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## LEFT TO OUR OWN DEVICES

By Joanne Kegel



In July, when we visited up North for 3 weeks, we took a side trip to beautiful New Hampshire for a few days.

We visited my cousins, Nancy and her husband, who built a lakefront house. My contact with Nancy is limited - about once or

twice a year. Usually, we communicate by e-mail. Nancy had a flip phone and didn't know how to text. (She's older than I am!)

When I e-mailed her to let her know we would be up there and would like to visit, to my surprise, she TEXTED me back! I was shocked. So, I responded. She responded, etc. So, we made our plans to visit.

When I saw her, she was so frustrated with her new (used) iPhone. Her son gave it to her, helped set it up, and gave her a very *brief* lesson. Now, Nancy is a smart person. She figured it was time to suck up and join the texting crowd. She has a large family to keep in touch with. They have been after her for years to convert. The phone store helped set her up and also set up password protection. It's such a nuisance having to put in your code each time you want to check things. I don't use it myself. Sync with the car? Forget about it.

She showed me her phone, an older version, and the home screen was actually her camera screen. She has taken many pictures of her feet, the ground, and unknown items by accident. Then she didn't know how to get rid of them. She had trouble just getting into her text. She could open a text to reply to someone who texted her first, but couldn't start a new one. Ughhh! She was ready to throw it in the lake and go back to the flip.

We couldn't help her much. I was baffled with this phone. This is what happens when you try to introduce a telephone that brags it is a smartphone to a person who grew up with rotary dial phones, to say nothing of the party lines we remember as a child.

They did not teach cell phones in our day.

Nancy was finally able to figure out how to send a new text and answer one. Her 13-year-old grandson visited her for 3 days and she had so many questions that he helped

her within seconds. She did learn some things – she can now get out of the camera and delete all those strange pictures she took!!



Lesson learned here: if you need help with your new devices - ask a kid! And don't give a new smart phone to an elderly person for Christmas... unless they ask for one.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL!**



## PLANTATION OAKS RESIDENT ASSOCIATION

By Elizabeth Vandermyn, President



Hello Plantation Oaks! Here it is - December again - and the holidays will soon be upon us! My, how time flies. Just a few reminders and updates for PORA.

December 3, 2023, is our last Quarterly PORA meeting for this year. It will be at 7 PM. At 6:30 PM, prior to the board meeting, there will be a Membership Meeting in which the Nominations Committee will take nominations from the floor for the PORA board elections coming up in January. There are two positions currently open. After adjournment of the membership meeting, we will move forward with the Quarterly Board meeting. Please remember that if you wish to nominate someone from the floor, you must be a PORA member in good standing, as well as the resident you are nominating. The nominee must also be present to accept the nomination in person. If you are planning on attending and voting in the election in January, all dues from 2023 must be paid in full by December 22, 2023. You cannot vote if 2023 dues are not paid.

An update on the Statutory Committee: The PORA statutory committee did meet with management on October 27, 2023. We will share the outcome at the December 3 meeting along with the minutes of that meeting. All and all, we all felt it was a good meeting with sharing of ideas.

With the Christmas Season upon us, Plantation Oaks Resident Association wishes all our residents the happiest, fun and safest of holidays celebrating with friends and family.



## CHRISTMAS COOKIES

By Chef Kevin Gallagher, MS, CEC



The origin of Christmas cookies lies ages ago, in solstice rituals conducted long before Christmas became the huge commercial holiday it is today. Winter solstice festivals have been held for eons. From Norway to West Africa, Ireland to India, groups of people gathered to celebrate the changing of the seasons. By the middle ages, the Christmas holiday had overtaken solstice rituals throughout much of present-day Europe. Spices like nutmeg, cinnamon and black pepper were just starting to be widely used, and dried exotic fruits like citron, apricots and dates added sweetness and texture to the dessert tray. These items, along with ingredients like sugar, lard, and butter, would have been prized as expensive delicacies by medieval cooks. Only on the most important holiday could families afford treats like these. And unlike pies or cakes, cookies could be easily shared and given to friends and neighbors. Our modern Christmas cookies date back to these medieval gifts.

Though cookies have come a long way since medieval times, some things haven't changed. Many Christmas cookies are still heavily spiced. We think of "traditional" Christmas flavors like cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger, and those are exactly the same spices medieval cooks would have used in their cookies ages ago. Gingerbread is a classic Christmas cookie, and yet it's also a cookie that would have tasted strikingly similar back in the middle ages. Ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg and mace combine to make a snappy, spicy taste, just like they would have back then. And gingerbread uses molasses as a sweetener, something that medieval cooks would appreciate as refined sugar was so expensive. These cooks would not have made gingerbread men, however. The first person to try that was none other than Queen Elizabeth I of England, who had the cookie molded into the shapes of her favorite courtiers.

Today's cookies demonstrate the great influence of many different cultures. Every family has their favorite holiday cookies that they have been eating with their families for decades. What are yours?

Here are two of mine!

### Crispy Gingersnaps

Yield: 40 ginger snaps



### **Ingredients:**

2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 tbsp. ground ginger powder  
1 tsp baking soda  
1 tsp ground cinnamon  
1/4 tsp ground cloves  
1/4 tsp salt  
2/3 cups butter  
3/4 cups sugar  
1/2 cup packed brown sugar  
1 large egg  
1 tsp vanilla  
1 tsp cider vinegar  
3 Tbsp. crystallized ginger, cut into small dice

### **Instructions:**

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. In the bowl of an electric mixer with a paddle attachment, beat butter and sugars until creamy and lightened in color, about 3 minutes.
3. Add egg and mix for one minute. Scrape down sides, add vanilla and vinegar, and mix for one minute. Add dry ingredients in three batches, until just combined, do not over mix.
4. Using a rubber spatula, fold crystallized ginger into mix.
5. Form dough into a log on parchment or wax paper and roll into a log. Refrigerate for at least one hour (or you can freeze them at this point and bring out for a later date). Cut cookie dough log into 1/4" coins. Place on baking sheet about 1 inch apart.
6. Bake 9-11 minutes until golden brown. Let rest for 4 minutes and then using a thin spatula, move cookies carefully to a cooling rack. Let cool completely.
7. Store in a metal tin or plastic container for up to 3 weeks, or freeze.

### **Gingerbread Amaretti Cookies (gluten-free)**

The classic Italian cookie gets a new gingerbread twist. Don't overbake—they should be slightly chewy.

Yield: 2 dozen

### **Ingredients**

1 can almond paste, (8 ounces)  
3/4 cup sugar  
1 tablespoon baking cocoa  
1 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 Dash ground cloves  
2 large egg whites, room temperature  
2 tablespoons molasses



1 cup pearl or coarse sugar

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375°. Crumble almond paste into a food processor; add sugar, baking cocoa and spices. Pulse until combined. Add egg whites and molasses, process until smooth.
2. Drop by tablespoonfuls into pearl sugar; roll to coat. Place 2 in. apart on parchment-lined baking sheets. Bake until set, 10-12 minutes. Cool for a couple minutes before removing from pans to wire racks. Store in an airtight container.



## HOW KEVIN AND I MET

By Kathy Gallagher



The way Kevin and I met has become sort of a joke. We actually met twice. The first time we met at Mercyhurst College in Erie, PA. Kevin was in the nursing program, I was majoring in Foods and Nutrition. We both needed to take Organic Chemistry, so it happened that we enrolled in the same class. The unimaginative professor seated us in alphabetical order, so Kathy Darling was seated next to Kevin Gallagher! We were also assigned to the same study group. We soon discovered that we shared a birthday, and our mothers went to high school together! I graduated and moved away from Erie, while Kevin completed his studies.

Fast forward 3 years... I returned to Erie. I loved to ski and would go with anyone who was headed to the local ski area. I convinced my friend to go one night. Her second time down the slope she was collided into, and hurt her wrist, so she retired to the bar. I continued to ski. When I came in to join her, she pointed to a bearded guy and said, "I think you know him". It was Kevin Gallagher. We talked and skied and talked some more. We started going skiing together on weekends. He told me he was going to join the Navy when he graduated and move to San Diego, CA. Well, I'd already had one long distance relationship (that didn't go well) so I wasn't looking for another. We always had a lot of fun together, so when he was getting ready to leave for California, I decided to join him on the drive. We had a great trip, and several misadventures, along the way.

When we (finally) got to San Diego, and he moved into his quarters, he took me to the airport. It was a bittersweet goodbye for me. I figured he would be meeting all kinds of cute nurses and that would be it for me. We continued to correspond, as we had many mutual friends. Kevin came back to Erie for Christmas. All of a sudden, he is telling me how much he missed me! I said we needed to keep it at friends.

On Valentine's Day, he sent me two dozen beautiful red roses and said he would call me that night. Imagine my surprise when he said he wanted me to come to San Diego with him, and then he proposed!! Well, I said yes because I was really missing him. One year later, on Valentine's Day, we were married in the college chapel. We have travelled the world together with the Navy and we are still having fun, and misadventures, 43 years later!



### SAVE THE DATE Christmas Tree Pajama Party Saturday, December 16, 2023 6-10 PM



- Music by Pyramid Disc Jockey from 6:30-9:30 PM. Christmas music & dance music for all to enjoy.
- Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be in attendance.
- Light food, snacks, and nonalcoholic beverages. BYOB
- Reindeer games, snowball fight and just lots of fun

Details being finalized and will soon be available. Check your emails and social bulletin board at the clubhouse for updates.



## A TALE OF TWO CASTAWAYS

By Jeanie Scionti



December 2023 and we are back at Plantation Oaks. Unfortunately, while in Massachusetts for the summer, we neither saw nor heard from our northern friends. Now I am getting Christmas cards with their regrets that we didn't get back to New England. I guess my Christmas letter of last year

is still ringing in their ears.

Here is last year's letter: (the pandemic and other issues kept us from going home for almost three years!)

December 2022

Hello Family and Friends.

Everyone keeps asking me if we are back home in Massachusetts. Yesterday, I was listening to the lyrics of the old television show, "Gilligan's Island." Today, I rewrote the lyrics to give you an idea of our situation.

### "A Tale of Two Castaways"

Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale,  
A tale of a fateful trip,  
That started from a New England state,  
In a van, not a ship.

The mate was a willing passenger.  
The skipper brave and sure.  
The two set course on a cold bright day,  
For a six-month tour...a six-month tour.

The trip started out as it always did.  
The winter home secured.  
The Florida manse was a perfect spot,  
A warmer climate...for sure.

Now this is the tale of two castaways,  
They've been here a long, long time.  
While trying to make the best of things,  
It's still an uphill climb.

Two years later, still stuck down here,  
Our future, still unsure.  
But in the spring of the coming year,  
A rescue we hope for.

We wish you all a holiday,  
That is wonderful and bright.  
May all the joys this season brings,  
Make everything just right!

In my Christmas cards to friends in Massachusetts this year, I will let everyone know that we did get home this

past summer, but instead of rehashing the particulars of that sojourn in a letter, I will ask them to go online and read my August and September essays in the "The Pop" which says it all!

I look forward to their replies while I finally relax and enjoy the sunshine and Christmas holiday at home here in Flagler Beach.

Our warmest wishes for a joyous holiday season!



By Rich Bencal



Welcome back to the snowbirds who have returned to date. Our weather has got cooler, our daylight shorter but our community remains a great place to call home. Now sit back and try to answer this month's trivia questions. Good luck and Best wishes for a great

Holiday season to all!

### QUESTIONS:

1. When was the Ford Model T first introduced?
2. How much does one cubic foot of gold weigh?
3. What was the first movie shown at the White House?
4. What year did the Salvation Army "Christmas Kettle" begin?
5. How wide is the widest point in the Grand Canyon?
6. What is the largest saltwater lake in the world?
7. Before going into space what food are Astronauts not permitted to eat?
8. How many clocks are in a typical Las Vegas casino?
9. How many dimples on a golf ball?
10. Who invented scissors?

Answers elsewhere in the POP.

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By James Pursley, Plantation Oaks FMO Rep



Hello, I hope everyone had a great month. Is it just me or did I detect a slight drop in the temperature for a short time?

Several months ago, my dog was looking out the front window and barking. You are wondering what is unusual about this, because she usually stands on the sofa and barks out the back window. Okay, my windows are closed so no noise patrol here. Then I noticed my cat looking out the front window also. He is an inside cat so no cat patrol here either. I looked out the front window to see what was stirring their interest and discovered what the attraction was - a squirrel. Yes, that's right, a squirrel sitting on the concrete block wall along side of our home. The more I watched him the more I was interested. So now it's the three of us, Ms. Sophie (dog), Dewey (cat), and James (person). By the way, did I mention to you that I am the Park Representative for the FMO. Federation of Manufactured Homeowners? They help us homeowners that own homes on leased land. They are constantly working behind the scenes to represent us. For all of this representation it is only \$30.00/year or \$75.00/3 years. You can get in touch with me, James Pursley, Park Representative, by calling or texting me at 386-986-9632 or email [jpinvest129@gmail.com](mailto:jpinvest129@gmail.com). Or better yet go to [fmo.org](http://fmo.org) where you can pay with a credit card. They help us in Tallahassee where we have a legislative counsel and an attorney to look out for us. We really need them.

Now back to business, I have started watching the squirrel every time I go by that window. I just start thinking about what that squirrel is thinking about. He knows each neighbor. I won't say who, but I have seen one neighbor wave at him when he goes by. I have named him "FMO". Pretty clever, huh? He probably knows he is safer by being in a gated community. Really, I am not kidding. He will sit there for almost an hour at a time. Come on, it's interesting. Don't know if he has tried the pool, but he seems to enjoy watching the cars go as he is sitting on the wall.



I'm going to close for now as I have not checked the wall in a while, and I see Dewey and Sophie heading that way. By the way, I saw my lovely wife, Carol, looking out the window also.



Everyone be safe, take care. Remember FMO when you go by. Don't speed. Speed limit is 18 miles an hour. James

## HOW THINGS CHANGE IN 65 YEARS

Submitted by John Mercurio



- 1966: Long hair
- 2021: Longing for hair
- 1966: KEG
- 2021: EKG
- 1966: Acid rock
- 2021 Acid reflux



- 1966: Moving to California because it's cool
- 2021: Moving to Arizona because it's warm
- 1966: Trying to look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor
- 2021: Trying NOT to look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor
- 1966: Hoping for a BMW
- 2021: Hoping for a BM
- 1966: Going to a new, hip joint
- 2021: Receiving a new hip joint
- 1966: Rolling Stones
- 2021: Kidney Stones
- 1966: Screw the system
- 2021: Upgrade the system
- 1966: Disco
- 2021: Costco
- 1966: Passing the drivers' test
- 2021: Passing the vision test
- 1966: Whatever
- 2021: Depends



### SOCIAL SECURITY

More than 71 million Americans will see a 3.2% increase in their Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments in 2024. On average, Social Security retirement benefits will increase by more than \$50 per month starting in January.



## 2023 BUYERS: LOT RENT INCREASE/ ADJUSTED MARKET VALUE FOR 2024

By Irma Reed



If you bought a house during 2023, your lot rent will be subject to a one-time “Adjusted Market Value”, effective January 2024. This action was explained at the time of buying the house. The lot rent to be paid was presented at the time of the resident application and when you signed your lot rental agreement with community management. It could be one of the following, which includes Spectrum services:

- Value lot: \$1,010.30
- Estate lot: \$1,071.30
- Premium Lot: \$1,098.30

All land-leased manufactured home community owners are allowed to bring lot rents up to a “market value” that they feel is competitive with other communities in the area, only when a house sells/changes owners. As residents/sales agents, we can share that Plantation Oaks is still in an attractive lot rent range for the services included in our lot rent, and quality of the community we live in.

If you bought a house this year, you may question why the market adjustment, in some cases, is a big jump for next year? When you buy a house in Plantation Oaks, you have the right to assume the lot rent that your seller was paying until the end of the year. If your seller was the original owner, their lot rent was probably in the \$700-\$800 range. However, in January 2024, the market adjustment will be applied, which will increase your monthly lot rent to one of the rents listed above. Starting in 2025, and subsequent years, your lot rent will be increased by one of the following, depending on your prospectus for your lot:

- Prospectus 1 - 5% or Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is greater.
- Prospectus 2 - \$10 or Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is greater.

### AD VALOREM TAX:

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We understand that the process of buying a home can be overwhelming. Hopefully, you found this review helpful!

## CHRISTMAS ELVES-CHRISTMAS 2023



We will continue the tradition of Christmas elves delivering gifts and singing Christmas carols to the shut-ins. This will be December 16, (time TBD) followed by golf cart parade and pajama party at the clubhouse. If you would like to donate or participate, please call me, **Deb Pate, 386-986-7987**. Also, let me know of true shut-ins on your street. This is someone who is not well, doesn't participate in any activities at the clubhouse or outside of Plantation Oaks, and basically only goes out for doctor and/or therapy appointments. **Thank y'all for caring. Deb**



*Christmas Come True*  
It's more than a birthday, it's a frame of mind.



By Donna Copeland & Janice Randolph



The boxes placed in the clubhouse this year are for “Christmas Come True”, the nonprofit that serves Flagler County children and families in need. In the past years, Plantation Oaks has been extremely generous in filling the boxes for Toys for Tots. We hope your generosity will continue this year as we support Flagler County families through Christmas Come True. Christmas Come True has been serving our community for the past 14 years and the need this year is even greater. Many of this year's families have special needs children and family members who are ill. We will be accepting donations through **December 8**.

Please consider purchasing a gift on your own or from the Amazon gift register which can only be accessed from the link found on the [ChristmasComeTrue.ORG](https://www.ChristmasComeTrue.ORG) website. You can also purchase gift cards for PUBLIX (they prepare the Christmas dinner for our families), Kohl's, Game Stop, Walmart, Bealls, Ross, Target, etc. These gift cards will enable us to purchase items not received.

Better yet, you can adopt a child and purchase their specific requests. Go to [ChristmasComeTrue.ORG](https://www.ChristmasComeTrue.ORG) and follow the links.

Additional information is posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Janice Randolph and Donna Copeland are both volunteers and can answer any questions about additional support you can give to Christmas Come True.



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## FISH, FISH, IT'S A TASTY DISH

By Joe Cortese



So, what does eating, fishing and Christmas all have in common? Well, not much actually but my good friend and neighbor, Butch Fedewa, and I connected the dots and had a great time in the process.

I guess it all began with a good fishing trip where we caught and released six snook. Any time you can spend a cool October morning in the beautiful back creeks of Flagler and catch six snook, that's a pretty good day and we were feeling pretty enthusiastic. After loading my boat, we went in the bait shop (on High Bridge Road), and we noticed that they have guided local charters available. This is where the plot thickens. Butch asked me if I was interested in splitting a trip with him and I got to thinking, "I've been so good lately" (and Glenda wasn't around to contradict me) so I decided to give myself an early Christmas gift and the trip was on!

It was late October and our day began at a public boat ramp in New Smyrna Beach. Our captain (Justin Brunk of *Everett's Adventure*) already had the boat in the water waiting for us. I got lost so we were late but that's another story. One of the many great things about a charter is all you bring is your food, drink and money. No fishing poles, tackle boxes, bait, etc. and no cleaning the boat or even the fish. He does it all for you. We fished an area I had never been before along a rock jetty in the Ponce Inlet. The captain knew his business. On the first spot, Butch caught a large Cubera Snapper. I have fished and dove for fifty years all through the Florida Keys and the Bahamas and have never seen anyone catch a Cubera Snapper. Butch didn't realize it at the time, but I would consider that the catch of a lifetime. The next several fish were giant Redfish but all too big to keep. Redfish are a slot fish meaning a keeper must be between 18-27 inches with a bag limit of one per day per fisherman. It's not often a fisherman finds himself trying to catch smaller fish, but we were finally able to catch two keepers. Add the Cubera Snapper and we had quite a haul and a memorable day. Two days later, Butch and Sharon and Glenda and I got together for a delicious fish dinner - topping off one of the best Christmas gifts I've gotten in years, even if it was still October.



Merry Christmas to all and to all a good fishing trip!

## IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR ...

By Carol Cerney



One of my favorite Christmas memories is the annual caroling event with our church youth group on a crisp MN December night. No matter that we didn't all sing in tune or that we didn't know all the words – we just sang with Christmas joy & gusto! Our

efforts were well rewarded as homeowners came out on their chilly porches to listen and sing along (sometimes even offering us Christmas cookies).

We're hoping to replicate a little of that memorable joy at the Christian Fellowship on **Sunday, December 10**. We won't have the cold weather or be outdoors-and we'll all be a little beyond teenage years. However, we WILL sing our favorite Christmas carols with joy & gusto! We'll even have the words on the screen so everyone can participate.

So, mark **December 10** on your calendar NOW so you can join in a special time celebrating the true meaning of Christmas with the wonderful timeless Christmas carols. In addition to the caroling, we'll have a special reading of the Christmas story and a time of fellowship and refreshments - maybe even some Christmas cookies.

If you have a favorite Christmas carol that you want to sing, contact Ray Neeb 386-214-7511 and let him know. The Plantation Oaks Christian Fellowship is a non-denominational group where everyone is welcome to learn and grow in their faith of Jesus Christ.

Contact Carol Cerney 507-213-0121 if you have questions.



## BEAUTY TIPS

By Terry Johnson

You can skip expensive face masks and brighten skin with this low-cost alternative: Mix ½ cup of flat beer (it's B vitamins, and yeast and hops dissolve dead, dry cells), 1 egg white (its protein tightens skin), and 2 tsp. of lime juice (a natural bleaching agent that lightens discoloration). Apply the mix to your face and let sit for 10 minutes before rinsing. **GORGEOUS!**





**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- |                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 2 Joyce Popp          | 17 Donald Donahue      |
| 2 Carol Haseltine     | 17 Susan Saloom        |
| 4 Toni Christ         | 18 Michael Merry       |
| 4 Paul Cutright       | 18 Eddie Remondi       |
| 4 Sue Fix             | 19 Cathleen Niedhammer |
| 4 Sue Persch          | 19 Harry Gilman        |
| 5 Russell Akins       | 19 Carol Mahoney       |
| 5 Leonard Gucciardo   | 22 Ron Dungan          |
| 6 Joanne Kegel        | 23 Mary Slick          |
| 7 Marcia Fingland     | 24 Gayle Lane          |
| 7 Fraser, Anne        | 24 Frank Micalizzi     |
| 7 William Holdsworth  | 24 Donald Bettencourt  |
| 7 Edward Kaspshak     | 26 Frank Amaturro      |
| 8 Michael McGeehan    | 26 Sandy Levan         |
| 10 Kathryn St. John   | 26 Lesley Prompovitch  |
| 12 Phyllis Holdsworth | 27 Renee Matteau       |
| 13 Laura Dawkins      | 27 Noreen Bartolotta   |
| 14 Martha Duncan      | 27 Claire Bencal       |
| 15 Mike Smith         |                        |



**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Donald & Lorraine Donohue
- 6 Robert & Vivian Burbridge
- 16 Paul & Nancy Cutright
- 16 Chris & Margaret Girard
- 20 David & Carol Manowski
- 23 Stephen & Ruth Ann Seltzer
- 23 Ron & Judy Dungan
- 23 Gary & Donna Sirois
- 27 Russell & Kathleen Atkins
- 31 Robert & Pamela Linton



*We try hard to get it right. However, if we have missed your birthday or anniversary, have the dates wrong or name misspelled, please contact [dbmatlock@live.com](mailto:dbmatlock@live.com)*

**Happy 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday Matty!**



October 27, 2023, Matt Montemarano celebrates his 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday with his Pool (billards) buddies. Left to Right: Jim McNeil, Bob Luz, Ollie Davey, Matt Montemarano, Bob McNamara and Ray Neeb (middle).

**FALL FESTIVAL Dance**  
*September 30, 2023*



## SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By John Clabaugh & Patty Watkins



Join us for our Social Committee meetings the first Monday of each month at 2 PM. We need some new ideas. Everyone is welcome.

### DECEMBER Events:

**December 2** - Breakfast (Ladies Cook Team) 8:30AM

**December 8** - Christmas House Tours. Sponsored by Pam Wiggins, Susan Bataille and Mary Wells. Golf cart rides to participating homes will be available beginning at 5:15 PM

**December 8** - Christmas Sing-along with the Windy Woods with Betty Lou Cranston as vocal director. After house tours.

**December 8** - Gingerbread house decorating 10 AM-12 Contact Terry Johnson for more info: 609-876-0837

**December 14** - Ladies Annual Christmas Luncheon. Tickets required.

**December 16** -

- **Christmas Elves to Shut-Ins.** See info elsewhere in this POP.
- **Golf Cart Parade 5:30**
- **Christmas PJ Party 6-10 PM.** Tickets available-watch clubhouse bulletin board for details. Music by Pyramid DJ 6:30-9:30PM. Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus will be there!



**December 31**-New Year's Eve 7-12:15 PM. Music with Steve Tonya 9-12:15 PM. Appetizers, Prices TBD. Certified Executive Chef Kevin Gallagher will lead in the preparation of food for this event which includes appetizers, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, entertainment, and dessert for \$20 for PORA members and \$22.00 for non-PORA.

### Mark your Calendars for February 10, 2024.

Wine & Cheese Evening 7-9 PM. Bring your own bottle to share. (Chairs: George & Betty Shaver)

### Regular Scheduled Activities:

**Breakfast:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month.

**Dinner:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month.

**Coffee & Donuts:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month

**Water Aerobics:** Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10AM

**Chair Volleyball:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month 1 PM in the Clubhouse, December 14 & 28.

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

**Line Dance Classes:** Wednesdays at 1:00 PM

1:00 – 1:30 PM: Beginners Lessons

1:30 – 2:30 PM: More than the Basics Lessons.

All Are Welcome to Stay!!

**Bingo:** Wednesday 5:45 PM - 9:00 PM

Doors open at 5:45 Bingo begins promptly at 6:30

*Check out the calendar of events on [ourpora.org](http://ourpora.org). There are many card games and other activities that you might enjoy*



### CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY CARDS – FREE DELIVERY

Cathleen Niedhammer will provide free delivery of your holiday cards within Plantation Oaks again this year. *(Thank you Cathleen!)* The drop box will be available in the clubhouse as soon as the Christmas tree is put up, which was scheduled for the day after Thanksgiving. The last morning to drop your cards for delivery will be December 19. Interested in helping?

Contact Cathleen: text/call 207-838-2459 or email: [cathleenn62@gmail.com](mailto:cathleenn62@gmail.com).

save the date



gingerbread house decorating

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH AT THE CLUBHOUSE!**  
**10 A.M. TILL 12 NOON.**



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ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT TERRY JOHNSON 609-876-0837





**LOCAL HOLIDAY  
EVENTS**

**Dec 3-Flagler Bch Parade**  
2:00 pm A1A, N6th to S6th St.  
See skydiving Santa


**Dec 9-Palm Coast Yacht  
Club Holiday Boat Parade 6-**  
8:30pm Intercoastal Waterway

**Dec 16-Starlight Parade,**  
11am, Belle Terre Pkwy,  
Palm Coast

**St Augustine Nights of  
Lights**-runs thru 1/31/24  
Downtown

See local papers and websites  
for more info.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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1. October 1, 1908
2. Approximately 1200 pounds
3. Birth of a nation
4. 1891 in San Francisco, CA
5. Approximately 18 miles
6. Caspian Sea
7. Beans
8. None
9. 336
10. Leonardo Da Vinci



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**PORA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
SCHEDULE FOR 2023/24.**

**All Meetings at the Plantation Oaks Clubhouse.**

**DECEMBER 3, 2023**

- **MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 6:30 PM**  
Nominations For Directors
- **QUARTERLY MEETING – 7 PM**

**JANUARY 21, 2024 - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING – 7 PM**



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