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US COAST GUARD HISTORY

By Greg Pankau



The United States Coast Guard (USCG) is a military branch within the U.S. armed forces charged with the enforcement of maritime laws. It consists of approximately 35,000 officers and enlisted personnel, in addition to civilians, under the jurisdiction of the Department of Homeland Security. In time of war, it functions as part of the U.S. Navy and is under the direction of the president.

The USCG was established Aug. 4, 1790 by Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton as the Revenue Marine Service. It later became the Revenue Cutter Service and, in 1915, was combined with the U.S. Lifesaving Service (formed 1878) to become the Coast Guard. It was under the (peacetime) jurisdiction of the Treasury Department until 1967, when it was transferred to the Department of Transportation. In 2003 the Coast Guard was placed under the jurisdiction of the newly created Department of Homeland Security. The Coast Guard enforces all applicable federal laws on the high seas and waters within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States. It administers laws, as well as promulgates and enforces regulations for the promotion of safety of life and property along the entire U.S. coast, including Alaska and Hawaii, Guam and American Samoa. It develops and operates aids to navigation in order to maintain the safety of ports and vessels in U.S. territorial waters.

The peacetime duties of the Coast Guard involve the inspection of vessels and their equipment and the direction and operation of lighthouses and buoys. Previously the USCG serviced such electronic navigational aids as loran (long-range navigation) stations and radio beacons. The Coast Guard maintains an extensive network of lifeboat and search-and-rescue stations using surface vessels and aircraft. It also operates the International Ice Patrol, which maintains surveillance of icebergs in the North Atlantic shipping lanes. The USCG also gathers data for the National Weather Service and assists distressed ships and planes. Wartime duties include escorting ships, securing ports, and manning transports. The Coast Guard also assists in the interdiction of illegal narcotics and illegal immigrants that enter the United States on or over coastal waters.

The Coast Guard's organization parallels that of the U.S. Navy, and the Coast Guard's ranks and ratings are identical to those of the Navy. The two services' uniforms are also similar. The USCG is headed by a

Coast Guard admiral, who is appointed by the president. The Coast Guard Reserve was established in 1939. Women have been permitted to serve in the regular Coast Guard since 1973. The U.S. Coast Guard Academy is located in New London, Connecticut.

Source: Encyclopedia Britannica with some editing by Greg Pankau

FAMILY & FRIENDS CRUISE

By Patty Rewitzer



Hi, this is Patty Rewitzer and I have lived in this community for 10 years. I had also put together trips until the pandemic hit but am at it again! So, this is trip number four! For this cruise, you may use a passport or an original birth certificate. (No copy.) You will need a \$100 deposit now, and the final payment due the end of January 2024. You and your roommate will travel from Cape Canaveral to Nassau for a perfect day at Cococay! All will enjoy four nights on a mega ship called "Allure of the Seas" from the Royal Caribbean fleet. It has more activities and features than most ships traveling to this destination, including Central Park, Boardwalk, ice skating rink, shows, arcade games, aqua theater, a carousel, zip line, four pools, 10 whirlpools, the royal promenade, Coney Island Doghouse, sports zone, gym, spa, youth center, theater, and 23 places to eat! You may call me for questions at 678-267-4928 and leave a message if I don't pick up, or email me at prewitzer@yahoo.com. Or call Heather at 386-445-5577 to book your cabin now! There's more information on the flyer below.

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HOW I MET MY HUSBAND

By Jo Kegel



We met at a bar! That sounds tacky, but it's not as bad as it sounds. It was really a family restaurant, on the water, in a boating community, where everybody knew everybody. It had a lounge with a view of the harbor, where locals and boaters hung out. I had been there many times. So had Dave.

It was Thursday before Memorial Day weekend in 1996. I was a mess that night - out doing my laundry at a laundromat (ugh!), and decided to swing by and see if there was anyone I knew there. I didn't normally go to bars alone. I saw a friend's car and went in. I was able to sit next to Stanley who was alone at the bar. He was a nice guy - a friend, but not my type.

In walked a group of guys who had apparently just gotten off of a boat and came in for happy hour(s). Dave was with them and, knowing my friend, came over to Stanley to say hi. Stanley kindly introduced us. It turned out that Dave graduated high school with Stanley in the same town of Clinton, where they both grew up. Dave and I spent the rest of the evening chatting away - he ignoring his buddies, and I ignoring Stanley. We discovered that we knew many of the same people in the area (it's a small shoreline). Then the surprise came out. I used to keep a sailboat on a mooring in that same harbor with my ex-husband. Dave worked at the marina there after my split. He asked what the name of the boat was. I told him and he said he knew my ex. Bartenders know customers by what they drink. Marina people know customers by their boats. The bomb came when Dave told me who his ex-girlfriend was. My ex and his ex dated immediately after my divorce, (if not before), and I knew her too. That made for interesting conversation! So, we caught up on each other's history. He asked me if we could have a date the next week after he returned from visiting his parents in New Hampshire for the long weekend. I said yes. He even asked me to go with him to NH! Awkward. I said no. He asked if he could kiss me good night. I said yes. He said he would call me when he returned Monday night. He did. We went to dinner and the rest is history. I realized there really were nice guys still out there. Three years of dating and 24 years married! So, it's not so bad after all to meet at a bar!

Cheers to us!



A WELL IS NOT JUST FOR WATER

By Don Cline



It was Tuesday, June 13. A Tuesday morning like any other. Sue had gone to a program at the clubhouse, and I was enjoying my morning coffee. About 10:30 the doorbell rang. It was Susan, our next-door neighbor. She said "I know you are going to think I am crazy, but I just saw an alligator walk between our houses. I think he went down in your air conditioning well."

I put on my shoes and went outside to check the well area. Sure enough, there was an alligator just relaxing next to the air conditioning unit. I had no idea who to call so I contacted the office, and they gave me the telephone number for the Nuisance Alligator Hotline. Who knew that alligators had their own hotline? The woman I spoke to took my information and then asked me if I lived in Plantation Oaks. I said yes and she said she would see if their guy was still in our area. Within five minutes, at my door, was the alligator wrangler. By now, some of the neighbors had heard about the alligator and came to see the action. The wrangler took his lasso, looped it around the gator and pulled him out of the well. He then taped the gator's mouth shut and held him up in the air so that he could not get his feet on the ground and escape. He took him to his truck where he put him in a tub of water. I asked him what was to become of the gator. He told me that the gator was a young one and he would be released in a preserve somewhere. By 11:15 the neighbors had gone home, the gator was safely outside of our air conditioning well and was on his way to parts unknown.



When Sue returned about 11:20 I told her of all the excitement she had missed. She was not happy. She has been on the lookout for a gator for the past year and now she had missed out on not just a gator sighting, but a gator in our very own well. I guess this is life in Florida in our very own zoo.

Editor's Note: People with concerns about an alligator should call FWC's toll-free Nuisance Alligator Hotline at 866-392-4286. FWC will dispatch a contracted nuisance alligator trapper to resolve the situation.

COMING HOME

By Jeanie Scionti



My husband and I are back in New England and so far...it may be summer but the livin' ain't easy!

I've been writing for "The Pop" for two years and this is the first time I have missed a deadline. Dana, the editor, was concerned and emailed me. I replied: "Hi Dana, Thomas and I are well if not a bit

overwhelmed. We are home and it's been nonstop crazy. The house has been vacant for almost three years and 'dusty' tumbleweeds have moved in. Our 'wireless' keeps going out...one day it's the telephones, the next day the televisions or my computer. Outside, I have a tree service coming next week as our maple trees have grown over the house. In addition, my gardens are buried in weeds, and the house is partially covered in green mold."

Dana's response: "OMG! Take a breather. We look forward to your August article."

Not much has changed since those emails. The tree people never showed up. As to the wireless situation, an internet technician named 'Elvis' came by. He told us our system was old and we had to replace the service. He added with a smile that before that could be done, we had to buy a 21st Century television. He promised he would return the same day as the tree folks. I explained that I might be preoccupied with them on that day. He replied, "Not to worry, I don't think they'll find any trees in the house."

Monday arrives...no tree people...no Elvis! Midday, a fellow shows up at my door and says he is here to setup



our wireless service. I told him that I was confused as I expected to see Elvis. This comedian says, "I don't know this Elvis, but if you'd like me to sing "Don't Be Cruel," I am your man!" Fed up, I asked sarcastically, "What's your name?" He smiled and replied, "I'm Eddie."

I spent the next two hours assisting 'Eddie' as he trekked up and down my beige carpeted staircase with his dirty unlaced boots.

None of the above issues have ever occurred during the past fifteen years of us travelling 'to and fro' from MA to FL and back. The pandemic changed everything. We stayed in Florida without returning to Massachusetts for almost three years. During that time, our home in MA was vacant, except for the nine months that my daughter and her family became temporary squatters.

You may be thinking - why continue this lifestyle when owning one property is enough to deal with? Definitely,

having two residences is a bit much. If we had to give one up, it would have to be our two-story home of forty-six years. We are not ready to do that. In MA, I live within ten minutes of my children and get to see them and my grandsons every week for six months out of the year. That is our joy. However, as winter approaches, we are ready to get back to our comfortable Plantation Oaks home and community.

TRIVIA

By Rich Bencal

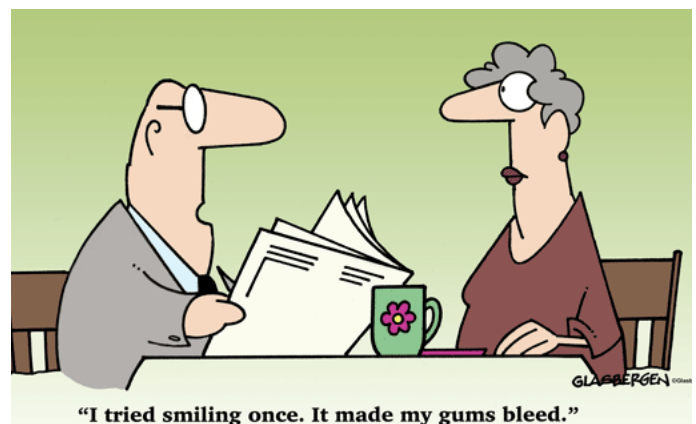


Greetings to all my faithful Trivia column fans. I hope you are having a great summer. Once again, I scanned various files and publications for some ideas for this issue of the POP. I hope I have succeeded in stumping you. Good luck and stay cool.

QUESTIONS:

1. When did the "Big Ben" clock in London first chime?
2. When did Cable News Network (CNN) first appear on TV?
3. Who was the first astronaut to walk in space?
4. How many episodes did the Ed Sullivan Show have?
5. Where was the YMCA founded?
6. When was the first US one dollar coin minted?
7. What is the highest scoring National Hockey League game?
8. What is the world's largest inland body of water?
9. What is the oldest High School in the US?
10. What bird has the longest migration flight?

Answers elsewhere in the POP



DARWIN AWARDS

Submitted by John Mercurio



Darwin Awards are bestowed, honoring the least evolved among us.

The glorious winner:

1. When his .38 caliber revolver failed to fire at his intended victim during a hold-up in Long Beach, California, would-be robber James Elliot did something that can only inspire wonder. He peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again. This time it worked.

And now, the honorable mentions:

2. The chef at a hotel in Switzerland lost a finger in a meat cutting machine and after a little shopping around, submitted a claim to his insurance company. The company expecting negligence sent out one of its men to have a look for himself. He tried the machine, and he also lost a finger... The chef's claim was approved.
3. A man who shoveled snow for an hour to clear a space for his car during a blizzard in Chicago returned with his vehicle to find a woman had taken the space. Understandably, he shot her.
4. After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Bulawayo had escaped. Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies... The deception wasn't discovered for 3 days.
5. An American teenager was in the hospital recovering from serious head wounds received from an oncoming train. When asked how he received the injuries, the lad told police that he was simply trying to see how close he could get his head to a moving train before he was hit.
6. A man walked into a Louisiana Circle-K, put a \$20 bill on the counter, and asked for change. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash in the register, which the clerk promptly provided. The man took the cash from the clerk and fled, leaving the \$20 bill on the counter. The total amount of cash he got from the drawer... \$15. If someone points a gun at you and gives you money, is a crime committed?

7. Seems an Arkansas guy wanted some beer pretty badly. He decided that he'd just throw a cinder block(?) through a liquor store window, grab some booze, and run. So, he lifted the cinder block and heaved it over his head at the window. The cinder block bounced back and hit the would-be thief on the head, knocking him unconscious. The liquor store window was made of Plexiglas. The whole event was caught on videotape...
8. The Ann Arbor News crime column reported that a man walked into a Burger King in Ypsilanti, Michigan at 5 AM, flashed a gun, and demanded cash. The clerk turned him down because he said he couldn't open the cash register without a food order. When the man ordered onion rings, the clerk said they weren't available for breakfast.... The man, frustrated, walked away.
9. When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on a street in Seattle by sucking on a hose, he got much more than he bargained for... Police arrived at the scene to find a very sick man curled up next to a motor home near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline, but he plugged his siphon hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had.

So, it seems, Darwin is still trying to do his work.



HISTORY OF SENIOR CITIZENS DAY

On August 19, 1988, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation declaring August 21 as National Senior Citizen's Day. In this proclamation, President Reagan says: *"For all they have achieved throughout life and for all they continue to accomplish, we owe older citizens our thanks and a heartfelt salute".*

Reagan thought it important to have a day to celebrate the achievements of Senior Citizens and to thank them for all the support they give society and their communities.



NATIONAL ZUCCHINI DAY!

By Chef Kevin Gallagher MS, CEC



August 8, 2023, is National Zucchini Day. It's also known as "Sneak some zucchini onto your neighbor's porch day!" Zucchini originated in Italy and can be tracked back to the 1850's but did not make it to the US until the 1920's. Zucchini are loaded with vitamins, minerals, and fiber and have more potassium than bananas!

Do you remember the days when your neighbors grew huge vegetable gardens and grew zucchini? In the heat of the summer the zucchini would become so prolific that they would grow huge (actually overgrown) and they would pick them by the dozens, bag them up, and then you would find them on your porch, on your car seat (if you forgot to lock your car) or they would bring them to work and leave them on your desk when you weren't looking!

The problem with huge, overgrown zucchini, is that the skin becomes tough and fibrous, and the meat of the vegetable comes very watery and bland. My Mom would try to use these large monstrosities in soups, stews, or sometimes stuff them with meat and cheese. It was a valiant effort, but everyone groaned (to themselves) when they saw those huge things come out of the oven. We didn't dare complain out loud because we knew that was our only choice for dinner!

Today in the supermarkets our zucchini (also known as *courgette* overseas) are the perfect size for eating. The skin is soft, and the flesh is tasty. The key is knowing how to cook them properly.

These are two of our favorite recipes for zucchini. They are great as hors d'oeuvres and appetizers or served as a side dish to a summer meal.

Oven Baked Zucchini Sticks

Servings: 4

1 pound zucchini, cut into sticks 3" long, ¼" wide

1 large egg, beaten

½ cup panko breadcrumbs (or regular unseasoned breadcrumbs)

½ cup Parmesan cheese, grated

2 teaspoon dried oregano

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon black pepper

½ teaspoon granulated garlic

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Cover sheet pan with parchment or foil and spray with non-stick cooking spray.



Combine breadcrumbs with Parmesan, oregano, salt, pepper and garlic in bowl.

Dip zucchini in beaten egg, allowing excess to drip off. Dredge in bread crumb mixture then place on prepared pan. Cook in oven for 15-20 minutes or until lightly browned and crisp. Serve hot. These taste great with your favorite Ranch or Bleu Cheese dressing!

Zucchini Fritters

Servings: 4

1½ pounds zucchini, coarsely grated

¾ teaspoon salt

¼ cup all-purpose flour

¼ cup Parmesan cheese

1 large egg, beaten

2 cloves garlic, minced

4 green onions, chopped fine

Salt and pepper to taste

Olive oil for frying

Toss zucchini with salt in large colander and place in sink to drain for 20 minutes.

Squeeze zucchini as dry as possible with your hands (or use cheesecloth).

Mix flour, parmesan, egg, garlic, salt, pepper, and green onion in bowl. Stir in zucchini.

Heat oil in large non-stick pan over medium heat.

Working in batches, scoop tablespoons of zucchini mixture onto hot skillet, use back of spoon to flatten out. Fry until golden brown and flip (about 2 minutes per side). Serve hot and enjoy. These are delicious with a dollop of sour cream, tzatziki sauce or just plain non-fat Greek yogurt!



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WELCOME COMMITTEE

By Bob Matlock



Here are our new friends and neighbors from June home closings. Please help them to feel welcomed by being good neighbors and assisting them the best you can as they start on their new journey in our community.



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13 Tobias Lane
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Chocolate Lab, Buzzy.

Gary & Donna Sirois
16 Winthrop Lane
Moving from Brooklyn, MI.
Have friends and relatives in
the area. Gary is a Navy
Veteran.



David & Wendy Wile
16 Julip Lane
Moving from Gorham, ME
with their dogs, Otis & Ellie

Charles (Butch) French
47 Winthrop Lane
Moving from Palm Coast and
Rock Falls, IL prior to that.
Retired Army Vietnam Vet
and Chicago Deputy Sheriff.



HEAT AND AGE OF GOLF CART BATTERIES

Submitted By John Mercurio



What Affects Golf Cart Battery Water Levels?

During a recent encounter with a friend, whose name I will not mention, she asked to check the water levels of her golf cart batteries. I wasn't able to get back to her for a couple of days, but she wasn't concerned because she said she hadn't used her golf cart very much in the last couple of months. When I was able to open up the batteries and check, none of the cells had water covering the plates. She was a victim of a major misconception ...

The number one rule for golf cart battery maintenance is to never let your water level go below the top of the plates.

Heat and Age of Golf Cart Batteries

While it is true that the more you use your golf cart the more frequently you need to check water levels, it's also true that there are other considerations that affect how frequently you should open up your battery cells. **More frequent monitoring is also required in hot temperatures and with batteries that are older.**



I find that new and "old" golf cart owners often don't understand that this easy-to-do maintenance on their golf cart can save them hundreds of dollars. **Batteries that are left "under-watered" have a shorter lifespan and need to be replaced sooner than those that are kept at the optimal water level.**

Source: *Golf Carts Etc. Newsletter*

4 SIGNS INDICATING YOU NEED NEW GOLF CART BATTERIES

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10 WEIRD FACTS ABOUT DOGS

Submitted by John Mercurio

1. Dogs dream just like humans.
2. Dogs can smell fear.
3. Dogs can see in the dark.
4. Dogs have a unique nose print.
5. Dogs have taste buds that are fine tuned to water.
6. Dogs have a third eyelid.
7. Dogs can detect medical conditions.
8. Dogs chase their tails for different reasons.
9. Dogs can sense storms before they arrive.
10. Dogs can sing in harmony.



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While it's getting hot, hot, hot here in Plantation Oaks, we'd like to cool you off in anticipation of cool, crisp weather in December!

The Plantation Oaks Community is inviting you to share the unique way you celebrate, decorate and welcome in Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanza. What special memory of the holiday do you celebrate each year?

We're looking for evening house tour participants on December 7th and/or 8th, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Golf cart transportation will be available and there will be refreshments and music in the clubhouse at the end of the evening.

Would you be willing to let us take a peek at your tree, decorations, table settings? We'll have a sign up sheet available in September at the Clubhouse and more details to follow. For more information, feel free to contact:

Pam Wiggin 603-387-3698

Susan Bataille 732-320-5211

Mary Wells 303-886-0009

FEDERATION OF MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS (FMO)

By James Pursley, Plantation Oaks FMO Rep



Hello everyone, it's me again. Hopefully everyone had a great month and a safe and fun 4th of July. How about this weather? Let's talk about something else. Have you ever asked yourself why you moved to a 55 plus community? Maybe it's because most

of the communities have lawn service included in the lot rent. That is a biggie considering the temperature is close to 100 degrees. Another reason is a swimming pool. When I first moved down here, I bought a home in Palm Coast - it had a pool. Let me tell you they are expensive and a lot of work. A little side note, while I was living in my Palm Coast home, I met my lovely wife. When we married, we moved into my home, and she finally asked me "Do you have a pool boy?" Well, I was so happy to tell her that indeed I did. He came once a week and did all the chemicals and what else you are supposed to do. He came on Fridays. The first Friday came, she got up early and waited anxiously. "Here he is", I shouted to her. She looked at me and said, "What?" Like an idiot I said, "what's wrong?" My pool guy was not what she was expecting. He had worked for the previous owner who built the pool and knew what he was doing, so why should I change? He was an old hippie, looked like he was still in the sixties. So much for that.

Back to our topic - when you move into a 55 plus community you have a lot in common already with your neighbors because you are all about the same age. Most of the parks have clubhouses and usually there is a social committee. That means there is entertainment on occasions, ongoing card games, chair volleyball and various board games. This is all done with your neighbors. Most parks are golf cart friendly, and many have golf cart parades. What I like is driving my cart to the clubhouse for evenings of entertainment and not having to worry about parking, traffic, and senseless drivers on the road.

The other reason is the Federation of Manufactured Homeowners. It is a must have to keep us homeowners informed of what changes are being made to the laws that offer us protection. They make life a whole lot less stressful. To join, call or text me James Pursley, your Park Representative. 386-986-9632 or my email is jpinvest129@gmail.com. Better yet, go to fmo.org where you can pay with a credit card. The price is \$25.00 for 1 year or \$65.00 for 3 years. For the first

time in over 10 years, on August 14, 2023, FMO dues will increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00 and \$65.00 to \$75.00 respectively. I will say the dues are cheaper than a pool boy. Until next time stay safe. James

RANDOM PONDERINGS



I had amnesia once... or was it twice.

Protons have mass. I didn't even know they were Catholic.

I am neither for, nor against apathy.

All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy.

If the world were a logical place, men would be the ones who ride horses sidesaddle.

What is a "free gift"? Aren't all gifts free?

They told me I was gullible... and I believed them.

Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and, when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto the freeway.

Experience is the one thing you have left when everything else is gone.

One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.

I used to be indecisive. Now, I'm not sure.

How can there be self-help groups?

Is it just me, or do buffalo wings taste like chicken?

Is the 's' or 'c' in 'scent' silent?

Why does fridge have a "D" in it but refrigerator doesn't?

Why can you drink a drink, but you can't food a food?

The word queue is just a Q followed by four silent letters...

Why is a W called "double-u" when it's clearly a "double-v"?

I did some financial planning, and it looks like I can retire at 85 and live comfortably for 11 minutes.

We all know that mirrors don't lie... I'm just grateful that they don't laugh.



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SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By John Clabaugh & Patty Watkins



Please Note:

- No Social Committee Meeting in August.
- No 3rd Friday Dinner in August.
- Bingo cancelled August 2. Bingo will resume on Wednesday, August 9.

August Events:

August 27 – Monthly Ice Cream Social 6-7 PM

September Events:

September 4 – Labor Day Potluck Meal at the Clubhouse, 4:00 PM. BYOB and Snacks

September 15 – 3rd Friday of the Month Dinner. Chili Dinner at 5 PM and Jazz Band Concert at 6:30 PM. Price TBD.

September 30– Dance 7:00-9:00 PM. BYOB and Snacks. *More information to be posted as finalized.*

Dates Set for Upcoming Months:

If you have questions or would like to help, please contact the chairperson for more information.

October 14 – Tribute to Elvis Show.
(Chair: Gary Watkins 386 986-6245)

October 28 – Halloween Golf Cart Parade and Scavenger Hunt. (Chair: Cindy Easter 618-558-9976)

November 17 – Jazz Band Concert 6:30 PM.
(Chair: Joan Haught)

November 18 – Thanksgiving Dinner.
Details to follow.

December 7, 8, - Plantation Oaks Christmas Tour of Homes followed by a Christmas Sing-A-Long including the 6-piece Windy Winds on December 8.
(Chairs: Pam Wiggins pwiggins14@gmail.com & Susan Bataille 732-614-6784)

December 9 – Gingerbread House Decorating.
(Chair: Terry Johnson)

December 16 - Christmas Tree Trimming & Pajama Party. (Coordinators: Betty Vandermyn & Patty Watkins)

January 27 – Casino Night. Stay tuned for more details. (Chairs: Patty Watking & John Clabaugh)

No dates set yet for the following:

Golf Cart Derby (Chair: Ollie 978-468-3800)

Chili Cook Off (Need Chairperson)

Murder Mystery Dinner (Chair: Deb Pate 912-398-9943)

Wine & Cheese Evening

(Chairs: George & Betty Shaver)



Regular Scheduled Activities:

Water Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 10 AM

Line Dancing: On HOLD until September

Bingo: Resuming Wednesday, Aug. 9, 5:45 PM-9 PM

Shuffleboard: Thursday 9:30 am

Horseshoes: Friday 4 PM

Yoga: Tuesdays, 1:00 PM, \$10.00



CHAIR VOLLEYBALL (Beachball)

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2. June 1, 1980
3. Edward H. White from Gemini 4 capsule
4. 1068 episodes from 1948 to 1971
5. London, England
6. 1794
7. 21 goals on December 11, 1985, between the Edmonton Oilers (12) and the Chicago Black Hawks (9)
8. Caspian Sea
9. Boston Latin in Boston, MA
10. Arctic Tern



FMO MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

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PORA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2023 ALL MEETINGS AT THE PLANTATION OAKS CLUBHOUSE

MARCH 2, 2023 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP – 3PM

MARCH 5, 2023 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING – 7PM
TOWN HALL – 6:30PM

JUNE 1, 2023 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP – 3PM

JUNE 4, 2023 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING – 7PM

SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP – 3PM

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING – 7PM

NOVEMBER 30, 2023 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP – 3PM

DECEMBER 3, 2023 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING – 7PM

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