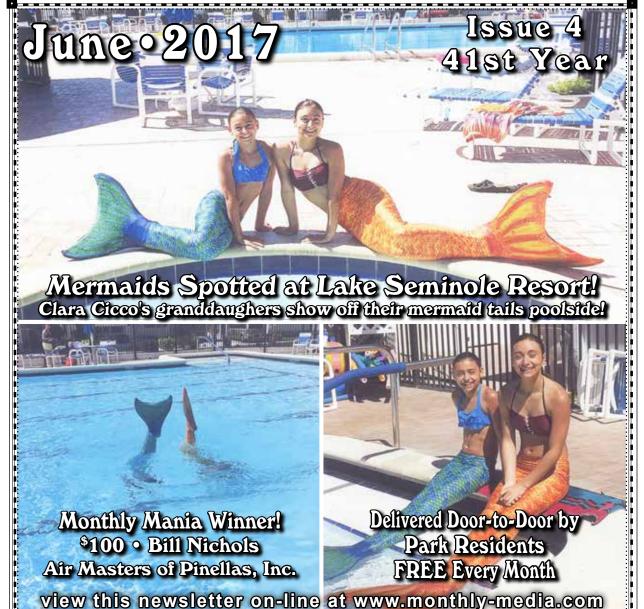


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#### The Presidents News Release

Thomas Watson, President HOA Island in the Sun

That an exciting May we just experienced. From the Senior Prom, followed up with the Memorial Day party, with events planned for the remainder of the year. No slowing down for our activities people, they are working to keep us entertained. It is a major challenge to ensure that they meet and exceed our expectations.

May was also the first month of Richard Kiszka's project: Residents helping Residents. Each month one house is chosen for a general sprucing up. I am pleased to say this is a joint effort with Richards group and Cal-AM. It is good to see what can be accomplished when we all work together.

Another event I am very excited about is the July 1st Block Party. We are making more announcements as we continue to work out the details. St. Martin Street from #213 to #222, will be covered with tents, set with tables and chairs and much more.

Come see the changes that are occurring. My vision of our park will come to fruition, thanks to everyone for your support and encouragement.

Sincerely Thomas E. Watson 304-532-6254.

#### **Spotlight on Curtis Juffs Lot #132**

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

May 29, 1917 was a special day in the small town of Clyde, New York, when Curtis Juffs was born. May 29 (Memorial Day) 2017 is an even more special day as Curt will celebrate his 100th BIRTHDAY right here at IITS. I hope everyone who sees him will give him a big hug and a congratulatory Happy Birthday greeting. I had the pleasure of meeting him and his care giver Elaine and what a fun conversation we had. I asked him to what he attributed his years of longevity. He eats 3 healthy meals daily in moderation. He only has a glass of wine on special occasions. When he smoked, it was only 3 cigarettes a day, one after each meal. He exercises daily, lifting some hand weights and taking evening walks. He and Elaine play pool every evening. He



likes to fish, visit friends, shop, go see the manatees and eating out often. He is very health conscious and looks amazing for his age. He has some heart problems, a bit of dementia, and is somewhat hard of hearing, but doesn't like to wear his hearing aids.

Curt grew up on a 50 acre farm. His dad farmed and did construction work. His parents are both deceased as are his one brother, Henry and one sister, Thelma. After high school, Curt went in the army and fought in Japan. He worked in a machine shop and at a gas station his uncle owned. He later went to work for Sylvania and worked there many years in maintenance until his retirement.

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A friend at Sylvania introduced him to a beautiful woman named Monica, whom he married, and they had two sons who are now deceased. Mike never married, but Bob married and had a daughter and three grandchildren. Curt's daughter-in-law and the offspring stay in touch with him. They live in California and Curt and Monica visited them often. Monica was an artist and painted many pictures which are displayed in the home where Curt resides. Monica became ill and passed on about 10 years ago.

Curt's parents moved to Florida many years ago and built a home. Curt and Monica moved to the Ocala area where his Dad built their home. Monica had friends in this area, so they ended up moving to Clearwater, as they wanted to be closer to the water. Curt said they were the first residents at IITS and his father built their home here. He said this park was nothing but 3 ft. high weeds with 5 or 6 mobiles for a while before development really began. He said they didn't even have any roads. He still lives in the home his father built.

Elaine is a warm and friendly caregiver who is with Curt from 6 am until 6 pm. She prepares his food, keeps the house neat as can be, drives him around to appointments, etc.

She said she is blessed to be able to assist him and enjoys her time with him. She gets him ready for bed before she leaves and he retires early in the evening. She has been with him for 3 ½ years since he quit driving at age 96. Curt should use his cane and walker, but doesn't use them at home. He did his own housekeeping until Elaine came to be with him. She said he is a fanatic about things being neat and clean. In fact, she calls him "Mr. Clean". He does use the walker for his evening walks though. Curt told me he feels blessed also to have such a sweet caring lady looking out for him. I think they are blessed to have each other. Elaine picks him up and takes him to her house for holidays and special occasions. She said he is like family to her and her husband and children.

Elaine shared many pictures with me. Curt's wife looked like a beauty queen and they had a great marriage of over 50 years, I think it was lots more than that, but he could not recall the date they married. Elaine and Curt love seasonal holidays and decorate outside the home for Halloween, Christmas, etc. She showed me pictures of them dressed for Halloween as a twenties flapper couple. Another picture showed them as a priest and a nun. Oh what fun times they have shared.

Curt loves the park because he has made good friends, he loves that people keep their homes looking nice, the roads are kept up and it's like living in a small town. He is proud to call IITS his home.

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

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Thanks to all who gave last month's supplies and monies, it was greatly appreciated. If you know of someone who could use a little help, please let us know.

Thank You

#### **Summer Hurricanes Are Coming**

Submitted by Chandra Wood #84

Thanks to another "El Nino" happening in the Pacific this year - forecast for the 2017 Atlantic hurricane season (released from Colorado State University in early May) predicts the number of named storms and hurricanes will be slightly below historical averages. They have predicted a total of 11 named storms - four of them full-fledged hurricanes. Two of these are expected to be major. Let us all hope and pray we maintain relatively high pressure over our lovely state of Florida, and that they remain well out to sea.

Have an emergency evacuation list to check off – and a travel bag at the ready. Make sure to include things like extra batteries for all your devices and hearing aids, car chargers,

medications, and anything you else you might need for at least a week or two. Don't forget to have a travel bag prepared for your pets as well. Be prepared and remember important things (deeds, insurance information and so forth) but don't pack the whole house!

The speaker at a Hurricane preparedness training I attended when I first came to Florida years ago said "If you wonder whether you should be leaving in advance of a storm or not – then you should already be on the dvice has give me a 6.8 hour lead time in avoiding all those sparls of traffic

road". This advice has give me a 6-8 hour lead time in avoiding all those snarls of traffic you see people caught in on TV when the storm hits. Early decision is vital in securing lodging accommodations before all the affordable rooms are taken.

#### Men's Monthly Breakfast

submitted by Jerald Cardin #145 or 256-490=8587

ITS men met for a great breakfast April 20th, 2017 at the Acropol Restaurant on Sunset Point Road. There were 9 in attendance. Some of our Northern friends have left and were greatly missed along with a few of our regular full time residents. June's breakfast will be held Thursday, June 15th 2017 8:30 a.m. at Rodies Restaurant and Pancake House (McMullen Booth/Enterprise Rd.) Clearwater. Look for the sign-up sheet and menu at the Clubhouse. If you have any questions contact Jerald



#### Ladies' Luncheon

submitted by Sudie Borders #145 or 256-399-7478

Pourteen lovely ladies enjoyed a wonderful gathering on April 20, 2017 at the Sunset Grill on Sunset Point Road. Needless to say the food was great but the fellowship was even better. The door prize was won by Sharon Horr #215. Some of our Northern friends have departed and others will be departing soon so we full-timers will keep up the good times until you return!! June's luncheon will be held Thursday June 15th 12 noon at Umberto's on Patricia Ave. in Dunedin. Look for the sign-up sheet, menu, and directions at the Clubhouse. If you have any questions contact Sudie.



### **June Birthday and Anniversary Celebration**

submitted by Jerald Cardin and Sudie Borders

The quarterly Celebration will be held June 20th 2017, (3d Tuesday) at 6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. We will be honoring April, May and June birthdays and anniversaries..

We have initiated some exciting changes as approved by the HOA Board. The Event is now open to all residents of IITS HOA and Non-HOA. So come one and come all!! Cake and ice cream is on the menu.

A special consideration will be available to HOA members celebrating their birthday or anniversary during the quarter in the form of a drawing to receive a \$5 voucher good toward any HOA sponsored event. One ticket will be awarded to the birthday winner and two to the anniversary couple. Enjoy the festivities and honor our friends and neighbors!

#### **PARK TELEPHONE BOOK**

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Dear Granddaughter,

The other day I went up to our local Christian book store and saw a Honk if you love Jesus' bumper sticker.

I was feeling particularly sassy that day because I had just come from a thrilling choir performance, followed by a thunderous prayer meeting.

So, I bought the sticker and put it on my bumper.

Boy, am I glad I did! What an uplifting experience followed.

I was stopped at a red light at a busy intersection, just lost in thought about the Lord and how good he is, and I didn't notice the light had changed.

It is a good thing someone else loves Jesus because if he hadn't honked, I'd never have noticed.

I found lots of people love Jesus!

While I was sitting there, the guy behind me started honking like crazy, and then he leaned out of his window and screamed,

"For the love of God!"

'Go! ...Go! Go! Jesus Christ, GO!'

What an exuberant cheerleader he was for Jesus!

Everyone started honking!

I just leaned out my window and started waving and smiling at all those loving people. I even honked my horn a few times to share in the love! There must have been a man from Florida back there because I heard him yelling something about a sunny beach.

I saw another guy waving in a funny way with only his middle finger stuck up in the air. I asked my young teenage grandson in the back seat what that meant. He said it was probably a Hawaiian good luck sign or something. Well, I have never met anyone from Hawaii, so I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign right back.



My grandson burst out laughing. Why, even he was enjoying this religious experience!

A couple of the people were so caught up in the joy of the moment they got out of their cars and started walking towards me. I bet they wanted to pray or ask what church I attended, but this is when I noticed the light had changed. So,grinning, I waved at all my brothers and sisters, and drove on through the intersection.

I noticed I was the only car that got through the intersection before the light changed again and felt kind of bad I had to leave them after all the love we had shared. So, I slowed the car down, leaned out the window and gave them all the Hawaiian good luck sign one last time as I drove away. Praise the Lord for such wonderful folks!

Will write again soon.

Love, Grandma

#### **June 2017 Anniversaries and Birthdays**

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

#### **June Birthdays**

- 1 Charles Nolfo
- 2 Marjorie Ellis Juana Rich
- 3 Karen Custy Cathy Gabbert
- 5 Marion Playchak
- 8 Helen Dennison
- 9 Frank Arnold Thomas Stone Helen Straka
- 10 Judith Goldsberry
- 12 Anthony Kijonka
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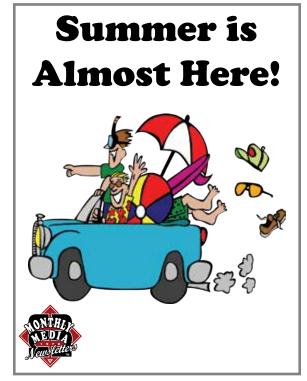
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- 4 Nick & Eleanor Papathanasopoulos
- 17 Jonathan & Nancy Lee
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#### Remembrance Corner

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

et's start with GOOD news for a change.

The lights are Back on at #130. Our own Doris Ready is back home! She has made a GREAT recovery from her fall. We are all delighted she is home and doing well.

More good news. After spending weeks in the hospital, Alta Keith, #177, is in re-hab and Don says she's coming along pretty well. He says Alta likes it there very much. Sometimes, liking where you're at, can contribute to your long term goal of getting back home. Good Luck, Alta.

Ann Marie MacKay, #271, was in the hospital for quite a stretch, trying to cope with COPD. This came on quite suddenly and she is home now taking it easy.

We lost one of our long time residents. Art Kelsey, #307, passed away at age 98. Art played for Kids N Cubs for many years. A high light of his baseball career was winning the MVP award during a slo-pitch World Series in Texas. He was on the winning team, where he pitched every game! What a guy!

Keith Connor, #178, passed away during surgery. Condolences were sent to his family.

#### **Bake Sale**

submitted by Karen Custy #229

The had an extremely great turnout for our Bake Sale on Saturday April 29th, raising over \$700.00 between the baked goods and the raffle. A huge shout out to everyone who participated...including those who graciously baked goodies, those who bought

goodies, and those who helped set up, take down and just all the generous support I received throughout the preparation of this event... The winners of the raffle were: Ned and Susan Grove won first prize of a catered 3 course dinner generously donated by Chef On The Bay ... Charlie Gillespie; Second prize of gift cards and lottery tickets was won by Barb Helm and third prize of beautiful jewelry donated by Debbie Walck was won by Richard Oliver. Congratulations to all the winners and everyone who purchased tickets for the raffle. All in all, it was a tremendous community effort and to see so many come out to support us was amazing. The money raised will go towards our Senior Prom on May 20th.



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### Behind the Scenes of the Activity Committee: March 13, 2017

submitted by Tom Watson, President of IITS, Lot # 68, 727-216-6092

ave you ever thought about what occurs in our monthly committee meetings?

Neither had I and you will not unless you attend one of these meetings.

Here is the step by step process, I hope this allows you to understand why we are always looking for people that will host an event, support an event or contribute to the process.

Let's begin with April events:

Our committee looks at the upcoming month and people start talking about the event itself.

- A. They must decide the one event for the month that will attract our residents.
- B. We have a set monthly dollar amount from Cal Am to use for entertainment for that month only.
- C. So, for example, let's use April 1, as the event, everyone agrees and then we begin building that event.
- D. Who is going to chair this event? Let's say Ned Grove and Linda Webster agree to chairing this event.
- E. Time of the event to be held: For example 7-10PM.
- F. Will the HOA furnish food, if so what will be offered? We will use finger food for this example.
- G. Entertainment must then be decided. This requires someone to agree to research entertainment for the event, get an estimated cost associated with the entertainers. All entertainers will need to have a contract signed as soon as they are accepted and a Form W-9 filled out. They will get a 1099 at the end of the year if we use them more than once and they are paid \$600.00 and over.
- H. The chair must then prepare a budget for the event. The budget is then presented to the HOA Board for approval. No tickets can be printed until the budget is approved. The chairperson of the event requests tickets be printed by Linda Opaczewski, based on an estimated number to attend the event. Ticket cutoff date is established.
- I. A flyer is created and presented to Cal AM, who will enter in the display case
- J. Tickets are then given to our sellers along with all the details of the event. Time, Theme, Food menu, cost, entertainment
- K. Chairperson builds his/her team to work the event.
- L. Everyone works together and we all relax and move on for the next event.

Our activity committee consists of residents from all types of backgrounds, working together, making suggestions and chairing an event.

We are missing opportunities to host new events because we do not have people to staff the entertainment. I know we have residents that have thought about chairing or helping on an event, but held back due to lack of experience leading a team. We have you covered! Many experienced people are here to help, you are not alone and will get the support you need from the committee as well as the HOA board.

Please help where you can, join us on the **1st Saturday** each month, date is posted and in your media.

Sincerely: Thomas Watson, President HOA, Island in The Sun.



## **Hello from the IITS Activities Committee and Linda Walker** *Lot # 301, 540-272-1992*

eeting Notes: Our June activities meeting will be held on Saturday, June 3 at 10 AM. By the time you read this, we will have had two May activities meetings. I hope you were able to join us and help make decisions on events in our community. If not, I invite you to consider attending future meetings.

The park is a little quieter with some of our residents having gone back north for the summer, but we are committed to continuing to bring you the same level of entertainment and activities. We have quite a few fun events planned for early summer and are currently working to set up events/parties for August forward. We really need the help of ALL our residents to continue bringing you the entertainment you ask for: theme parties, sit down dinners, special events, etc.

I encourage everyone to stay in touch with whatever is happening in our community. Whether you keep in touch on FB, listen to the robo calls, watch the sign board out front, etc. there are many ways to communicate what is happening.

We also send e-mails regarding activities meeting recaps, HOA business, etc. If you are not currently on our e-mail list, I encourage you to provide your e-mail information to Don Salisbury or anyone else on the board so you can be apprised of happenings within the community.

Regularly scheduled meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of each month at 10 AM. Please consider attending to see what we have planned for the residents of our community.



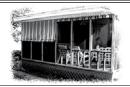
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#### Monthly/Special Events: June -July 2017

June 3 – 10 AM – Activities Meeting

June 3 − 1 PM Pickup − Food Bank Donations

June 6 – 7 PM – HOA Membership Meeting

June 10 - Taco Dinner and Dance



Taco Buffet 5:30-7 (serving starts at 6)- \$8 per person, 2 tacos (hard or soft shell), chicken and/or beef, all the fixings plus a bowl of chips and queso, and chips and salsa on each table. Non-alcoholic punch included.

Dance 7 - 10 – Dance to the music of Tommie and Lisa and expend some of the calories from the taco buffet!

June 13 – Monthly Potluck – 5:30 PM

June 15

- 8:30 AM-Men's Breakfast Rodies, McMullen Booth/Enterprise Rd 2471 N McMullen Booth Rd, Clearwater
  - 12 PM-Ladies Luncheon Umbertos, 150 Patricia Place, Dunedin

June 16 – 11 AM-Cal-AM Mgr's meeting

June 17 - 11 - 3 PM – Community Open House – Homes open between 11-3. Wine and food at the clubhouse, door prize drawings for new customers. Come and learn more about Cal-AM's trade-in/trade-up program.

June 17 – Trivia contest/party

This is a free event, there will be a small entry fee, per team (up to 4 people), or individual. The entry fee will be distributed out to the winners of the event as prizes. Bring BYOB and bring snacks to share. Brush up on your general trivia knowledge and be prepared to compete against your friends/neighbors!

June 18 - 6 PM, Sunday Sundaes

June 27 – 7 PM – HOA Board Mtg

June 30 – Golf cart parade to celebrate 4th of July (details to follow)



#### **SAVE THE DATE – Future events**

July 1-4-9 PM -Neighborhood block party (4th of July celebration) – Plan on attending our neighborhood block party. This will be held on the Northeast corner of the park. We will have tents for shade, food, and a DJ from 6-9 so we can all be 'dancing in the streets'!

July 22 – 4 – 9 PM - Pool Party – Details to follow

#### **Pond Notes**

#### Oak Trees

submitted by Kenn Brody #84

Oak trees are a key part of Earth's ecology, and part of the natural forest beauty of IITS. Our oaks are mostly Laurel Oaks (quercus laurifolia) with a few Live Oaks in the area (quercus virginiana). Here's how we can tell them apart:

http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/Hort/GardenPubsAZ/LiveVsLaurelOaks.pdf

Oaks are an old species, going back 100 million years. They saw the dinosaurs come and go. Of the 600 known oak subspecies worldwide, there are 32 in North America. Some live oaks live hundreds of years. One famous live oak in Texas is 1500 years old. Our Laurel Oaks are faster growing, living about 60 to 80 years. Their rounded, full crowns are more symmetric than the Live Oaks, but their fast growth produces weak wood that can be a hazard falling on roofs and vehicles.

Live oak likes drier places, laurel oak prefers slightly moister soil. Live Oak wood is extremely hard and difficult to work, but the curving branches are still used where curved pieces of tough wood are needed, such as the stems of ships and arches.



As an old species, oaks have made a home for myriad epiphytes, symbionts and parasites. Apart from mentioning that mistletoe is an Oak parasite, we will skip this category.

Epiphytes depend on the Oak for physical support, they do not harm the tree. Spanish moss, the obvious epiphyte (actually an aerophyte) is an orchid (bromeliad). It was used to stuff mattresses and cushions.

Moss is itself a symbiosis of an algae and a fungus. The algae turns sunlight into sugars and the fungus provides minerals.











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Staghorn fern (platycerium) is one of the more decorative epiphytes (see picture).

Just as the branches and leaves of the oak supports growth, so the extensive roots support their own ecology. Oaks do not grow without fungae to support them. All kinds of fungus sprout out of the ground where an oak has died. These terminal fungae are about the only things that can digest the lignin and cellulose that make up wood.

Important to foodies, oak roots grow truffles, both the black Perigord and the white Peidmont. I suspect our Laurel Oaks, in this climate, are not quite that good to us, though.

The shade and beauty they provide are enough!

#### **Landscape Plantings**

submitted by Linda Walker #229

The varieties of flora that our residents have around their houses may cause you to slow down and admire them. Here are some of the more prevalent and popular ones.

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Because of its moderate growth rate it won't work as a hedge-in-a-hurry. But given enough time these shrubs become thick, luxurious, full to the ground - and large enough to work as hedge bushes, privacy screens, or plants to camouflage unsightly things around the house.

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even prefer, light shade partial shade. Crotons are best grown in subtropical South and Central Florida. Frosts or freezes will damage them, but they quickly recover.

Croton shrubs can be purchased at most garden centers. If grown in containers, use a good quality potting media that provides adequate water drainage. When used in landscapes, plants should be located 2 to 3 feet apart. Crotons thrive in warm, humid weather and should be watered frequently, but not excessively

http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/giam/plants\_and\_grasses/houseplants\_foliage/croton.html

#### Variegated Schefflera

The popular variegated arboricola is a South Florida gardener's dream plant - a showy, versatile, easy-care shrub that thrives in sun or shade. Landscapes in South Florida have become almost overwhelmed with the use of this plant - and with good reason. It looks good anywhere, no matter what you do to it (well, almost), and takes next-to no care.

"Trinette" is the most commonly grown variegated cultivar. The all-green variety grows faster and larger and is included in the 4-6 foot Shrubs section.

Charmingly pretty as an accent, foundation planting, or in a garden bed, this dwarf schefflera can add tropical flair to an otherwise ho-hum landscape. It can be grown to highlight other plants or stand out as star of the show with its bright yellow and green foliage.

This well-behaved arboricola plant grows at a moderate pace and can be kept about 2-1/2 to 3 feet tall. Evergreen and cold tolerant, it does fine in Zone 9B and southward. Though it will grow in full sun or full shade, arboricola tends to look its best in part sun or part shade.

Plant with a combination of top soil or organic peat moss and composted cow manure added to the hole.

Variegated arboricola is one of the easiest plants to trim for shape and size. Just cut off any tall, wayward stems just below the level of other foliage. The rest of the plant's leaves will cover the pruned areas. No hard pruning is needed.

Fertilize 3 times a year - in spring summer and autumn - with a good quality granular fertilizer.

Water regularly but let the soil dry out between waterings. Make sure the planting location drains well and doesn't stay wet.

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