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## From the Manager's Desk

*Christy Bourassa*

**T**hank you to the Down Yonder residents who have been kind & patient during our pool closure... and also during the water shut off due to the plumbing project on Happy Cove.

Christy Bourassa

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## HOA

No article submitted.

Thank you  
Mike Spinelli  
HOA President  
Down Yonder Homeowners Association.



## Down Yonder Community Association

*Cathy Wiese, President*

Greetings from your DYCA board! First up, in May we have a Mother's Day Celebration at 10AM on Sunday May 10th in the Manor House. Pastries will be served and a little surprise for mothers. All are welcome. No ticket necessary.



Next, on Sunday, May 17th, at 2PM we will have another round of horse racing at the Manor House. Come and cheer for your favorite horse!

At 2PM on Friday May 22nd the food pantry will be held at the Manor House. Remember no entry before 2PM.

Last but not least, on Sunday, May 24th at 3PM we will have a Memorial Day barbeque by the pool. Burgers, dogs, brats and all the fixins will be provided. Do get a ticket in advance from Deb at lot 183 or watch facebook for times she will be at the Manor House with tickets. At 7PM that same day, we will have a golf cart parade. So get out your red, white and blue banners and decorate your carts and join the parade!

Galen Plourde – DYCA Secretary





## Happy Birthday – May

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- 3 Roni Jean Herron
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- 5 Bob Marotta, Maurice Quist, Ali Nye
- 7 Yong Thatcher
- 11 Louise Prussack, Penny Crapser
- 18 Shirley Rasha, Peter Galant
- 25 Suzanne Bernier, Kelley Frick
- 26 Dawn Simmons
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## Happy Anniversary – May

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- 14th Bob & Arlene Morot
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## BOWLING

Bowling will go on summer break after April and will resume in the middle of October.

## SHUFFLE

Courts are open. Come out Wednesday evening between 6 and 7 and you can have a free lesson. Anyone who wants to play beginner or experienced, you are welcome.



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## Down Yonder Ladies

Caryl Ciofani Lot 205. 262-352-1067

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### LUNCHEON

Luncheon will be on May 26th at 1PM. Watch the facebook page for more info.

### KNITTING, CROCHET, NEEDLE POINT ETC.

We do it all on Monday evenings 6:30 – 8:00 in the Manor House.

Come join us, we are always glad to help you with your project!

Sometimes we work on personal projects but most often we have been making items for those in need. Most recently we have been making hats and scarves. These are distributed through social service agencies. We donated nearly 100 hats to the homeless shelter here in Pinellas! Now we are working on beanies for newborns in the hospital. Some of us are working on a personal project. You can do what ever you choose! Come join us.



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## Letter From the Editor

**W**elcome to May! In some parts of the world April showers bring May flowers but here in Florida we have no April showers and flowers bloom in March. That leaves May being our first REALLY hot month. Cooling showers not expected till June, so enjoy!



**URGENT!** I am looking for a person to take over delivering the Media for a small route of about 35 coaches on Pinetree and Basin. Please call me if interested. Thank you.

Check out the DYCA article for lots of fun events this month.

Keep an eye on the electronic sign at the Manor House for events and for updates and additions to events as listed here in the Media. We have to submit the copy so early in the month before that often plans change before the actual event is held.

Regarding the birthday and anniversary lists: I know they are inaccurate as they are old lists but they are all I have to go on. If you see a name that should be removed or have one to add, please give me a call or send an email to the address below. Thanks.

Anyone who wants to submit an article, poem, recipe, joke, etc. you are welcome too. If you would like to submit something, please send it to my attention at this email address: [dymonthlymedia@gmail.com](mailto:dymonthlymedia@gmail.com). Thanks!

Marilyn Magee  
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23. Not new
24. Low point
26. Worldwide
30. Stash
32. Scrutinize
33. Pomp
37. Pretentious person
38. Desert watering holes
39. You (archaic)
40. Idioms
42. Offering little or no hope
43. Twiddled one's thumbs
44. Purchasers
45. Chocolate source
47. Not thin
48. Roman robe
49. Hyperactive
56. Wicked
57. Knockout
58. Custom
59. Peddle
60. Distinctive flair
61. Genus of heath
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64. Adjust again

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1. An international trade treaty
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21. Addition
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27. Moon goddess
28. Scent
29. According to the Bible
30. Enclosed
31. Anagram of "Sage"
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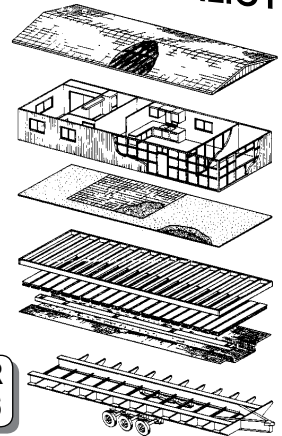
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## The absent-minded composer

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The famous composer Ludwig von Beethoven once went to a restaurant for some dinner, but being very absent-minded he forgot what he actually came there for. A waiter asked him several times what he would like to order, but Beethoven paid him no attention.

After an hour Beethoven called the waiter and asked him, “How much do I pay?”

The waiter replied, “Sir, you haven’t ordered anything yet. What I can do for you?”

Frustrated, Beethoven snapped back, “Oh, just bring whatever you want and leave me alone!”

## Einstein: A genius with a human touch

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Albert Einstein was a scientific genius, and stories about him are legendary. Three stories illustrate that he was as human as the rest of us:

- When Einstein went to Princeton University in 1953, someone asked what he would need for his office. His reply: “A desk, some pads and a pencil, and a large wastebasket to hold all of my mistakes.”
- A student visited Einstein in his Princeton office one day with a copy of this year’s final exam in his hand. “Professor, all the questions on this year’s test are the same as last year!” “Yes,” Einstein replied, “but this year all the answers are different.”
- After finishing a paper, Einstein and his assistant could find only one paper clip in his office to hold the pages together. Unfortunately, it was bent out of shape and impossible to use. They searched the desk for something to use as a tool to straighten the clip, and found a full box of paper clips in one drawer. Instead of taking one of those clips, Einstein used one as a tool to straighten out the bent clip.

The assistant asked why he didn’t just use one of the fresh clips. Einstein answered, “Once I am set on a goal it becomes difficult to deflect me.”

## Quote

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**ALS Awareness Month.** ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, is caused by the death of neurons, leading to stiff muscles, twitching, and gradually worsening weakness. No cure is known, but this month is an opportunity to spotlight and support research to fight this deadly disease.

**Better Hearing Month.** Approximately 36 million Americans suffer from some form of hearing loss—and more than half are under 65. Visit an audiologist today to learn how to protect your hearing and ensure that your ears stay healthy throughout your life.

**National Military Appreciation Month.** As designated by Congress, National Military Appreciation Month celebrates the history of our armed forces and recognizes the brave people who have served in every branch of military service. It also allows Americans to educate each generation on the historical impact of our military through community participation.

**National Bike Month.** Sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists and celebrated in communities from coast to coast, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling and encourage more folks to giving biking a try.

## Weekly

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**Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week, May 3-9.** A yearly event aimed at raising awareness of the issues and causes integral to the children’s mental health field nationwide. Sponsored by the National Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health, this year’s theme is “Healthy Families, Resilient

**Food Allergy Awareness Week, May 10-16.** Food allergies affect up to 15 million people in the United States, including one in 13 children. Whether you’re newly diagnosed or brushing up on the facts, learning all you can about the condition is the key to staying safe and living well with food allergies.

**American Craft Beer Week, May 11-17.** American craft brewers are small, independent, and traditional. The average American lives within 10 miles of a brewery, and the United States now has more beer styles and brands to choose from than any other market in the world. Enjoy a cold one (responsibly) all month long.

## Teens and social media: What's really going on?

If you think your kid is checking his or her smartphone every 30 seconds, you may not be far off. A study of more than 200 eighth-graders reported on the CNN website found that the heaviest social media users check the Internet more than 100 times daily, even when they're in school. What are they looking for?

- Checking their online posts for comments and “likes”: 61 percent.
- Seeing whether friends are doing things without them: 36 percent.
- Making sure friends aren't saying mean things about them: 21 percent.



Fifteen percent of teens in the study reported receiving inappropriate photos. And 94 percent of parents were unaware of the amount of fighting that occurs on social media.

## The workplace is becoming more flexible

Flexible working arrangements have caught on big time in the United States. A study by Flexjobs, an online service specializing in telecommuting and flexible jobs, reported the following trends:

- **Employers are fairly casual about productivity.** Although 89 percent of employers support workplace flexibility, 64 percent have no formal policies regarding telecommuting and flexibility programs, and only 3 percent actively monitor such factors as performance, engagement, and productivity.
- **Health factors are a major driver of flexibility.** Flexjobs found that 32 percent of respondents to their survey believe flexible working arrangements would benefit their health; 29 percent are interested in flexibility in order to have more time for exercise.



## Caregiving has its rewards

As Americans live longer, families are feeling a heavier burden in the caregiving area. The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that some 40.5 million Americans are acting as unpaid caregivers for older family members. Most just help one person, but 22 percent are responsible for two people and 7 percent provide help to three or more. Most caregivers are between the ages of 45 and 64 (23 percent), but 17 percent of people older than 65 act as caregivers as well.

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## Space Station experiment points to possible life on Mars

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Fungi from the dry, frigid environment of Antarctica took a trip to the International Space Station to determine their ability to survive under the harsh conditions of the planet Mars. Their endurance suggests that primitive life may indeed be viable on the red planet's surface.

As reported by the NBC News website, scientists took samples of the fungus from the McMurdo Dry Valleys in Antarctica, then had them sent up to the ISS, where the crew placed them on a sealed platform outside and exposed them to various types of conditions, including one which simulated the sparse atmosphere and the exposure to radiation present on Mars.

After a year and a half, the fungi had retained 60 percent of their cells, providing evidence that simple forms of life can survive under the toughest conditions in space and on distant planets.

## Robot cockroaches could save lives

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Few animals are as maligned as the lowly cockroach. But scientists have found something worth emulating about them—their ability to squeeze into even the tightest spaces. Cockroaches on the run are about ½ inch tall, but they're able to compress their bodies to a 10th of an inch when they're trying to hide. Scientists at the University of California-Berkeley have been able to adapt that flexibility in a small, soft, multi-legged robot dubbed CRAM (Compressible Robot with Articulated Mechanisms). Constructed with an “origami-like” manufacturing technique, CRAM is seven inches long, three inches tall, and 1.6 ounces, and it's able to compress itself just like a cockroach to get inside tiny spaces. The scientists hope that CRAMs could be deployed in swarms to search for survivors inside collapsed buildings.

## Tarantulas have their own ‘Man in Black’

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A new species of tarantula has been identified by a postdoctoral researcher at the Florida Museum of Natural History. Actually, Chris Hamilton discovered 14 previously unidentified species during his Ph.D. research at Auburn University, but only one of them was named after one of his favorite entertainers: country singer Johnny Cash.

*Aphonopelma johnnycashi* can be found, appropriately enough, near Folsom Prison in California, the setting of one of Cash's most famous songs and the site of several concerts the “Man in Black” performed during his lifetime. Tarantulas have more than 50 different species, and Hamilton examined more than 3,000 specimens, narrowing the field initially to 29 possibles and finally to 14 completely distinct species. Given that Hamilton has a tattoo of Cash himself, the name came naturally.



## A lesson in taking chances

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A story from the book *Art and Fear*, by David Bayles and Ted Orland (Image Continuum Press), illustrates the power of taking chances and risking failure when you're trying to achieve something of quality:

On the first day of class, a ceramics teacher announced that he was putting his students into two groups. Half the students would be graded on quantity of works produced, the other half on the quality of just one work. On the final day of class, the instructor looked at the pots from both groups and realized that the best pots—those with the most creative designs and those that seemed most beautiful—all came from the group graded on quantity.

As the authors put it: “It seems that while the ‘quantity’ group was busily churning out piles of work—and learning from their mistakes—the ‘quality’ group had sat theorizing about perfection, and in the end had little more to show for their efforts than grandiose theories and a pile of dead clay.”

## Take a fresh approach to solving problems

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You don't always want the same old solutions to everyday problems. Sometimes you want to try something different. From the *Fast Company* website comes these ideas for finding a fresh approach:

- **Rephrase the question.** The way you frame the problem may limit your options. Teach yourself to expand the scope. Instead of, “How can we throw a great birthday party for Ted?” Ask, “What can we do to make this a memorable birthday?”
- **Look for bad ideas.** Seeking perfect solutions can put too much pressure on your creativity. Give yourself a break and try coming up with some bad ideas. You'll get them out of the way quickly, and sometimes a bad idea can lead to something new and exciting.
- **Challenge your assumptions.** Take a hard look at your basic beliefs about the situation. Is the customer really always right? Is the lowest price necessarily the best deal? Turning your assumptions on their heads can suggest a different direction to go in.

## Quotes

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There are painters who transform the sun to a yellow spot, but there are others who with the help of their art and their intelligence, transform a yellow spot into sun.  
—Pablo Picasso



## Report: Fiber may prevent breast cancer

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Parents and young women concerned about breast cancer may want to take note of a study from the journal *Pediatrics*: Scientists have discovered that adolescents and young women can significantly reduce their chances of getting breast cancer later in life by eating a high-fiber diet early on.

Researchers tracked more than 90,000 women over a period of years. Women 27-44 answered questions relating to their diet as adults and in high school. The data they collected about fiber consumption, after screening out other factors like race and family history of breast cancer, showed that women who had eaten high amounts of fiber had a 12-19 percent lower chance of getting breast cancer. In addition, women who reported a high fiber intake during their high school years were found to have a 16 percent lower risk of suffering breast cancer overall, as well as a 24 percent lower risk of being diagnosed before menopause.

Fiber from fruits and vegetables appear to offer the most health benefits.

## Keep your workplace a healthy zone

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From Ebola to the Zika virus, new diseases seem to be rising every day to threaten our health. If you're a manager, you should do everything you can to keep your workforce safe from illness. Take these steps to minimize the risks:

- **Adjust absentee policies.** Many organizations still penalize workers for taking sick leave. Let your employees stay home when they're sick rather than risk infecting others.
- **Promote hygiene.** Post restroom signs urging workers to wash their hands frequently. Instruct cleaning services to wipe down telephone receivers as well as desk surfaces.
- **Plan ahead.** Consider how you'd respond if your department experienced a 30 percent absentee rate. How can you ensure that essential functions are covered? You can't stop bad things from happening, but you can take steps to keep them from crippling your organization.

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Healthy citizens are the greatest asset any country can have.  
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