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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM

### THE TURTLE TRAIL!

(See article inside this POP)



*From top left to clockwise: Pablo, Winged Victory, Max, Tiff, See (back view), See (front view), Garfield, Bessie, Vincent.*

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## THE TURTLE TRAIL

*Submitted by Jo Kegel (see cover)*



You may have noticed that there are turtles amoung us in our county, where they are both cherished and protected.



While there are many real turtles, colorful fiberglass sculptures can also be found in various locations. The FC3 Turtle Trail is a community sculpture project using the Loggerhead sea turtle as the model. They can be found in many areas throughout Palm Coast and the Flagler Beaches.

Our region's most iconic public art project doubles as a scavenger hunt that families can enjoy together. The Flagler County Cultural Council's Turtle Trail showcases 22 large fiberglass turtles, each uniquely painted and placed in parks and other public spaces. The turtles, which are created by a fiberglass artist in Nebraska and shipped to Flagler Beach for design, are a tribute to the large Loggerhead species found along the coast.

What began as a single turtle unveiled in 2018 is now a trail of 22, the last of which was dedicated on August 21, 2024. Go to [visitflagler.com](http://visitflagler.com) and click on Public Art Trail to view or download the printable guide. You can seek out the turtle painted to resemble the cartoon character Garfield or track down the turtles designed like Vincent Van Gogh's "Cafe Terrace at Night" or Claude Monet's water lilies. You'll walk away creatively inspired and will see much of Palm Coast and the Flagler Beaches' beautiful scenery along the way. Plan a fun day of hunting for the turtles with your holiday guests, young and old.

**The Turtle Trail consists of the following:**

**GUSTAV** – Hammock Dunes

(2 Camino Del Mar, Palm Coast)

**SEE TURTLE** – Tomoka Eye Center

(21 Hospital Dr, Palm Coast)

**JULES** – Mala Compra Park

(115 Mala Compra Rd, Palm Coast)

**LOUIS** – Beach Haven Community

(25 Beach Haven Way, Palm Coast)

**NORMAN** – Flagler County Health Department

(301 Dr. Carter Blvd, Bunnell)

**BEVERLY** – Beverly Beach Town Hall

(2735 N. Ocean Shore Blvd, Flagler Beach)

**ALICE** – Flagler County Public Library

(2500 Palm Coast Pkwy NW, Palm Coast)

**JOURNEY** – Flagler County Government Services Building (1769 E. Moody Blvd Bldg #2, Bunnell)

**WINGED VICTORY** – Kim C. Hammond Justice Center, (1769 E. Moody Blvd Bldg #1, Bunnell)

**NANCY MARIE (Nancy Lopez)** – Palm Harbor Golf Club (20 Palm Harbor Dr., Palm Coast)

**VINCENT (Van Gogh)** – Palm Coast Community Center, (305 Palm Coast Pkwy NE, Palm Coast)

**BESSIE** – Flagler Beach Historical Museum (207 S. Central Ave, Flagler Beach)

**GARFIELD** – Palm Coast Historical Society in Holland Park (18 Florida Park Dr. N, Palm Coast)

**QUILTY** – Waterfront Park

(Waterfront Park Dr. and Colbert Ln, Palm Coast)

**NADIA** - Palm Coast City Hall

(160 Lake Ave, Palm Coast)

**PABLO** – Old Kings Elementary School

(301 Old Kings Rd S, Flagler Beach)

**MARC-SEA** – Grand Haven Residential Community (2001 Waterside Pkwy, Palm Coast)

**TIFF** – Long Creek Nature Preserve (1050 Palm Harbor Pkwy, Palm Coast)

**CLAUDE** – Palm Coast Town Center (1500 Central Ave, Palm Coast)

**GRANT** – Central Park at Town Center (975 Central Ave, Palm Coast)

**RENNY** – Intracoastal Bank

(1290 Palm Coast Pkwy NW, Palm Coast)

**MAX- (Peter Max)**, Marineland Dolphin Adventure (9600 N. Oceanshore Blvd, Marineland)

*(Sources: VisitFlagler.com, 931Coast.com, Cover Photos from Palm Coast Arts Counsel)*



*It must be Christmas in Maine!*

**PLANTATION OAKS RESIDENTS  
ASSOCIATION (PORA)  
PORA BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> AT 7:00PM**

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR  
BOARD MEMBERS!**



Everyone is invited to attend the final board meeting of the year. These meetings keep our members informed about the accomplishments of our wonderful committees and provide insights into future events. We'd like to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to all our committee chairs and members for their efforts in making Plantation Oaks a better place to live and play

As we approach 2025, we warmly invite all members to get involved—whether by joining a committee or by submitting your name to serve on our board. There are three open board positions, one of which is for Treasurer. This role requires some bookkeeping knowledge or strong math skills, and we will provide on-the-job training. Lenny Gucciardo and Cindy Bowen are currently seeking board applicants, but any board member can help answer your questions about time commitments. Board applications are available in the club house and can be downloaded from our website at [www.ourpora.org](http://www.ourpora.org). Let 2025 be a year of involvement and commitment.

*Rosi Reese, President PORA*

## GOODBYE, KMART SHOPPERS

*Submitted by John Mercurio*



The last full-scale Kmart in the continental US recently closed in Bridgehampton, New York. This event marked the end of an era for the once-iconic retailer.

Known for its "Blue Light Specials"—flash discount announcements—and celebrity partnerships, the chain

struggled over the years to compete with Walmart, Target, and online retailers.

Founded in 1899 as SS Kresge, the first Kmart branch opened in 1962. It was a pioneer in discount retailing. At its peak in the 1980s, annual revenues exceeded \$36B with over 2,000 stores. By 1986, the store was the second-largest retailer behind Sears. Kmart eventually filed for bankruptcy in 2002 and again in 2018, primarily due to mismanagement, unsuccessful acquisitions, outdated store locations, and a failure to adapt to the rise of online shopping. After merging with Sears in 2005, both brands suffered losses, and Kmart's remaining stores gradually closed. Only a small Kmart outlet in Miami, and a few locations in Guam and the US Virgin Islands, remain.

*Editor Dana's Note: As a young mother of four in the 60's, Kmart was my go-to store for Christmas gift layaways. We didn't have credit cards back then so I paid as much as I could each week until they were paid off and I could bring them home – ahh-memories.*



The first store of Kmart in Garden City. Picture dated March 1962. *Free Press Archives*

## LOCAL HOLIDAY EVENTS

**2024**

### FANTASY LIGHTS FEST

**Dec. 1 - Dec. 30, Central Park  
Palm Coast, Nightly 6:30-9PM  
Animated displays, music, more**

**FIRST FRIDAY Dec. 6, Flagler  
Beach, Veterans Park 5:30-9PM.**

### HOLIDAY AT THE BEACH PARADE 2024. Dec 7,

**AIA Flagler Bch. See Santa  
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Parade Route: N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. to So. 6<sup>th</sup>**

**STAR LIGHT PARADE Dec 14  
Central Park Town Center, Palm  
Coast. 3PM activities, parade at  
6PM. *Source: visitflagler.com***





## FIRST CHRISTMAS IN FLORIDA

By Rosi Reese



Christmas 1968 was a long time ago. But for me, I will never forget my first Christmas in Florida. This was the first time I was not in N.Y. with my



family, but I was determined to have an old fashion Italian holiday dinner. Miami was not the Miami it is today. Publix was not what it is today. In 1968, making lasagna meant driving all the way to an Italian specialty store in North Miami just to buy ricotta cheese. It wasn't just the limited availability of Italian food that was different; the weather was, too. In New York, people prayed for a white Christmas. In Miami, they prayed their air conditioner was working! With temperatures hitting 90 degrees in December, it didn't exactly feel like Santa was on his way. That was 56 years ago, and things have changed in Florida, yet



Christmas - the reason for Christmas and the spirit of Christmas - is the same as it always was. No matter how hot the 25<sup>th</sup> may be this year, may we all enjoy a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.**

## MY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY

By Jeanie Scionti



I was born at 12:15 am on December 26th, in a very old ten bed hospital on the then, rural Long Island. Because there were no beds available, my mother and her newborn were relegated to an attic room...at least it wasn't a 'stable.'



Over the next number of years, I started to notice that if someone saw my birthday in print, they would always look up at me with a smile and say, "Too bad," or "gee, that stinks!" Oh, and then there was, "You were cheated." I did feel cheated for a long time.

Every year on Christmas morning, my mother would ask me, before I opened any gifts, "Which present do you want on your birthday?" Talk about feeling gypped! I cannot remember ever having an actual gift wrapped in 'birthday themed' paper. As for a party or a cake, forget about it! All the kids were too busy playing with their new toys while the grownups were preparing leftovers for a second Christmas meal.

Okay, that was my sad story until 1966 when I met and started dating my future husband. It was Christmas time and Thomas, coming from a very large extended family, wanted to introduce me to his many relatives. Every year, everyone in the 'clan' would assemble for a post-holiday meal on the day after Christmas.

I remember that I did not even mention my birthday being that this was my first time visiting with these folks.

After enjoying a wonderful dinner with all, and the table cleared for dessert, everyone suddenly burst out singing the "Happy Birthday" song and Mr. Thomas came into the dining room carrying a huge cake with 20 candles on it for ME! I shall never forget that day or all the birthday celebrations with that family in the years that followed.

These days, my children always make sure that their mother gets her 'special' day of recognition, and I love it. Nowadays ... do I feel cheated? Never. To everyone who has a December birthday...

**MERRY "DECEMBER" BIRTHDAY TO YOU!  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!**



## COME SEE THE MANATEES!



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## MY FIRST FALL

By Joe Cortese



So, before anyone gets hysterical thinking I fell and hurt myself—or worse, hurt someone else—let me clarify. I’m not talking about falling down, falling from grace, or even falling in love—all of which could make great topics for an article. No, I’m talking about “fall,” as in “autumn.” Now, you’re probably thinking, “What’s this fool talking about? Surely he’s old enough to have seen many winters, springs, summers, and falls.” And you’d be right—and a little wrong. Let me explain with some personal history.

Unlike most of the good folks here at Plantation Oaks, I’m not a northerner. I was born and raised in Miami, but interestingly enough, I also don’t consider myself a southerner. Most people born and raised in Miami see ourselves as something else, and according to my wife, “we’re right.” My point is, the seasons don’t have as much meaning in South Florida as they do up north. In Miami, things mostly stay the same year-round: it’s hot and humid, it’s rainy, everything grows year-round (especially the mosquitos), and the leaves don’t change color or fall. Believe it or not, I didn’t see snow until I was in my thirties, so I had never experienced the full splendor of fall—and that is what this article is about. For years, Glenda and I had been planning to drive out west to visit some good friends who live in Cripple Creek, Colorado, and this September, we finally did. If that name sounds familiar, you might be remembering the great song “Up on Cripple Creek,” written by Robbie Robertson and performed by The Band. The town of Cripple Creek actually inspired the song and is about two miles above sea level—so when they sing about “up,” they mean “way up.” I’m from Miami, where the roads are straight and the highest ground features are ant hills, so after driving round and round, up and down on the side of cliffs, I was traumatized. I didn’t drive again until we were headed home—but it was worth it!

In my wildest dreams, I never imagined anything like the almost fluorescent yellows and oranges of the white Aspen trees. We arrived at the peak of the color change. Although we saw many beautiful sights on our trip—places like Manitou Springs, Pikes Peak, and The Garden of the Gods—they all pale in comparison to the Rockies in autumn.

So, if you asked me, “What did you think of your first fall?” I’d carefully consider the four-day drive, the mountain roads, the non-stop nosebleeds, and of



course, feeling like I was having a heart attack for two weeks because there’s “no oxygen” up there. And I’d answer, “I now know what John Denver meant in his song ‘Rocky Mountain High,’ because there’s no place more spectacular this side of Heaven.” I would gladly fall again.



By Rich Bencal



Happy December to all in Plantation Oaks. Our weather is getting cooler, and daylight shorter, for a few more weeks. Then it’s time to celebrate the holiday season with friends and loved ones. It is also time to reflect on the past year and look forward - embracing the new year and all its potential. Below are 10 trivia questions pertaining to December. Good luck and best wishes to all for a safe, happy and joyful holiday season. As always, the answers will appear on another page of the POP.

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### QUESTIONS:

1. What is Santa's favorite snack treat?
2. What awards are normally announced in December?
3. What piece of land did the US acquire from France in December 1803?
4. What day in December is National Chocolate Day?
5. What revolutionary medical procedure was first performed on December 3, 1961?
6. Who played George Bailey in the movie "It's A Wonderful Life"?
7. What popular holiday beverage is also called "milk punch"?
8. What is the name of the department store in the movie "Miracle On 34th Street"?
9. In what year did "A Charlie Brown Christmas" first air?
10. What US state is home to the town of Santa Claus?



## DISH FOR HOLIDAY COOKING

### Tasty And Easy Holiday Brunch Soufflé!

By Chef Kevin Gallagher MS, CEC



**I LOVE THIS RECIPE!** This is the easiest cheese soufflé ever thanks to a genius (accidental) shortcut from Jacques Pépin's mom. This recipe can easily be cut in half or even in thirds! You can use one large 6 cup soufflé dish, 4 small gratin dishes (like the picture) or even 12 4-oz ramekins. Just remember to decrease cooking time for smaller dishes. My 4 gratins only took 25-30 minutes, the 4-oz ramekins will take even less time.

"When my mother got married," says Jacques, "she was seventeen and my father was twenty-two. She did not know how to cook, but my father liked cheese soufflé, so my mother graciously obliged. She had never made a soufflé before, but a friend told her that it consisted of a white sauce (béchamel), grated cheese, and eggs – a cinch! To the béchamel, that staple of the French home cook, she added her grated Swiss cheese and then cracked and added one egg after another to the mixture, stirred it well, poured it into a gratin dish, and baked it in the oven. Voilà! No one had told her that the eggs should be separated, with the yolks added to the base sauce and the whites whipped to a firm consistency and then gently folded into the mixture. Ignorance is bliss, and in this case, it was indeed: the soufflé rose to a golden height and became a family favorite. This is a great recipe that can be assembled hours or even a day ahead, and although it is slightly less airy than a standard soufflé, it is delicious."

**Serves: 4-6**

#### Ingredients

6 tablespoons unsalted butter ( $\frac{3}{4}$  stick), plus more for each baking dish

6 tablespoons all-purpose flour

2 cups cold whole milk

$\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon each salt and freshly ground black pepper

6 large eggs

2  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups grated Swiss cheese, preferably Gruyère (about 6 ounces)

3 tablespoons fresh chives, minced

Grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, for coating the baking dishes



#### Preparation

1. Preheat oven to 400°F with a rack positioned in the middle.
2. Butter a 6-cup gratin dish (or 4 small gratin dishes or 12 4oz ramekins), coat the insides with finely grated Parmesan cheese, then set aside. Melt butter in saucepan, add the flour and mix with a whisk to make a roux. Cook for 30-60 seconds, add the milk at once, then mix it with a whisk (it's now a bechamel sauce). Keep whisking until it thickens and comes to a strong boil, about 2 minutes. It should be thick and smooth. Stir in salt and pepper. Cool sauce for at least 10-15 minutes.
3. Break the eggs into a bowl and beat well with a fork. Add  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the cooled bechamel sauce and mix thoroughly with a whisk. Add the remaining bechamel and mix again until smooth. Mix in Swiss cheese and chives. Pour into the buttered gratin dish(es), add a sprinkle of Parmigiano-Reggiano and additional grated Gruyere on top (if desired). You can **cook now** or cover and refrigerate **up to one day ahead**.
4. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes, or until the soufflé is puffy and well browned on top. Although it will stay inflated for quite a while, it is best served immediately.

**Variations:** Add fresh thyme, or smoked salmon, dill, and Emmental cheese, or finely chopped ham and cheddar cheese. Use your imagination!

*Adapted from The Apprentice: My Life In The Kitchen by Jacques Pépin. Copyright © 2015 by Jacques Pépin. Used with permission by Rux Martin/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. All rights reserved.*



There will be a box for donations in the clubhouse for **Christmas Come True**, the nonprofit serving Flagler County Children only, for ages up to 18.

A few items that are requested each year: hoodies all colors and sizes, Bluetooth ear buds, Bluetooth headphones, body wash and cologne sets for male and female, and Kindle Fire. There is a list in the clubhouse with additional items.

Restaurants in Flagler County will have trees with cards where you can also adopt a child and purchase specific gifts for a child.

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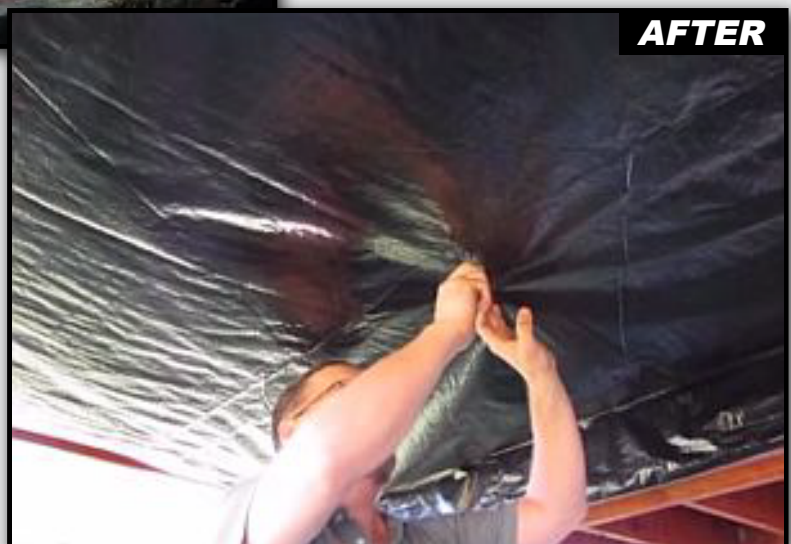
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## AUTHENTIC POLISH DINNER

By Dana Matlock

October 18, 2024, Stan Niedzwieki and his helpers presented a wonderful authentic Polish dinner at the clubhouse for over 100 residents. Everything was made from scratch. Following dinner, attendees enjoyed munching on delicious homemade cookies – by Patty Watkins – as they were entertained by the local jazz band. A delightful evening for all. Our thanks to those hard workers that prepared the food, set up the room, served and cleaned up! The following Polish Kraut recipe was requested by many of the attendees.

### POLISH KRAUT

Serves 10

2 large cans kraut	1/2 lb. pork steaks
1 small head cabbage	4 tablespoons butter
2 onions	2 tablespoon flour
1/2 lb. salt pork	salt & pepper
3 cups chicken broth	

Shred cabbage and par boil.

Rinse kraut 3 times in warm water.

Mix cabbage with kraut.

Cut salt pork and port steaks in 1/4 inch cubes and fry down.

Sauté onions in salt pork and pork steak mixture.

Pour meat mixture in cabbage and kraut mixture.

Melt butter, add flour and cook until butter is brown, and mixture is slightly thick.

Pour over Kraut mixture and mix.

Add chicken broth and slow boil, or less, for one hour – stir to keep from sticking.



## THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Submitted by Jeanie Scionti (Author unknown)

*I have a list of people I know,*

*All written in a book.*

*And every year at*

*Christmastime*

*I go and take a look.*

*And that is when I realize*

*That those names are a part*

*Not only of the book they're written in*

*But of my very heart.*

*For each name stands for someone*

*Who has crossed my path some time.*

*And in that meeting they've become*

*A treasured friend of mine.*

*And once you've met some people*

*The years can not erase*

*The memory of a pleasant word*

*Or a friendly face.*

*So when I send a Christmas card*

*That is addressed to you,*

*It's because you're on that list*

*Of folk I'm indebted to.*

*And you are one of many folk who*

*In times past I've met*

*And happen to be one of those*

*I don't want to forget.*

*And whether I have known you for*

*Many years or few,*

*In some way you have a part in*

*Shaping things I do.*

*This, the spirit of Christmas that*

*Forever and ever endures.*

*May it leave its richest blessing*

*In the hearts of you and yours.*



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## FEDERATION OF MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS (FMO)

*By James Pursley, Plantation Oaks FMO Rep*



I'm back. Hello, everyone. Hope all is well with you and yours. Let's see, we had a hurricane since the last time we connected, and I hope everyone got through it okay. I guess that's just part of living in Florida. Well, the next big thing to hit Florida is going to be my kids. Yep, they're on the way—well, not this minute, but in the next week or so. When I moved to Florida, I made a pact that they wouldn't stay with us and would need to find their own place.

One situation is my daughter, who lives in Georgia with her husband, two huge dogs, and a teenage daughter. This time, I have a plan. Her husband fancies himself a handyman, so Carol and I have a list prepared for him—it's a good one, too! We'll see if it shortens their visit. My son, on the other hand, has a wife and two pre-teen boys. They come straight from the beach without beach towels and manage to bring half the sand back with them. They're good kids, but it's just different having other people in your home. They won't be here at the same time, but as soon as one family leaves, the other arrives.

Please don't take me wrong—I'm not against family or kids. But, like I said, at our age, it's just different having other people in the house. For instance, you've got to put clothes on, lock the liquor cabinet, and throw a sheet over the refrigerator. Oh, it takes me several days to get ready for them.

One thing you don't have to get ready for, though, is the FMO—the Federation of Manufactured Home Owners. FMO is the only statewide consumer advocacy association dedicated to protecting the rights and lifestyle of manufactured homeowners in Florida since 1962. They even have an attorney and legislative counsel on hand. And all this for just \$30 per year or \$75 for three years. It's a service you don't want to be without—the benefits are incredible. To get this “out-of-this-world” service, wave down my “spaceship,” and I'll sign you up for a membership. Contact me, James Pursley, at 386-986-9632, or email [jpinvest129@gmail.com](mailto:jpinvest129@gmail.com). It's well worth every penny. In closing, I really do like my family, and I wish everyone Happy Holidays. I know we're past Veterans Day, but I'd still like to extend a big **“Thank You” to our Veterans for your service.**

Until next time, thank you all. James,  
Your FMO Park Representative.

## JOHN MOLLICA MEMORIAL FALL CO-ED DOUBLES TENNIS TOURNAMENT

*By Tom Greene*



Outlined against a blue-gray October sky, the Fall edition of the John Mollica Tennis Tournament took place. Residents Lynn Ceman and Don Hamel participated, with Don Hamel winning his bracket for the fourth time. Catherine Greene served as head scorekeeper, ensuring accurate records of each match. Spectators included Rita Mollica, Claire Hamel, Ann Greene, Mary Francis, and Dana and Bob Matlock. Everyone is eagerly anticipating the Spring edition.







## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Joyce Popp	17 Donald Donahue
2 Carol Haseltine	17 Susan Saloom
4 Paul Cutright	18 Michael Merry
4 Sue Fix	18 Eddie Remondi
4 Sue Persch	19 Cathleen Niedhammer
5 Russell Akins	19 Harry Gilman
5 Leonard Gucciardo	19 Carol Mahoney
6 Joanne Kegel	22 Ron Dungan
7 Marcia Fingland	23 Mary Slick
7 Fraser, Anne	24 Frank Micalizzi
7 William Holdsworth	24 Donald Bettencourt
7 Edward Kaspshak	26 Frank Amaturio
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	

*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).*



## 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



**Kirk & Deb Dalgewicz** - 19 Tobias Lane



Deb & Kirk have been all over Florida's east coast - from the southernmost point of Big Pine Key / Key West to the Northern most point, Fernandina Beach on Amelia Island. They chose to settle in central Florida - Flagler Beach. They are huge football fans and have traveled to multiple stadiums to see the Patriots - Miami, Buffalo, Cleveland and, of course, New England. Let's welcome them, and their two dogs (Henry 13 and Annabelle 4) to Plantation Oaks.

*We're glad you're here*

## THE ARK ENCOUNTER

*By Bob Gucciardo*



Please plan to join our Plantation Oaks friends and neighbors on an amazing and exciting trip to the life-size Noah's Ark. It is built to the Bible's specifications - with animals and jaw-dropping exhibits inside. Other stops included in this trip are at: The Creation Museum (that takes you on a stunning venture through biblical history); Cincinnati Museum Center (a one-of-a-kind multi-museum complex that is a National Historic Landmark); the Cincinnati History Museum (where you will be thrilled by an OMNIMAX adventure that will take you to places you can only imagine). Following that you will enjoy a BB Riverboat's Sightseeing Cruise on the Ohio River.



Get all-inclusive information about this interesting and enjoyable tour from the Clubhouse Bulletin Board, the Plantation Oaks Residents Facebook page or call me, Bob Gucciardo, at 516-398-2830 ASAP. I will be happy to get the complete information to you.

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## SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By John Clabaugh & Christine Davis



Join us for our Social Committee meetings the first Monday of each month at 2 PM, except when it lands on a holiday. **The next Social**

**Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, December 2, at 2:00 PM. All are welcome.**

We are always looking for volunteers to help with each event, especially for cleanup teams. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

Co-chairs for the cooks' team are John Clabaugh and Frank Amaturio. Contacts for the social committee or cook's team are John Clabaugh 570-772-2499 [jclabaugh7@yahoo.com](mailto:jclabaugh7@yahoo.com), or Christine Davis 508-901-3628 [c.davis16@comcast.net](mailto:c.davis16@comcast.net).

### **DECEMBER EVENTS:**

**December 2 – Social Committee Meeting 2 PM**

**December 6 – Gingerbread House Making event.**

10 AM-Noon. (See info on next page.) Bring your own kit, & something to put your house on, i.e. cardboard or baking sheet. Contact Terry Johnson 609-876-0837

**December 6- Christmas House Tour-CANCELLED**

**December 7 –Christmas Pajama Party**–Pyramid DJ 7:00-9:00 PM. Light Snacks, BYOB. Betty Vandermyn and Patty Watkins. Christmas tree will have been decorated on December 2.

**December 7 - NO Monthly Breakfast.**

**December 20 – NO Monthly Dinner.**

**December 31 - New Year's Eve**

**Celebration** - Pyramid DJ will perform.

This is a catered event. \$30 per ticket.

Ticket sales on Monday December 9,

11AM-12 noon, Wednesday December 11, 10-11AM, and Thursday December 12, 6-7PM.



*Special thanks to John Clabaugh and Christine Davis for serving as co-chairs for the Social Committee and leading the cooks' team for the past year. Their hard work and dedication to the team is most appreciated by all. THANK YOU SO MUCH!*

**New Social Committee Chairperson(s) will be  
Terry Johnson and Cyndi Easter effective  
January 1, 2025**

*Check out the calendar of events on [ourpora.org](http://ourpora.org) website and bulletin boards in the clubhouse for additional activities.*

### **CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP At PLANTATION OAKS**



Come celebrate the true meaning of Christmas at the Christian Fellowship at the Clubhouse on Sunday December 8 from 4:00-5:30pm.

Enjoy the story of Jesus Christ's birth, Christmas carols, goodies, and fellowship.

**The Plantation Oaks Christian Fellowship is a non-denominational group, and everyone is welcome.  
Contact: Carol Cerney 507-213-0121**

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION:** We're sorry, but the Holiday Tour of Homes scheduled for December 6 has been cancelled. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL.**



### **CHRISTMAS PAJAMA PARTY**



**Christmas Pajama Party  
December 7, from 7-9 PM  
Plantation Oaks Clubhouse.**

Remember: Get out your favorite Christmas jammies and get prepared to dance, play silly games, sing and laugh with your neighbors as we welcome in the Christmas holiday season. And, of course, we can't forget our snowball fight! Pyramid D.J.'s will be performing for our listening and dancing entertainment.

Appetizers, light foods, snacks, desserts as well as soft drinks and of course our Christmas wassail.

Please BYOB.

Tickets required.

Betty Vandermyn 860-461-5392 and Patty Watkins

### THE PLANTATION OAKS PRESS (POP)

The POP was started by, and continues to be produced by, a group of Plantation Oaks residents. Community Media prints and ships the completed newsletters to us. PORA supports our efforts by purchasing the door hanging bags for ease in delivery. We publish monthly and our wonderful Block Captains deliver to your door before the beginning of each applicable month.

Editors, Dana Matlock & Jo Kegel reserve the right to edit submitted material for proper grammar, punctuation, content, and length. To submit an article for consideration, email it to [dbmatlock@live.com](mailto:dbmatlock@live.com), or you can drop off a written copy to 4 Tobias Lane or call me at 386-439-3443 and I will pick it up. Include your name and contact number. All efforts are made to ensure accuracy of information contained but cannot be guaranteed. If you notice inaccuracies or omissions, please notify the editor.

### HOLIDAY TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. A HO HO
2. Nobel Prizes
3. Louisiana
4. December 27
5. A heart transplant by Dr. Christian Barnard
6. Jimmy Stewart
7. Egg Nog
8. Macy's
9. 1965
10. Indiana



### SAVE THE DATE!!!

**December 6, 10 AM - 12 Noon.**



Gingerbread House making party at the clubhouse. It has become a yearly event sponsored by Terry Johnson. All you need is a house to build and a plate to put it on. Last year houses were left in the clubhouse to be used as a display for all to see. Start looking for your house. Contact: call Terry at 609-876-0837.



### CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY CARDS - FREE DELIVERY



Rounding up our rodeo of elf helpers for holiday card delivery within Plantation Oaks!

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Any questions:

Cathleen - 207 838 2459



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Quarterly meetings will be the first Sunday of the month: Next scheduled for **December 1, 2024.**



### PLANTATION OAKS

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