning Market Shop has everything from organic honey to freshly picked fruits and vegetables to baked goods. Artists offer colorful hand-woven baskets, pottery, jewelry and original clothing for sale, while live music and prepared food vendors add to the fun. It's held at the Al Lang Field parking lot at the corner of First Avenue South and First Street from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays from early October to late May.

A post season version is open during the summer at Williams Park (330 Second Avenue North, St. Petersburg).

**Other Weekly Markets:** Buy fresh local produce and more, six days a week at any of these downtown farmers markets:

Tuesdays / Gulfport ( year round)

Wednesdays / Clearwater (October - May)

Thursdays / Safety Harbor (November - May)

Fridays and Saturdays / Dunedin (mid-October - June, Saturdays only in July)

Saturdays / Largo (late September - May)

Sundays / St. Pete Beach (October - May)

Safety Harbor / hosts a summertime farmers market every third Saturday from June to September.

### Festivals & Music

**Sunsets at Pier 60:** A Clearwater Beach favorite, Sunsets at Pier 60 features street performers, artisans, music, small rides and, of course, one of the most spectacular sunsets on the Gulf Coast. The family-friendly celebrations start two hours before sunset every day and last until two hours after. There's no better way to end a beautiful day at the beach or kick off an evening

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of revelry in this lively beach town – and it's all located on the beach that was named the "Best Beach Town in Florida" by USA Today in 2013.

**Get Downtown First Friday:** Join the festivities of downtown St. Pete’s favorite street party. The Get Downtown celebration features live bands and a festive atmosphere, complete with beverage vendors and food booths representing local restaurants. The fun takes place every first Friday of the month on St. Pete's Central Avenue between 2nd and 3rd streets, from 5:30 to 10 p.m.

**Safety Harbor Music Series:** At the Safety Harbor Music Series, every third Friday, good times abound. Local bands set the atmosphere, playing live music at the town’s signature gazebo and in other locations around downtown. Bring the family to enjoy the entertainment, arts & crafts vendors, and dining and shopping at downtown businesses, which keep their doors open late for the monthly event.

## Oldsmar Flea Market

*Submitted by the editor*

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The Flea Market is Open Saturday and Sunday 9a.m.- 4:30p.m. Check it out for a day of shopping and enjoyment.



## IITS Food Bank

*Submitted by Larry and Kris Taylor Lot 257, 727-286-7740*

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## Ladies Luncheon March, 2015

Submitted by Sally Shoop, #214, 727-239-7856

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## FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

I can't express how much pride and joy I feel every time I drive or walk through our Island in the Sun park. To see the changes that come with the weather, being able to walk in shorts in the middle of December, watch the squirrels play each morning, much more than can be put into words.

No wonder new residents find our location in Clearwater is just what they are looking for. The trees, configuration of our park, the club house, pool, hot tub, and many sports that are offered: such as shuffleboard, pickle ball, inside games daily, however the residents are what create the park.

Island in the Sun is continuing to change; new people are moving in with different wants and needs. Many residents are still employed full time, car traffic continues to build, and issues with speeding in the park continue to be a hot topic.

With all the changes taking place, it becomes a balancing act for the activities committee to meet the different types of entertainment, music selections, and themes to present programs. Residents that step forward in this area give up time and are always short on help in setting up and shutting down of each event. They are willing to be the target of anything that may occur and receive little praise for a job well done.

Our monthly media is created by many of our residents. We must be inspired with all their different backgrounds. Articles are created by the media committee and are presented for publication each month. Our residents may not have a background in media publication but will take the time and find interesting facts to share with you. Because of items shared in this letter, it has been a very exciting year for me as President. We have had good times and rough times, made some decisions that could have been different, however, when you take time to review what has been accomplished, it was a great portion of my life. I thank you for the support I have been shown.



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*Thomas Watson, President*







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## Lunch Bunch

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

On Thursday, January 15, the sky was spitting rain and the wind was cold. This didn't dampen the fun at Kally K's Steakery and Fishery. We learned that several couples are renovating and painting their places. That's always a challenge, especially since summer and heat are coming.



It is always good to hear that Sally is doing well. It is also good to hear that so many of the ladies were pleased with Pat Henderson, #226, started a beauty workshop. They all left looking beautiful! Helen and Ed Dennison, #210, were blessed with their 16th great-grandchild. Her name is Nora Grace and she arrived at 6 pounds and 13 ounces! We learned that Sarah Pree asked for us to pray for Cindy Graw, #315, who just had a back operation is now at home. Janet Coates, #292, is on her way back home from spending some time in New York after Norman's death. She is anxious to get out of the cold weather and back to her home here in Island in the Sun.

Stay tuned! Alex is working on the driveway next. Sherry and Alex at #102 will be pleased with his work. Mary Jane Baxter, #180, is anxious for warmer weather because she is planning a trip back North in February. Marcy Shiels, #133, has had lots of visitors in February. They had fun, fun, fun! Marcy's sister, Linda, was able to have lunch with us also. We hope she will come again next month. Ladies, if you want to have a wonderful time, please join us next month. Sally does such a fantastic job picking out such special places for us to eat and have fun!

## WOMEN'S WORKSHOP FOR SELF IMPROVEMENT

Submitted by Helen Dennison

It was a bright sunny Florida morning on Jan. 14, as ten excited ladies from IITS wound their way to our clubhouse. Something new was about to take place. This was the first meeting, conducted by Pat Henderson, planned especially for Ladies, to help us to feel better about ourselves. The subject for the occasion was, "How To Properly Apply Make-Up"

Pat proved to be a formidable instructor, having been a make-up consultant for many years. We all brought our own supply of make up and set up separate stations around two tables. Then we attempted to apply our make up according to the tips Pat gave us. We covered such topics as "Colors", while referring to skin tone, hair color, and complexion. We discovered which hues were best for each of us. We also discussed which colors of clothing would bring out the best in us, considering our individual body tones.

Pat displayed the proper use of applying eye make up on Helen Dennison, who volunteered to be "Made Over".

All in all, it proved to be a fun and rewarding time for everyone who attended, and our thanks go out to Pat for the time and effort she put forth to make IITS a better, more beautiful place, as we Ladies raise our self esteems, and feel a little better about ourselves.







## Men's Breakfast

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

On January 23rd, the "Men of the Hood" gathered at the New York Diner for their monthly breakfast. This is a relatively new restaurant. It is located at the corner of Gulf to Bay and Keene. It was spacious and bright. The breakfast menu was quite extensive and reasonably priced. The waitress was pleasant and efficient. The food was very good, well cooked and plentiful. You would have thought they were feeding pick and shovel workers.

There were fifteen in attendance. They were: Ed, Gene, Jim, 2 Bills Larry, John, Paul, Fred, Alex, Ron, 2 Waynes, Ross and Richard. The chatter was around the rumor that the city was going to remove the stumps of the trees where they were cut down last year. We all hoped they would do a much better job than they did cleaning up after removing the trees.


The upcoming Super Bowl Game only got passing remarks. Since neither team was from a region near the attendees' home states, they said they'd just pick a team.

A good time was had by all. It was great to have so many men show up. It would be nice if a few more would join us. Guys, just sign up for our next men's breakfast. The sign-up sheet is in the club house. Bring a big appetite!

## Remembrance and Concerns

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

The last Remembrance and Concerns had many people to mention. It seems that November and December are the months of many people becoming ill. This month we haven't many things to mention which is a good thing.



After chorus practice on Monday January 26th, Linda Webster, #27, was leaving the club house when she slipped on one of the berries which fell from the trees this time of the year. Her ankle was broken. She was fitted with a shoe which allows her to walk. Linda is a dedicated chorus member. The next Monday, she was right on time for practice. That is the spirit which makes our directors, Wayne Cleveland, #183 and Bill Shiels, #133, bring out the best in our chorus members. Needless to say, we are very proud of our directors and members.

If you have a remembrance or concern, please call me.

## Spotlight on II TS Residents - Gene and Lee Ecker, #145

Submitted by Judy Koonter

This couples' resume reads like a long rap sheet, only the list contains all good things, nothing bad. They are the ultimate givers to their community, whether it is in Wisconsin, New York, Connecticut, Florida, their church, their outside activities, and of course, Island in the Sun. Let me try to start at the beginning - which was awhile back since Gene is almost 91 and Lee is 89.

They both went to the same high school in Wisconsin but didn't know each other. Lee's father was in charge of industrial arts. Gene was assigned to him for clerical work. Gene (the

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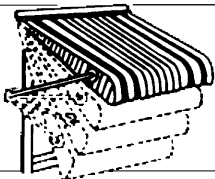
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sly devil) dated several young ladies but always thought Lee was above him since her father was a teacher and coach. He eventually took a chance and asked her out. He was surprised that she said yes. They were married in 1945 which I calculate out to 69 years. Do you think it might last?

After high school graduation, which was during the Depression, Gene was offered a job by Kimberly Clark in New York for \$50 a week, which was a lot of money in those days. He went to New York and learned that he would only get \$28 weekly so he had to come back home. He joined the Army but was only in for six months due to a defective eye. He said his fame to claim in the Army was that he worked the Wabash River flood.

Gene went on to quite an illustrious career as a claims examiner, office manager, personnel director, project analyst, assistant manager, manager, director - you get the picture. At one time he was the Managing Director of a \$1 billion pension fund for American Can Company and Secretary of the Connecticut Annuity Bank. They wanted him to come to New York. Gene and Lee were hesitant since their town of Menasha, Wisconsin had a population of about 20,000 while New York City has about 10 million. They moved temporarily into an apartment (with three children). The problem was that the apartment did not have a kitchen. They made arrangements with a corner drug store to pack school lunches for the children. Gene was always the first one to work and the last one to leave - probably the reason he was always being promoted. His work, as well as vacations, allowed him and often Lee to travel to other countries, including Japan,, the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, Puerto Rico, and Austria. In Gene's capacity as Corporate Director of Benefits, he negotiated with the United Steelworkers of America and the Papermakers' Union.

Gene and Lee have two daughters, one son, seven grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren. Their son has retired as a superintendent of schools and a coach and spends some of his time in Fort Myers, Florida, as well as visiting his parents. Lee said there are some great grandchildren that they have not seen since they no longer can travel.

Lee was involved with the Girl Scouts. She was also an Elder in her church, sang in the church choir, and she was involved with the church "Handy Helper" program where they cleaned, did yard work, or whatever the church needed. Gene was also in a church choir for 76 years, was a soloist in the choir, and an Elder and delivered communion. He has been President of two churches.

Their involvement with IITS is every bit as varied as all of their other life activities. They bought their first home on Bermuda in 1989 and have lived full time in their current location since 1995, which is the only three-section home in our park. Lee was the librarian for IITS for two different terms. She was excellent at her job and everyone praised her library skills. Gene has served on the Board of Directors for the HOA, the Co-Op, and the Corporation. He was also a Parliamentarian for the HOA.

They have some close friends in the park that they socialize with and go out to lunch/brunch/dinner. You get the idea. They travel to the beach several times a week for their walks. They are very valuable to our community and have been silent contributors in many ways. I am proud to call them a friend and acquaintance. We are so fortunate to have such giving people that reside here.

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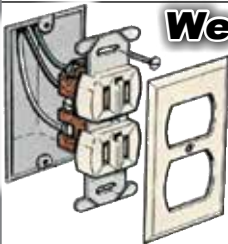
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Submitted by Judy Koonter

I have often heard residents say that when they meet someone with a dog, they may not remember the names of the people but the dog's name is usually remembered. "Oh, that is Spot, and his owners", not "Oh, that is Dick and Jane and their dog". When we first moved to IITS in 2006, a beautiful dog named Missy would often walk by our house with her owner. We could remember Missy but had trouble remembering the owner's name. That was how we first met Fred and Betty Mecke - through their dog Missy. It is a friendship that Ron and I cherish to this day. I know an article was written about Fred a while ago and his beautiful woodcarving of ducks. I know some of our IITS residents know them well and attended a milestone birthday celebration for Betty this year. I still thought it was time that I did a resident focus on this wonderful couple and dear friends of ours.

Fred and Betty were married on July 23, 1945 and have two daughters, one who lives in St. Petersburg and one who lives in New Jersey. They also have 5 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. When I asked who courted whom, they told me they had been seeing each other but then Fred joined the Navy and was stationed in Texas. Betty went to visit Fred there and he wouldn't let her leave until they were married. They later married again in a Catholic Church after Fred completed his military service.

During their working careers, Fred was a Career Production Procurement Planner for Link Aviation. This company manufactured simulators that are used to teach pilots to fly. He worked there for 26 years. Betty was an Engineering Release Clerk and she said that was "just" a secretary. Fred boasted about Betty by saying when she retired, they hired three to replace her and they still couldn't keep up. I can surely believe that about Betty. She doesn't let any moss grow under her feet because she is always on the move and always looking for the most efficient way to complete a task.

Fred was an avid outdoorsman and loved fishing and hunting. He did archery and gun hunting for all kinds of animals, from squirrels to deer. Betty said she was an outdoorsman's widow most weekends when Fred was hunting. They lived in New York in a large home with lots of land and trees. Fred maintained the grounds like a park. Everything was beautiful. They both miss their large home and often talk about how people would always just drop in to visit them. They mention how different it is here and I am sure they still like drop in company. They bought their home in IITS and moved here in 2004.

I find it amazing that at 90 years old, Betty does not own a mop but rather cleans her floors on her hands and knees. She also knits, crochets, and quilts. Fred maintains a beautiful flower garden in their back yard and if you were to stop for a visit, you just might find them sitting

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in their swing in the backyard enjoying the flowers (and sometimes tomatoes). They both go to the gym to work out six days a week. On the seventh day, Betty cooks and their daughter Nancy comes to visit; then the three of them play Dominoes. Betty of course cooks every day and makes the most delicious homemade Pierogis and the best pie crusts I have ever tasted. Betty plays Dominoes and Rummikub at our clubhouse. Fred plays billiards and Texas Holdem Poker. They both have done shuffleboard in the past and Fred still does occasionally. They both go to Bingo and they also participate in potluck dinners at the clubhouse. They may have an opinion or two on things in our park but you never hear them participate in the rumor mill. They are good, caring people and I am proud to consider them our friends.

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*Submitted by the Editor*

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*Submitted by Wally Riley, #290, 727-248-6654*

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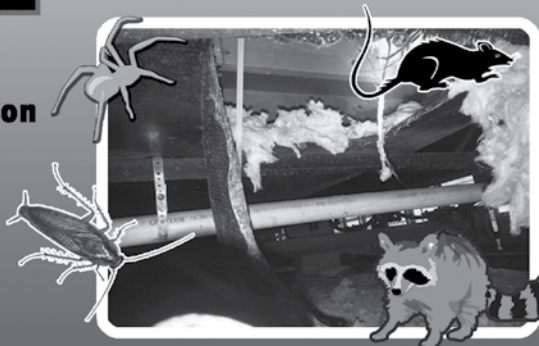
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# Beginning Cake Decorating

Submitted by the Editor

A cake decorating class will be offered on Wednesdays in March starting March 4th from 10:00 AM – Noon. This course consists of 4 two hour lessons. For the first lesson you only need to bring something to take notes with. A list of supplies you will need to have for the rest of the course will be given to you at the end of the lesson.

**Lesson 1** – You will learn to fill and frost a cake, how to make decorating icing, how to make a decorating cone, how to cover a cake board and what tools are needed for cake decorating.

**Lesson 2** - You will learn to prepare and use a decorating bag, how to write on a cake, how to pipe a base for a rose, how to design transfers with piping gel and decorate a simple cake.

**Lesson 3** -- You will learn piping, color striping, how to make borders and rose petals.

**Lesson 4** -- You will learn how to make rose buds, full blown roses, leaves and stems and decorate your final cake.



**Cost is \$15 plus supplies. Minimum 4 students – Maximum 12**

Classes are being taught by our neighbor, Jaci Salisbury, CMSA (certified master sugar artist). She has 55 years of cake decorating experience and has been a cake decorating instructor for 45 years. She is the Co-author of, *Wedding Cake Ensembles – A Cake for all Seasons* and was Owner and Instructor of *Artistry with Cake – School of Sugar Art* in Washington, DC. She was voted as one of the top 5 cake decorators in “The Washingtonian” magazine and 3 years in a row for “The Washington Post”. Jaci has also had articles on cake decorating published in, “The Cake Decorator Magazine” and the International Cake Exploration Society monthly publication. She also wrote a column every month for two years for the Greater Washington Area Cake Decorators Newsletter.

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## Domino Winners for January

*Submitted by Helen Dennison*

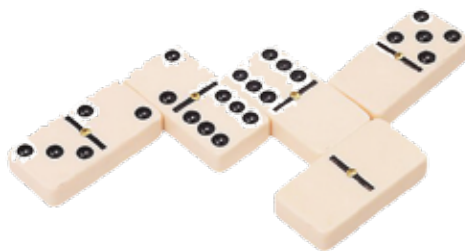
**T**he Domino session has attracted more players, now that some of our "Snow-Birds" have returned, and we are so happy to see them. Here are the lucky winners for the month of Jan.

**Jan.5** Betty Mecke

**Jan.12** Ed Dennison  
Rose Leduc

**Jan.19** Betty Mecke

**Jan.26** Jean MacDonald



Come out and join the fun. It's never too late to learn the game. We meet every Monday at 12:45 at the clubhouse. Hope to see you there.

## Annual Baseball Game at Bright House Field

*Submitted by the editor*

Mark your calendars and save the date! Our annual trip to Bright House field will be on April 11th . Since it is on a Saturday night, there will be a fabulous fireworks show after the game! The game will start at 6:30. The Threshers will be playing Lakeland. Stay tuned for additional information!



## Thank You!

*Submitted by editor*

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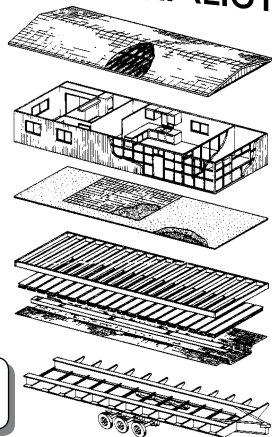
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**Music In Our Schools Month.** Sponsored by the National Association for Music Education, Music In Our Schools Month is an annual event that engages music educators, students, and communities from around the country to promote the benefits of high-quality music education programs in schools. The program began as a single day of celebration in New York in 1973 and became a month-long salute to school music in 1985.

**National Kidney Month.** Kidneys filter 200 liters of blood a day, help regulate blood pressure, and direct red blood cell production. But 1 in 3 Americans is at risk for kidney disease due to diabetes, high blood pressure, or a family history of kidney failure. During National Kidney Month, the National Kidney Foundation offers health activities to promote awareness of kidneys, risk factors, and kidney disease.

**Social Work Month.** The American social work profession was established in the late 19th century to ensure that immigrants and other vulnerable people gained tools and skills to escape economic and social poverty. Today, the profession of social work helps people in their personal and interpersonal lives and pursues social change to benefit a wide variety of individuals, families, and communities.

## Daily For March



**World Wildlife Day, March 3.** An opportunity to celebrate the many beautiful and varied forms of wild fauna and flora, and to raise awareness of the multitude of benefits that conservation provides.

**Purim, March 4.** A Jewish holiday commemorating the deliverance of the Jewish people in the ancient Persian Empire, according to the Book of Esther.

**St. Patrick’s Day, March 17.** Celebrate the Irish culture—or just drink some green beer.

**World Poetry Day, March 21.** Established by UNESCO: “As a deep expression of the human mind and as a universal art, poetry is a tool for dialogue and rapprochement.”

**National Doctors Day, March 30.** A day to honor the physicians who offer hope and healing to the afflicted.

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5								
					1	6	8	4
	5	1		7			4	
	7							2
2						9		
9				2				
4	3		5					
		5		6	4			

**How to play:** The numbers 1 through 9 will appear once only in each row, column, and 3x3 zone. There are 9 such zones in each sudoku grid. There is only one correct solution to each sudoku. Good luck!

Difficulty level: easy.

7	6	3	4	9	8	5	2	1
9	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	8
6	8	7	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	4	8	6	3	5	9	7	1
3	7	9	4	1	8	5	6	2
6	5	1	2	7	9	8	4	3
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March 14, 2015 9am - 1pm ANNUAL FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE, Paradise Island MHP 1001 Starkey Rd. Largo. Early Entry \$1 @8am, Lots of treasures, raffles, food. Kitchen open for Breakfast & Lunch, Tables \$12-\$15 each, 727-953-3616 (Marcia)

ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR, Village Green MHP clubhouse 2001 83rd Ave. N. St. Pete. Saturday March 21 9am-3pm, All handmade items. Free Raffle. Lunch available

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HUGE RUMMAGE SALE, Friday, March 6th, 8am - 2pm. St. Paul United Methodist Church, 1199 Highland Avenue, Largo, FL 33770. (Corner of Highland and Rosery)

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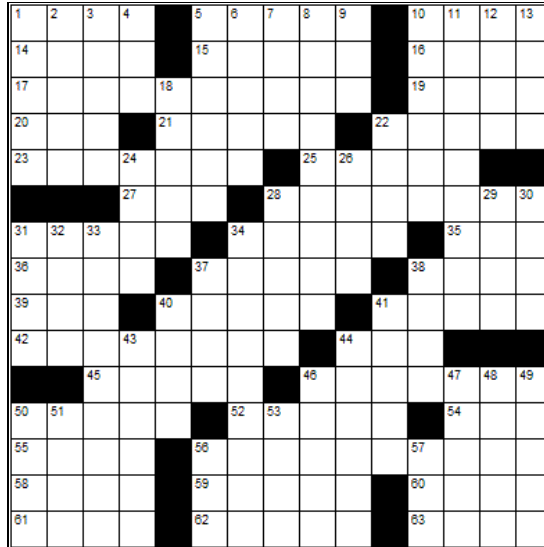
Ruth Schwanke .....	\$100 .....	Shonna Bender, LMT	Mary Lou Robinson .	\$5 .....	Buggin Out Pest Control
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Christina Clapp .....	\$5 .....	Ron Wyngarden MH	Dianna Jackson .....	\$5 .....	Royal Enterprise
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**ACROSS**

- 1. Not less
- 5. Fable writer
- 10. Church alcove
- 14. Cards with 1 symbol
- 15. Courageous
- 16. Parasitic insect
- 17. A toy that fires pellets
- 19. Dregs
- 20. Varnish ingredient
- 21. Law and \_\_\_\_\_
- 22. Wobbly
- 23. Accord
- 25. Cereal grass
- 27. Mayday
- 28. One more than a dozen
- 31. Indian instrument
- 34. Strainer
- 35. Mineral rock
- 36. Beige
- 37. Actor Clark \_\_\_\_\_
- 38. Happy cat sound
- 39. Foot digit
- 40. Jeans material
- 41. Lariat
- 42. Large arboreal boa
- 44. Wordplay
- 45. Units of medicine
- 46. Favorable position
- 50. Young sheep
- 52. An object
- 54. Petrol
- 55. Murres
- 56. Unruly
- 58. Peddle
- 59. Mistake
- 60. Sea eagle
- 61. Stop
- 62. Manicurist's board
- 63. Handguns



**DOWN**

- 1. Official tree of Canada
- 2. Sea
- 3. Respond
- 4. S
- 5. Terminates
- 6. Wear away
- 7. Satisfy
- 8. Overpower
- 9. Apiece
- 10. Borne on the water
- 11. Ample
- 12. Search
- 13. Not difficult
- 18. Show respect towards
- 22. Used to be
- 24. Brother of Jacob
- 26. Apiary
- 28. Leg bone
- 29. Makes a mistake
- 30. Roman emperor
- 31. Bristle
- 32. Computer symbol
- 33. A walking exercise device
- 34. Sirocco
- 37. Heredity unit
- 38. Breathe hard
- 40. Sleep in a convenient place
- 41. Move forward suddenly
- 43. A hard metallic element
- 44. Larder
- 46. Eyeshade
- 47. Ancient Greek marketplace
- 48. Thin
- 49. S S S S
- 50. Verdant
- 51. District
- 53. Employ
- 56. Spelling contest
- 57. Regulation (abbrev.)



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