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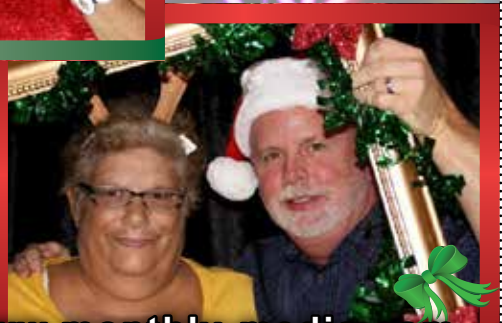
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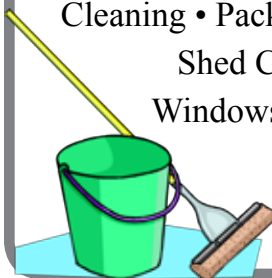
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## From The Desk of the President

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

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I have been told that there is some confusion about the different meetings the HOA has each month. I will attempt to sort out the differences in the two meetings.

The **HOA Membership Meeting** is held on the first Tuesday of each month. The Treasurer's Report and Chairpersons Reports and the Membership approval of the minutes of the previous HOA meeting are found only on the Agenda for this meeting. HOA members can address any issue during the 3 minute mic and speak during the 3-minute mic agenda item at this meeting.

The **HOA Board Meeting** is held in the week preceding the monthly and annual HOA Membership Meetings. The one item on the Board Meeting Agenda that is not on the HOA Meeting Agenda is the Board approval of the minutes of the previous Board meeting. At the Board Meeting all HOA members can speak to any item not on the Agenda, while only Board members may speak to items on the Agenda.

The **Annual General Membership Meeting** is held on the first Tuesday in March and the election and installation of officers and directors are held at this meeting.

All residents can attend these meetings, although non-members of the HOA are not allowed to speak at these meetings and they are not allowed to vote at the Annual General Membership Meeting in March.

Bob

## From the Desk of the Vice President

Tom Watson, Lot 68, 727-216-6092

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A special Christmas blessing to you from the Watson family. May you enjoy all the happiness the season can bring and may His eternal love bring you peace throughout the coming year. Bless you, and may you have a wonderful Christmas.

Christmas is a great time for family gatherings, worship, great food, and of course all the presents. Despite all the great times and jolly smiles, there are always a few horror stories you hear about this time of year. To keep this Christmas season merry, here a few safety and crime prevention tips to help protect you, and your family during this great time of year.

**Don't get careless when you run your holiday errands:** – I know there is a lot going on during the holidays and we seem to always be in a rush leading up to Christmas. When you inevitably run out of butter in the middle of grandma's secret cookie recipe, don't be careless when jetting off to the store. Crime statistics have shown lately that more house break-ins are now occurring during the day than at night. Before you leave, leave a light on, blast that Christmas music on the stereo, and definitely lock up even if it is for just a few minutes.

**Report suspicious looking people to the police:** – This is standard practice always, but especially during Christmas times. Thieves during the Holiday season like to stalk and study their targets, in hopes for a big score. You know your HOA community better than anyone. If someone looks like they don't belong, or up to something suspicious, chances are, you are right. Don't hesitate to call the police, you could prevent a crime before it ever occurs.

With this comes an area everyone can participate in and it takes little effort; but means so

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much for our shut-in residents.

This year alone we had residents who had no family in the area to look out for them. They were isolated and departed this earth without anyone knowing they were in trouble. Warning signs that indicates a problem, when you see a house that the curtains are never open, lights not on, newspapers piling up in the driveway, their car not being moved, no activity, let someone know.

Cal-Am would be your best source to follow through. They have contact numbers in case of emergency.

In Closing: It has been my pleasure to serve the community of Island in the Sun as an HOA Vice President. We now continue to 2017 with monthly events, that we hope you will like and participate in.

## Ladies Lunch Bunch

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

Our Golden Girls had the time of their lives when they met for lunch on Oct.20. It's always a great time when you dine at The Rusty Pelican on the waterfront in Tampa. There were seventeen ladies in attendance and for a few it was their first experience with the ISLAND IN THE SUN ladies luncheon group. There were so many great choices on the menu that it was difficult to decide what to order. Our waiter was so organized that he had everything under control very quickly. As we were waiting for our



food to be delivered, we had our drawing for our door prize. The lucky winner of a beautiful Angelfish all ready to be hung on your wall was Pat Henderson. This awesome gift was hand crafted and donated by Jaci Salisbury. Everyone including myself was sorry their name was not picked from the pot. **On December 15th, we will be dining at The Beachcomber Restaurant in Clearwater Beach.** This is a favorite spot during the holiday because the decorations are spectacular. **Be sure to reserve your seat now by signing up in the activities book at the clubhouse**

## Men's Monthly Breakfast

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

On Thursday, Oct.20, ten of ISLAND IN THE SUN 'S finest gents met at Perkins Restaurant on Gulf to Bay Blvd. Those in attendance included Don Salisbury, Dave Horr, Dick Oliver, Wayne Cleveland, Jerald Cardin, Bill Shiels, John O., Rich Kiszka, Ron Koonter and myself, Ed Dennison. The food was very good as was the service and atmosphere. Because men enjoy eating, much of the conversation was concerning their next outing together where they could share more good food. It was decided that on **December 15th** they would meet at **MOMMA'S KITCHEN in Seminole.** **Be sure to sign up in the activities book at the clubhouse.**

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## Rummikub Winners for October

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

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Oct. 4 Betty Mecke  
11 Rick World  
18 Sally Harkness  
25 Pat Clark

## Dominoes

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

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Sept 12th No games  
Sept 19th Rose LeDuc  
Sept 26th Betty Mecke



October 03.. Rose LeDuc  
October 10. . Betty Mecke  
October 17th.. Sandy Champigny  
October 24th.. Rick World  
October 31st.. Nancy Barnes

## Kevin had shingles

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

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**T**hose of us who spend much time in a doctor's office should appreciate this!  
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*Kevin walked into a doctor's office and the receptionist asked him what he had. Kevin said: 'Shingles.'*

*So she wrote down his name, address, medical insurance number and told him to have a seat.*

*Fifteen minutes later a nurse's aide came out and asked Kevin what he had....*

*Kevin said, 'Shingles.' So she wrote down his height, weight, a complete medical history and told Kevin to wait in the examining room.*

*A half hour later a nurse came in and asked Kevin what he had. Kevin said, 'Shingles..' So the nurse gave Kevin a blood test, a blood pressure test, an electrocardiogram, and told Kevin to take off all his clothes and wait for the doctor.*

*An hour later the doctor came in and found Kevin sitting patiently in the nude and asked Kevin what he had.*

*Kevin said, 'Shingles.' The doctor asked, 'Where?'*

*Kevin said, 'Outside on the truck.*

*Where do you want me to unload 'em??'*

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## Spotlight on residents Fred and Harriet Percynski, Lot #61

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

About ten years ago Fred and Harriet met at a singles dance in Mentor, Ohio, a town of about 45,000. Both had been married previously and had children by their first marriages. Each of them had lived the single life for about 20 years so they were ready to start a new chapter in their lives.

The son of a coal miner, Fred, was born in Logan, West Virginia. He grew up there and finished high school and then joined the army. He did his basic training at Ft. Knox, KY and he was fortunate to spend two years of military life in Hawaii. After his stint in the army, he attended meat cutting school and was in that profession for 25 years before retiring at age 62. He worked in Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio. His first marriage produced two girls, one boy, and one grandson.

Mentor, Ohio was the birthplace of Harriet and she attended high school there. After high school, she attended Bible College and obtained a BS degree in Theology. She never pursued this though, as she was not fond of organized religions. She received many offers of correspondence courses for tax preparation and finally decided to pursue that career. She opened her own tax practice in Mentor and has very successfully operated this business for forty-five years. During her best year, she completed 967 returns in one year.

She rents office space year round and works from her home here part of the time, but has the office in Mentor open from January through April. She and Fred still have a home as well as the office in Mentor. Her first marriage only lasted a few years, but she had a boy and a girl, and thus far, no grandchildren. Her daughter is not married, but would like to be, but does not want children and her son is single, but does desire to have kids someday.

Fred likes to piddle around in the yard and enjoys decorating the yard with interesting things. He enjoys all kinds of sports and spends lots of time watching them on TV. This keeps him busy and out of her way while her creative skills are at work. He stays here part of the time she is back home doing taxes, and he participates in some of the activities such as cards, pool, bingo, and loves the swimming pool. Both of them enjoy some of the special events such as dinners when they are both at Island in the Sun.

One of Harriet's clients told them about how much they enjoyed retiring to Florida, so Fred and Harriet made a weekend trip here and bought a place about six years ago. They love the Florida weather and the many amenities the community offers.

Harriet is quite an entrepreneur. In addition to having a tax practice, she has started up eleven different businesses through the years. Four of them have been extremely successful. In Mentor, she had a 3,500 sq. ft. building for eighteen years that was a garage and antique store. Anything you could put on a shelf went in the store, with the exception of books and clothing. Both of her parents were extreme collectors

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so she came by this talent naturally. After a productive eighteen years, she sold out to an antique dealer, so it was a win-win situation for both of them.

Collecting cameos (she has more than 500), pretty beads, ribbons, old jewelry and antique Knick knacks has become quite a hobby for the past three years. She creates steampunk items, does embroidery, sewing, etc. and creates some most unusual craft items. If you'd like to see some of her work, she sells on Etsy and Amazon and has over 1500 items displayed. Over half of them are handmade by her. You can see her crafts for sale on [www.emenow.etsy.com](http://www.emenow.etsy.com).

Fred and Harriet do not have any pets. Cruising has been a huge fun pastime for them. After Harriet divorced, she took her children on many cruises. She liked this as all the planning and preparation was done by the cruise lines and all she had to do was pack up clothes for her and the kids. The cruise lines offered age appropriate activities for the children and for her. She has been on about twenty cruises and Fred has been on ten.

Both of them are quite talkative once you get acquainted, so if you're a neighbor and don't know them, stop by to visit and allow Harriet to share her many craft creations with you. If you see them out in the community, introduce yourself and make some new friends. They are a lovely fun-loving couple.

## December Happenings at Island in the Sun (Special Events)

*Submitted by Linda Walker, Lot 301, 540-272-1992*

**(Please note the locations to buy tickets for any event in the Monthly Activities article).**

We will be providing more details on these events as we get closer to the date, just want to give everyone a heads up to mark their calendars so they can plan to attend any or all of these functions as they are able.

- **Dec 3** – Christmas Tea (Cal-Am sponsored event)
- **Dec 10** – Community breakfast. 9AM to 11AM. Get your tickets now
- **Dec 10** – Chili Cook Off signup sheet in the book or signup on our FB page, get your tickets ahead of time
- **December 31** – New Year's Eve party – 8:30 – 12:30. Start planning to attend this fun and festive party- Tickets on sale soon!





## December Community Breakfast



### Menu

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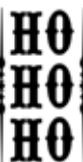
Lot 68, Tom Watson

Lot 312, John Opaczewski

The cutoff date for buying tickets

December 8th after Bingo

See you there



## Burgers, Dogs and a Chili Cook-off December 10th, 2016 Judging starts at 6PM, kitchen opens at 6:30PM for food

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## Christmas Dinner

Sunday December 25th, 2016

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

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You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just ponder on them.  
Just read straight through, and you'll get the point.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America pageant.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

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1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
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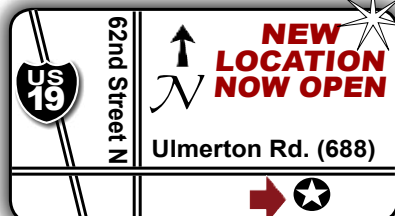


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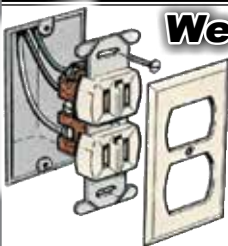
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13 Bocce Ball PM Rummikub M Potluck Salads M Dinner	14 7PM Pickleball 7PM SciFi Meeting	15 8:30AM Mens Breakfast Mommas Kitchen in Seminole 12oon Ladies Luncheon The Beachcomber in Clearwater 7M Bingo	16 11AM Manager Meeting 1PM Mahjongg 7PM Texas Holdem	17 10AM Activities Meeting Community open House 7PM Pickleball
20 Bocce Ball M Rummikub M Anniversary/ Party Celebrations	21 7PM Pickleball 7PM SciFi Meeting	22 10AM Bocce Ball 7PM Bingo	23 1PM Mahjongg 7PM Texas Holdem	24 Twas the night before Christmas  Christmas Eve
27 Bocce Ball PM Rummikub HOA Board	28 7PM Pickleball 7PM SciFi Meeting	29 10AM Bocce Ball 7PM Bingo	30 1PM Mahjongg 7PM Texas Holdem	31 New Years Eve Party 8:30-12:30PM  New Year's Eve



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## Spotlight on residents Doris and Billy Washington Lot # 24,

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

Billy was born in Trenton, New Jersey, but at the age of 7 his mom passed away. Her sister and her husband took Billy in and raised him in Dunbar West Virginia. In his junior and senior years of high school, he attended tech school and one year of college. He studied art and criminal justice. He worked three years for Coca Cola where he was a tech. Later he worked at a hospital in Charleston, West Virginia where he was a tech pathologist. If a person died from a heart attack, they often did autopsies to see if others in the family had the same problems. He spent three years doing that and then became an assistant to the State Medical Examiner for the state of West Virginia. In that position, he performed autopsies as results from homicides, suicide, car wrecks and babies who died from SIDS. He was in this position for four years. His longest career was with Union Carbide where he was a chemical operator making all types of pesticides. He attended technical school classes to train him for this position. This company changed hands several times, and was known as Bayer when he retired after 28 years in 2012.

Martial Arts became an interest to Billy. He holds a 9th degree in Karate and a 7th degree in Street Self Defense. He taught Martial Arts and owned a school for fifteen years, while working other jobs. Billy met Doris at a Martial Arts Show in 1982 and they married in 1985, and they have been married 31 years.

Doris, an only child, was born and grew up in Charleston, West Virginia. She was a hairdresser for about 8 years. She attended nursing school and was an LPN for ten years working at a Level 1 hospital in Trauma. After she felt burned out, she went to work with mentally disabled adults who lived in group homes. She traveled to those homes, administering drugs, making their doctor appointments, and other duties. She felt like this was her "calling" and stayed at it for sixteen years. Doris and Billy never had any children together. Billy raised his only daughter from a previous relationship, so Doris took on his child and together they gave her a loving home until she turned eighteen and went into the military. Janet gave them two grandsons, Victor who is 19 and Michael who is 15. The boys enjoy coming from Virginia to visit their grandparents.

Billy and Doris had visited Florida in the past and he said when he retired he wanted to move to the Gulf Coast area. Island in the Sun was the first place they looked and they found a nice home for their retirement. They loved the cleanliness and looks of the park and have

participated in some of our activities. Doris's mother had bought a home next door to them in West Virginia, so they brought her with them. She has her own bedroom and bathroom, refrigerator, microwave, TV, everything she needs. She likes to kind of stay to herself, but loves working in the yard. Doris and her mom go out for lunch somewhere every day. Billy loves her and calls Doris and her "Ellie Mae and Ma Clampett"



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Billy used to play golf regularly, but due to health issues, he had to give it up. Doris enjoys crafts and sewing and travel. Doris has done a beautiful job redecorating their home, both inside and outside. She has quite a knack for making over and creating new things.

Billy doesn't go out a whole lot, but does enjoy some of our parties and special events and he likes night time swimming. Doris loves the pool and she drives around on their golf cart often with their two adorable, sweet dogs and sometimes her mother rides with them.

If you see them out and about, take time to get acquainted. They are nice folks and are fun to talk with. Billy has had such an interesting life, I really enjoyed interviewing them.

## December 2016 Anniversaries and Birthdays

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

### December Anniversaries

- 3 Jim Dudley & Kathy McNay-Dudley
- 7 Ron & Judy Koonter
- 20 Stanley & Bonnie Baldwin
- 24 Paul & Barbara Daniele
- 31 Charles & Jean Richardson
- Jim & Linda Walker



### December Birthdays

- 1 Kathy McNay-Dudley
- 6 Don Salisbury
- 10 Kristie Taylor
- 11 Bob Meeker
- Jim Norwick
- 14 Horrace Mathews
- 15 Margaret Arnold
- Keith Johnstone
- 19 Rose Simmons
- 27 Ann Marie Mackay



## Remembrance Corner

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

Get well cards were sent to Anne Marie Mackay, #271, and Sybil Clune, #98. Ann Marie was back at home and doing well in her recovery. Sybil, a new resident, is at home, but not feeling very well. Stop by or call if you know any of these two gals. I know they would appreciate your concern for them.

Our beloved Rose Montgomery Oliver has passed away. For those who knew her, she will be remembered as an intelligent, caring and compassionate woman. Our sympathies went to Richard Oliver, #184.

A card of condolence went to the family of Steve Anastassiou, #295.



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## **Hello from the IITS Activities Committee**

*Linda Walker, Lot # 301, 540-272-1992*

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

**NOTE:** there will be activities meetings on **Saturday the 3rdh and Saturday the 17th of December 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.

WOW! I can't believe I am writing articles for the December media already! Where does the time go? We have a full schedule of events planned for this month, see 'December Happenings at Island in the Sun' for a summary. Further details will be provided as we get closer to the actual event date. Watch the Island in the Sun FB social page and the sign in front of the clubhouse for details. . Thanks to everyone for making these holiday events possible!

As we go into the New Year, we will be making every effort to bring the residents of Island in the Sun fun and exciting entertainment throughout the year to come. The normally scheduled activities are generally well run, and have a permanent chairperson (see list of chairs at front of media). However, for whatever reason, sometimes an acting chair is unable to continue performing that function. When that happens we need to find a replacement so the scheduled activities can continue. Currently, we need permanent chairs for shuffleboard and the monthly potlucks. At this time, nothing is scheduled on the calendar for shuffleboard, but potlucks are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month beginning at 5:30 pm. If anyone would like to volunteer to chair either of these activities, please let me know. All of you can help me fulfill the responsibilities of Activities Director by attending the activities meetings and bringing ideas for parties/events and a willingness to contribute ideas for events, help chair these events, and with setup and clean up.


Although I am writing this for the December media, I need to acknowledge our October events, since we run the media so far in advance.

Halloween: Thanks to Rich and Vickie Kiszka and their team for chairing a great Halloween party. The decorations were very scary, and the jail and costume contest was a lot of fun for all the participants. Everyone got into the 'spirit' of Halloween and we all danced and partied the entire evening. We also had a great time with the golf cart parade chaired by Bill and Marci Shiels. Thanks as always 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 have noticed over the past few months that it seems to be the same group of people who volunteer to chair events, help with setup/cleanup, etc. We appreciate the support of our 'regulars', but I am asking for others to step up and help chair events, assist with setup/cleanup, etc. I know as our Northern friends and neighbors return, they will be helping to provide support and input towards activities and special events.

It is important to have participation in the meetings so the Activities Committee can get lots of ideas on bringing the residents the entertainment and parties that will provide enjoyment to the largest number of people. We also need to plan activities/events with enough advance notice so they can be published in the monthly media. That way everyone is aware of what is going on in the Community at least a month or two ahead of time.

- One of the best ways to receive information about upcoming events is through the FB

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group. If you search on **‘Island in the Sun Social Group’** on Facebook, you can see the link, and simply need to ask to ‘Join’. Linda Opaczewski will add you to the group. This will give you up to date information on happenings in our community on a real-time basis.

Tickets for events can be purchased from the following individuals:

#46 – Bob Newman      #133 – Bill Shiels      #221 – Don Salisbury      #312 – John Opaczewski

## FYI

*Submitted by Pat Clark, Lot 25, 727-726-5145*

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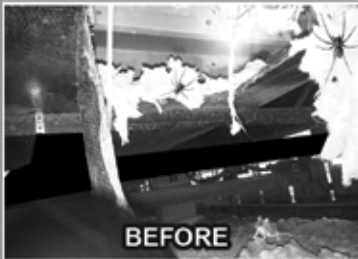
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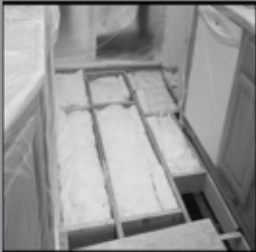


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## Knowing your Neighbors

*Submitted by Bob Poellot, Lot 310*

**W**e all enjoy the benefits of living in a small community, a few of which are less traffic and knowing your neighbors.

One of the responsibilities of living in a 55+ community like Island in the Sun is looking out for our neighbors. For example, look around as you go about your daily business. If something doesn't look right, check to see if there is a problem or if someone needs help. We are all getting older, and could easily fall or need other assistance. If you are going to be away, let your friends and neighbors know, and possibly leave a key with someone in case of emergency. This is especially important during the months our northern neighbors are absent, and several of the houses are empty. Also consider people who live alone and don't have anyone to look out for them.

We also need to keep an eye out for unusual activity in the area, such as someone who looks unfamiliar. If you are not comfortable questioning someone, ask around to see if anyone knows them, or check at the office. While Island in the Sun is a safe community, we still need to keep an eye out and be aware of our surroundings and other people.

## Spotlight on Residents

*Written by Pat Henderson Lot 266, 727-400-6002*

**I** did not get any articles in the November issue as I had a number of personal events going on and was not able to get interviews with residents to coincide with my busy schedule. I apologize as I know some of you really missed reading them. I have been having some difficulty in getting residents to agree to let me write about them. Many think they have had a boring and uninteresting life, but I can usually find some interesting things to write about. I have the residents proof read the article before it is published. I do not want to print incorrect information, nor do I want to print anything you do not want to share. If you would be willing to let me interview you, please let me know. I usually go to the resident's home, but you may come to mine, or meet me at the clubhouse. I also like to take a picture of you, or you can share a photo that you already have in your possession. It helps other residents get to know you if they can associate a picture and a face.

If you would like to participate please contact me at my home Lot 266 or call my home 727-400-6002 or cell 270-320-4000.



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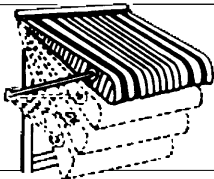
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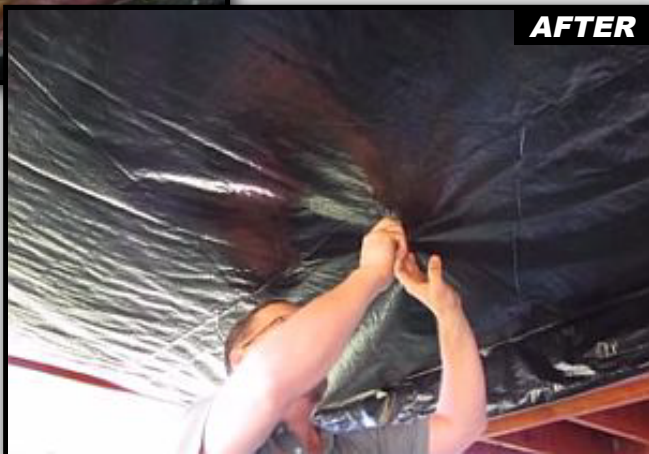
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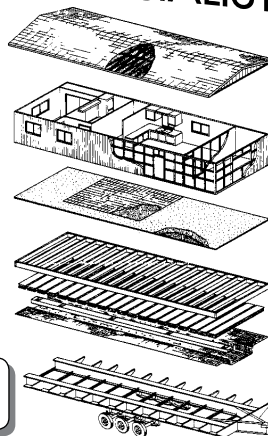
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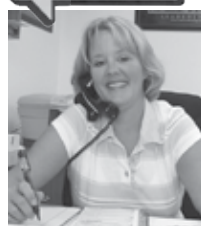
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Japanese Garden Art and Craft Show. Dec. 9-10, 9am-3pm. Artists wanted \$10 per table. Please call Charlotte 727-531-3651.

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CRAFT FAIR: Dec. 3rd 9-1. Southwind MHP 795 County Road 1, Palm Harbor.

Craft Fair Sunday Dec 4th Noon to 4PM. Down Yonder 7001 142nd Ave N, Largo.

CRAFT SALE: Saturday, December 3rd, 2016, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm. Sugar Creek MHP @ Clubhouse, 10265 Ulmerton Road, Largo (Behind Pier One Store). Bake Sale and Lunch. Tables \$10.00. Call Sally 727-584-4204

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