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Welcome Back Party

orty seven residents and guests enjoyed the "Welcome Back Party" Nov. 10, listening and dancing to the music provided by Two-Dog Night. Our organizer/hostess was Serena Libby.

Set up help included Wally Schulz, Carol and Larry Byrd. Cooks were Serena and her daughter, Laura Libby. Delicious hard or soft chicken and/or hamburg Tacos surrounded by cooked rice and refried bean casseroles were offered. Condiments of Salsa, shredded cheese, sour cream and shredded lettuce were available. For dessert Cheese cakes, buttered rum bars, and carrot cake were served with coffee.

Clean Up crew was awesome! Linda and Ben Jackman, Roberta and John O'Brien, Bob Vogel, Mary Ann Rodger, Kathy Schultz, Peter Batchelor and Michel Isabel (a new renter/resident).

Vicki Dasco ran the 50/50 ticket sales, and John O'Brien won the money. Lastly, the hall was decorated with multiple signs of Welcome Home, balloons, ribbons, all done by our own decorator Diane Desrochers.

What a great night—sorry if you couldn't attend. Come to the next one!



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The first bingo of the fall was Nov. 8th. We weren't many, but boy did we have fun!!



Someone won big, big money. Next Bingo is Jan. 10, 2019. Lucky ball worth \$35.00. Thanks to everyone who helped. See you next month.....Kathy Schultz. BINGO, BINGO

Shuffle

he Shuffleboard Club will be selling the "Share of the Wealth" again this year. Larry Byrd will sell these at the Wednesday morning coffee and once a month at the Shuffleboard Meeting on the first Tuesday of the month a winner will be drawn. The tickets are only one dollar and it helps support your shuffleboard team.

Any one that would like to join the club as a Honorary member is welcome to do so. Dues are \$3.00 and can be paid to Carol Byrd.

New score boards have been replaced and only erasable markers can be used.

We would like to thank Bob Vogel for his work on the courts this past summer. He kept everything clean and in repair.

As always, we are short of players and would welcome anyone that would like to learn and play on the team. Show up Tuesday at 10 AM on the shuffleboard court and join the fun. We would like to welcome 5 new members: Roberta and John O'Brien, Shelly King, John Homes and Helen Ludlow.

Carol Byrd, Shuffleboard President

HOA

One of the discussions at our Home Owner's Assoc.. on Tuesday Nov. 6 was when to notify the police. If you see anyone suspicious involved in actions not safe for our residents, or you have discovered someone had invaded your home and stolen property belonging to you, or any occasion in which you feel unsafe, call the police. The Police Non-emergency number for Largo is 587-6717. Next, you should notify the manager so that he is aware of the problem also.

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Don't waste time trying to figure it out. Michael will sit with you and review all of the documents, and answer all of your questions. Most importantly, he will conduct a needs analysis to determine your individual needs – if you expect a hospitalization, use certain medicines, or want benefit like dental or vision – everything is taken into consideration.

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Activities by Vicki

ERRY CHRISTMAS! Wow, it's that time already. Our first Holiday fare will be our Annual Christmas Luncheon at Golden Coral on Ulmerton Rd. next to Largo Mall. This is Tuesday December 11th. Meet there at 12:30p.m. And bring a \$5 unwrapped toy to be donated to "Toys for Tots". The cost is \$10.50 and that includes your meal, drink, tax and tip. Please sign up at the clubhouse.

EGGNOG PARTY. As always we will have our Eggnog Party (with real Eggnog) on Christmas Eve December 24th at 6 p.m. Well have Eggnog, cookies, Christmas carols and Santa will be busy but I think we will have another Christmas visitor that night. You'll just have to be there to see!

CHRISTMAS DINNER. Christmas Day at 5 p.m. (happy hour at 4) we will have our traditional Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings. Please join us. This is FREE to all residents and \$5 for guests. The food is good and the price is right so please come and enjoy. Again you will need to choose if you want Turkey or Ham. Someone asked if we were making a decision based on the number of choices. NO. This is so we purchase enough of each meat to ensure everyone gets their choices. You will need to sign up twice for this. Once for your table and once for your meat choices. Please bring your own place setting.

NEW YEARS EVE. December 31st Our New Years Eve Celebration will begin at 9p.m. with music playing until 12:30 a.m. We will be having various hors d'oeuvres and a Champagne toast at Midnight. As always FREE for residents and \$10 for guests.

Why go elsewhere when you can enjoy with us and be safe getting home! As always please sign up at the Clubhouse.

Your help is always appreciated at the parties. Setting up and cleaning up requires team effort and that means everyone so THANK YOU to those who so willingly help every time and if you are shy just stand up and pitch in, you will be appreciated!

Pill Bottles

s you can see from the picture Sylvia has collected a big box of pill bottles to send out. Thank you for your contributations

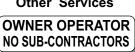


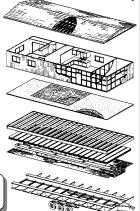
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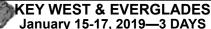
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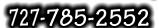
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Gloria

he family of Gloria Allman, lot 32, has decided to take her back to Ohio at this time. Many of us will miss her beautiful smile, her wit, kindness and the multiple times of laughter we shared.

Gloria moved to Shangri La in March, 1998. She enjoyed coming to coffee every Wednesday, and participating in our parties. For many years she was a member of the Activity Committee, interacting at the meetings, peeling those potatoes on Christmas and Thanksgiving, even co-sponsoring many events themselves. Until recently, Gloria never missed an HOA meeting making her voice heard.



She enjoyed volunteering at St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop for which she worked two days a week during the winter months since 1987.

Gloria celebrated her 92nd birthday in August with family and friends. God Bless You, Gloria—Love from all of us.

Friday Happy Hour

ome of our residents have started up an old tradition...Friday night Happy Hour in the Clubhouse. Join us at 4pm. Stay as long as you want. Bring your own drinks and if possible an appetizer to pass around. See Ben Jackman with any questions.

ARE YOU A GOOD NEIGHBOR?

t one of our weekly coffee get togethers, the question arose as to whether our park was neighbor friendly. Are we?

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Q: What kind of snack do little monkeys have with their milk?

A: Chocolate chimp cookies.

Q: What do you get when you cross a pig and a centipede?

A: Bacon and legs.

Q: What's a cat's favorite breakfast?

A: Mice Krispies.

Q: What do whale's like to chew?

A: Blubber gum.

O: How does a lion like his steak?

A: Medium roar.

Q: What do frogs eat with their hamburgers?

A: French flies.

Q: What do cats like on their hot dogs?

A: Mouse-tard.



Christmas luncheon

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- 16. Meadow
- 17. A person who amuses
- 19. Dine
- 20. Boast
- 21. Handbag
- 23. Sheen
- 27. Whirlpool
- 28. Crossroads
- 32. An unbroken period of time
- 33. Fool
- 34. Louse-to-be
- 37. Slant
- 38. Book of fiction
- 39. Windmill blade
- 40. Collection
- 41. Movable fence barriers
- 42. Shelf
- 43. An irrational belief
- 45. Ancient ascetic
- 48. Terminates
- 49. Colorful parrot
- 50. Fern-to-be
- 53. American Dental Association
- 54. A commemorative date
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- 63. Caustic
- 64. Kick out
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- 4. Refinable rock
- 5. Deviant
- 6. Jacob's brother
- 7. Ache
- 8. Suggestion
- 9. How old one is
- 10. Whaling weapon
- 11. Warning
- 12. Rent
- 13. Rubber
- 18. Thick bituminous liquids
- 22. Ashes holder

- 23. Enumerates
- 24. Unfasten
- 25. Piling
- 26. Canvas dwelling
- 27. Six-stringed instrument
- 29. Overact
- 30. Don't judge a book by this

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- 31. Lock of hair
- 34. Low point
- 35. Metal bar
- 36. Adolescents
- 38. Back of the neck
- 39. Disallow
- 41. Thick plank along the side
- of a wooden ship

- 42. Not conservative
- 43. Ocean
- 44. Container weight
- 45. Electronic messages
- 46. Unhappily
- 47. Weighing machine
- 50. Break
- 51. A coniferous tree
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The National Geographic website reports that satellite data have identified an ice sheet in the middle of the southern continent with a temperature of minus 144 degrees Fahrenheit. This breaks the previous record for the chilliest place on the globe—minus 128 degrees, recorded in 1983 at the Russian Vostok Station close to the South Pole. At that low temperature, breathing itself is dangerous—more than a few breaths would make your lungs hemorrhage.

Chances are we won't find any colder places. Increases in greenhouse gases and water vapor in the air have scientists expecting a rise in temperatures across the Antarctic of three to four degrees in the coming years.

Next time around

Astudent spent a semester abroad to learn about life in a different culture. Each day he left the home of his host family to walk several miles to the school for his classes. Along the way he'd pass a river.

Seated near the bank of the river was an old man. He was there every morning and also in the evening, no matter the time. He was also there on the weekends, sitting and staring off into the horizon, not interested in the comings and goings of the world around him.

After several weeks, the student's curiosity got the better of him. He approached the man and initiated a conversation. Eventually, the student asked the man why he sat by the river all day long.

The man explained that he believed in reincarnation and that his soul had been reborn many times. He said that life was filled with many lessons and that one might be reborn and faced with the same lessons many times before ascending into a different life the next time around.

He went on to say that some lifetimes were good, others were not. "This life is neither beautiful nor challenging, nor interesting nor exciting," the man said to the student. "I'm content to sit out this one."



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Lack of sleep and heart disease

The key to good heart health—and good health in general—may be a good night's sleep. According to a UPI article, a Swedish study has found that the risk of developing cardiovascular problems is double for men who sleep five hours or less a night.

Researchers tracked 798 men for 21 years, categorizing them by sleep pattern: five hours or less, seven to eight hours, and more than eight hours. The results indicated that the group sleeping five hours or less had twice the risk of a major cardiovascular event by 71, even after adjusting for such risk factors as obesity, diabetes, and smoking.

Yet one more reason to get your rest.

What to do when someone isn't conscious

omeone is unconscious—not asleep, but out cold. What should you do? Call 911, of course, but while you're waiting, here are some tips from the Medical News Today website for helping out:

- Ask whether they're OK. If the person responds, ask some basic questions like their name birthday, or the date. Wrong or confused answers could signify a brain injury.
- Check their airways. If the person doesn't respond, determine whether they're having difficulty breathing. If you see something lodged in the throat, try to remove it with a one-finger swipe. Otherwise don't go exploring—you may push an object deeper down the person's air passages.
- Don't put a pillow under the person's head. This can disrupt his or her breathing.
- Check for bleeding. If the unconscious person is losing blood, apply pressure to the wound or wrap a tourniquet above the area to slow blood loss until emergency personnel arrive.
- Don't make them sit up. If a spinal cord injury has occurred, this could be dangerous. If the person is breathing and there's no sign of a spine injury, roll him or her onto the side and adjust the legs so that the hips and knees are at right angles, and tilt the person's head back gently to keep the airway open.



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Pop quiz for heaven

cruise ship captain, an accountant, and a guy named Marvin—formerly known as the office know-it-all—found themselves outside the pearly gates before St. Peter.

"Gentleman," said St. Peter. "Congratulations on making it this far, but your journey through the afterlife isn't over just yet. In order to be allowed into heaven, each of you must answer a simple question."

The three men looked at each other and then looked at St. Peter and nodded. St. Peter then retrieved a folded piece of paper from a glass fish bowl labeled "Admittance questions for Heaven."

"Captain," St. Peter said, "What was the name of the ship that hit an iceberg and sank in April 1912?"

"The Titanic," the captain replied.

"That is correct," answered St. Peter as he stepped aside to make a path for the captain. "You may pass through the pearly gates."

St. Peter looked at the two remaining men and said, "This next question is for the accountant. How much did it cost to build the Titanic?"

"It cost \$7.5 million."

"Welcome to heaven," St. Peter said to the accountant as the gates opened.

"Marvin," said St. Peter. "Are you ready for your question?"

"Yes," said Marvin. "I was born ready."

"There were three dogs rescued from the Titanic. A Pekinese and two Pomeranians. What was the name of the Pekinese?"

Marvin blinked. "Seriously? How is that a simple question?"

St. Peter said, "If you were meant to be here, you'd know the answer."



The high cost of health care surprises many

ave you ever opened a medical bill and been stunned by how much you owe? You're not alone. The EurekAlert website reports that 57 percent of Americans adults have been surprised by a medical bill because they thought the services were covered by their insurance. Twenty percent of them say the costs were because their physician wasn't in their network.

The costs have different origins. The most common are for physician services (53 percent), laboratory tests (51 percent), health care facility charges (43 percent), imaging (35 percent), and prescription drugs (29 percent).

Life it is not just a series of calculations and a sum total of statistics; it's about experience, it's about participation, it is something more complex and more interesting than what is obvious.

—Daniel Libeskind

Alcohol a major contributor to deaths worldwide

Cold beer or a stiff drink may be relaxing, but according to a USA Today article, alcohol is associated with 2.8 million deaths a year, and was the seventh leading risk factor for premature death and disability in 2016.

As reported in a study written up in the medical journal The Lancet, researchers looked at almost 700 studies from around the world to investigate alcohol's health risks in 195 countries. Their findings included the fact that alcohol was associated with almost one in 10 deaths of people 15–49 years old, contributing to tuberculosis, car accidents, and self-injury. With people over 50, cancers were a leading cause of alcohol-related deaths—27 percent of deaths in women and 19 percent in men.

The study's lead author, Max Griswold of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington, advises: "If everyone cut their consumption in half, we could save a million lives globally."



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