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Need a little extra help getting in the holiday spirit? Flagler Beach's Christmas season is a blend of festive traditions and local charm. Visitors can enjoy a variety of events, especially the **Holiday at the Beach Parade**, where Santa Claus parachutes in above your head to kick off the festivities! From twinkling lights to cheery parades, Flagler Beach and Palm Coast have plenty of festivities to spark joy this year.

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2025 CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN FLAGLER BEACH AND PALM COAST

The holiday season in Flagler County is truly a magical time. From picturesque parades to artisanal local crafts and festive culinary treats, the area transforms into a winter wonderland with a coastal twist. Here are some local holiday events to get you in a merry mood!

Palm Coast Tree Lighting Ceremony

November 29, 2025, from 6pm to 10pm at Central Park in Town Center, Palm Coast. The Annual City of Palm Coast Tree Lighting Ceremony returns to Central Park in Town Center with a visit from Santa Claus, kids' crafts, Santa's Village with hot cocoa and marshmallow toasting, and the launch of the 20th Anniversary Fantasy Lights display—a dazzling showcase of lights and holiday scenes.



20th Annual Fantasy Lights

November 29 to December 30, 2025. Nightly from 6:30pm to 9pm at Central Park in Town Center. Enjoy a dazzling showcase of lights and holiday scenes.

Holiday at the Beach Parade

December 6, 2025, from 1-2pm. This iconic Flagler Beach can't-be-missed event featuring Santa skydiving in over your heads to kick off the Christmas parade. Bring your family, friends, and beach chairs to enjoy this beloved community parade rolling down Flagler Beach with festive floats, marching bands, classic cars, first responders, twirlers, pets, and plenty of holiday cheer. Ring in the season seaside-style!



Starlight Parade

December 6, from 4-9pm at Central Park in Town Center. The Starlight Parade will once again light up Central Park in Town Center with glowing floats, marching bands, and holiday cheer. The pre-parade event will begin at 4 p.m. with food vendors and family-friendly entertainment to set the stage for an



evening of celebration. Then, at 6 p.m., the parade will kick off and will Central Park with the sights and sounds of the holiday season.

Palm Coast Holiday Boat Parade

December 13, from 6-7:30 pm. The Intercoastal Waterway will come alive with shimmering lights during the City of Palm Coast Holiday Boat Parade. Beginning at 6 p.m., attendees can enjoy the dazzling procession of boats of all sizes, each one decorated in holiday lights.



New Year's Eve Surfboard Drop

December 31, from 8pm to 1am in Flagler Beach. Don't miss the music, fun, and the iconic Flagler Beach Board Drop at midnight! Make your first moments of 2025 legendary.



MIRACLE ON 36TH STREET

By Jeanie Scionti



We tend to think of Christmas-season traditions as ancient, but most of them are rather recent, born in the 19th century. “A Visit from St. Nicholas” was published in 1823, and “A Christmas Carol” in 1843.

Thomas Nast’s drawings of jolly Santa Claus debuted in 1862. In 1841, Queen Victoria’s husband, Albert, had introduced Britain to the Teutonic Tannenbaum—the Christmas tree—and the idea spread. In the States, President Franklin Pierce put one up at the White House in 1856. By the 1870s, fresh-cut trees were being sold at Washington Square Park and pretty ornaments at Macy’s. But what really made a tree a Christmas tree were the candles. While flickering flames were festive, they were also a fire hazard.



Thomas Edison patented the light bulb in 1880, but his partner in the newly established Edison Light Company, Edward H. Johnson, is credited with putting together the first strand of electric Christmas tree lights.

Edward Johnson came up with a brilliant idea during the Christmas season of 1882. Setting up a tree by the street-side window of his parlor, Johnson hand-wired 80 red, white and blue light bulbs and strung them together around it, and placed the trunk on a revolving pedestal, all powered by a generator.

Johnson’s glowing Christmas tree was visible through his home’s windows and caused a stream of people to pass by his house, intrigued by this new use of electricity.

It was described in an article by William Augustus Croffut, a Michigan newspaper reporter: “Last evening I walked over beyond Fifth Avenue and called at the residence of Edward H. Johnson, vice-president of Edison’s electric company.

There, at the rear of the beautiful parlors, was a large Christmas tree, presenting a most picturesque and uncanny aspect. It was brilliantly lighted with many colored globes about as large as an English walnut and was turning some six times a minute on a little pine box.



There were eighty lights in all encased in these dainty glass eggs, and about equally divided between white, red and blue. As the tree turned, the colors alternated. The result was a continuous twinkling of dancing colors, red, white and blue, all evening.



I need not tell you that the scintillating evergreen was a pretty sight - one can hardly imagine anything prettier. The ceiling was crossed obliquely with two wires on which hung 28 more of the tiny lights; and all the lights and the fantastic tree itself with its starry fruit were kept going by the slight electric current brought from the main office on a filmy wire. The tree was kept revolving by a little hidden crank below the floor which was turned by electricity. It was a superb exhibition.” Johnson’s initial idea is now a tradition. Today an estimated 150 million light sets are sold in America each year, adding to the tangled millions stuffed into boxes each January; it all started with Johnson’s miracle on 36th Street.

TRIVIA

By Rich Bencal



Happy December! The year is quickly ending. Cooler weather has arrived, and the Holidays are here to celebrate with family and friends. I have once again researched ten questions to challenge you. This time the questions are about when and where things happened for the first time. As always, the answers will appear on another page of the POP. Good luck and Happy Holidays!

QUESTIONS:

1. When was the first edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica published?
2. Where was the first US commercial radio station?
3. What was the first licensed TV station in the US?
4. What was the first subway system in the US?
5. What was the first public hospital in the US?
6. What was the first indoor shopping mall in the US?
7. Where was the first traffic light in the US?
8. Where was the first roller coaster in the US?
9. What was the first public beach in the US?
10. Where was the world’s first automobile seatbelt introduced?

RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

Submitted by Anne Mowling



Great story. A man named Robert L. May, depressed and broken hearted, stared out his drafty apartment window into the chilling December night. His 4-year-old daughter Barbara sat on his lap quietly sobbing. Bobs wife, Evelyn, was dying of cancer. Little Barbara couldn't understand why her mommy could never come home. Barbara looked up into her dad's eyes and asked, "Why isn't Mommy just like everybody else's Mommy?" Bob's jaw tightened and his eyes welled with tears. Her question brought waves of grief, but also of anger. It had been the story of Bob's life. Life always had to be different for Bob. When he was a kid, Bob was often bullied by other boys. He was too little at the time to compete in sports. He was often called names he'd rather not remember. From childhood, Bob was different and never seemed to fit in. Bob, after completing college, married his loving wife Evelyn and was grateful to get a job as a copywriter at the Timothy Eaton Department Store, in Toronto, during the Great Depression. Then he was blessed with his little girl. But it was all short-lived. Evelyn's bout with cancer stripped them of all their savings and now Bob and his daughter were forced to live in a two-room apartment in the poorer area of Toronto. Evelyn died just days before Christmas in 1938. Bob struggled to give hope to his child, for whom he couldn't even afford to buy a Christmas gift. But if he couldn't buy a gift, he was determined a make one - a storybook! Bob had created an animal character in his own mind and told the animal's story to little Barbara to give her comfort and hope. Again and again, Bob told the story, embellishing it more with each telling. Who was the character? What was the story all about? The story Bob May created was his own autobiography in fable form. The character he created was a misfit outcast like he was. The name of the character? A little reindeer named Rudolph, with a big shiny nose. Bob finished the book just in time to give it to his little girl on Christmas Day. But the story doesn't end there. The general manager of the T. Eaton Store caught wind of the little storybook and offered Bob May a nominal fee to purchase the rights to print the book. They went on to print, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and distribute it to children visiting Santa Claus in their stores. By 1946, Eaton's had printed and distributed more than six million copies of



Rudolph. That same year, a major publisher wanted to purchase the rights from Eaton's to print an updated version of the book. In an unprecedented gesture of kindness, the CEO of Eaton's returned all rights back to Bob May. The book became a best seller. Many toy and marketing deals followed and Bob May, now remarried with a growing family, became wealthy from the story he created to comfort his grieving daughter. But the story doesn't end there either. Bob's brother-in-law, Johnny Marks, made a song adaptation to Rudolph. Though the song was turned down by such popular vocalists as Bing Crosby and Dinah Shore, it was recorded by the singing cowboy, Gene Autry. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" was released in 1949 and became a phenomenal success, selling more records than any other Christmas song, with the exception of "White Christmas." The gift of love that Bob May created for his daughter so long ago kept on returning back to bless him again and again. And Bob May learned the lesson, just like his dear friend Rudolph, that being different isn't so bad. In fact, being different can be a blessing. A true Canadian story, can you believe this? eh?



What do you call an elf that runs away from Santa's Workshop?
A rebel without a Claus.



Elves are always defending the shape of their ears. They make some good points.



December 5, 6 PM.

Flagler County School Bands And Choruses (elementary, middle and high schools).

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SAVOR THE SEASON: DECEMBER'S DELICIOUS DAYS

By Kevin Gallagher MS, CEC



December in Flagler Beach brings a softer kind of winter—sun-warmed afternoons, citrus blossom breezes, and a festive rhythm that is more about flavor than frost. While the holidays anchor the month, there's a calendar of fun food observances that invite us to slow down and savor.

Here are a few highlights worth celebrating:

- **December 4 – National Cookie Day:** A sweet excuse to bake and share. Try oatmeal, citrus shortbread, or classic chocolate chip. I will volunteer to be your taster!
- **December 5 – National Comfort Food Day:** Think warm grains, roasted vegetables, or creamy soups that soothe without fuss.
- **December 12 – National Cocoa Day:** Stir up a mug, add marshmallows, and share with a friend.
- **December 20 – National Fried Shrimp Day:** A coastal favorite—easy to dress up or down.

These holidays aren't just fun—they're invitations. To gather. To taste. To remember. And to create new traditions that feel just right for your table. Here's my monthly recipe recommendation... bright, comforting, and ready in under 30 minutes.

Lemon-Herb Chicken and Rice Skillet

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into bite-sized pieces (about 1½ pounds)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- ½ onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- Juice of one lemon (add zest also for stronger lemon taste)
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme or rosemary, chopped (or ½ tsp dry) or more to taste
- ½ cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 cup baby spinach or chopped zucchini
- 2 cups cooked rice, your choice, brown or jasmine work well here (warm or room temp)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Optional: grated Parmesan for garnish



Instructions:

1. In a large skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add chicken and cook until lightly browned and cooked through (about 6–8 minutes).

2. Add onion to the skillet and sauté for 3–4 minutes until softened and translucent.
3. Add garlic, herbs, lemon juice and zest (if using). Stir gently for 1 minute.
4. Pour in broth and add vegetables. Simmer for 3–4 minutes until vegetables are tender.
5. Stir in the cooked rice and warm through for 1–2 minutes. Avoid overmixing to preserve texture.
6. Taste and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper. Garnish with Parmesan if desired.

Grilled Pineapple with Honey-Lime Drizzle

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

- 1 ripe pineapple, peeled, cored, and sliced into rings or spears
- 2 tablespoons honey
- Juice of 1 lime
- Pinch of sea salt
- Optional: fresh mint for garnish



Instructions:

1. Preheat a grill pan or outdoor grill to medium-high.
2. Grill pineapple slices for 3–4 minutes per side until charred and golden.
3. Whisk together honey, lime juice, and sea salt.
4. Drizzle over warm pineapple and garnish with mint if desired. Goes great with ice cream!

Drink Pairing: Coastal Citrus Spritz

Serves: 1

Ingredients:

- 2 oz citrus vodka or gin
- 1 oz fresh orange juice
- ½ oz lemon juice
- Sparkling water or club soda
- Orange slice and rosemary sprig for garnish



Instructions:

1. Fill a glass with ice. Add vodka, orange juice, and lemon juice.
2. Top with sparkling water and stir gently.
3. Garnish with orange slice and rosemary sprig then serve.

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NEVER ANSWER CALLS FROM THESE AREA CODES

Submitted by Dana Matlock



Government agencies and cybersecurity experts keep track of internal area codes frequently used in scams. The FCC notes that scammers often spoof three-digit codes that look like U.S. numbers but actually route to foreign countries.

- **232** - Sierra Leone (Frequently reported in one-ring scams)
- **242** - Bahamas (has been linked to scam calls)
- **245** - Barbados (Often used in scam calls)
- **268** - Antigua and Barbuda (A well-known scam area code, sometimes called the 268 scam)
- **284** - British Virgin Islands (Reported in one-ring scams)
- **345** - Cayman Islands (added to the watch list in 2025)
- **441** - Bermuda (Associated with phone scams)
- **473** - Grenada, Carriacouan and Petite Martinique (this code is so well-known that it is sometimes nicknamed the 473 scam)
- **649** - Turks and Caicos (Common in one-ring scams)
- **664** - Montserrat (Frequently used by scammers)
- **721** - St. Maarten (Added to scam warnings in recent years)
- **758** - St. Lucia (Occasionally appears in scam reports)
- **767** - Dominica (Long associated with one-ring scam calls)
- **784** - St. Vincent & the Grenadines (Appears in scam call lists)
- **809, 829, 849** - Dominica Republic (Multiple codes used for scam calls)
- **868** - Trinidad & Tobago (Reported in scam complaints)
- **869** - St. Kitts & Nevis (Recently added to scam-warning lists)
- **876** - Jamaica (Long-standing scam area code)

Note: Scammers can spoof any number, even one matching your own area code. Treat unfamiliar calls with caution, regardless of the displayed area code.

Source: AOL



FEDERATION OF MANUFACTURED HOMEOWNERS OF FLORIDA (FMO)

By James Pursley, FMO Representative



Hello everyone, hope all is well. When you receive this publication a lot has happened. When I was writing this it was at the last minute. I don't know why I wait to the last minute to write my article. There has to be a name

for that and a specialist that will treat me! I will look into it but for the meantime on we go.

As I write this we are waiting for our first cold front - yes 30s and 40s for lows. Veterans Day is coming up soon, and I want to express my deepest gratitude to our veterans for their unwavering service to our nation. Their dedication is truly honorable and inspiring. And then there's Thanksgiving, a time to express our thanks for our lives, families, and all the blessings we have. Of course we can't forget about the delicious food! I asked my lovely wife if she could whip up a turkey sandwich while I'm writing this. But guess what? She said we don't have our turkey yet. Talk about a race against time! Next up, we have the exciting task of decorating for Christmas. And as if that weren't enough, the department stores are predicting that Christmas is coming before Halloween! Can you believe it? We've already started getting boxes out and going through them. Now, let's talk about Christmas lights. In North Georgia, where I come from, some folks have a unique tradition of leaving their Christmas lights up all year round. It's a thought-provoking idea, isn't it? Of course, there are different opinions on this matter. But hey, that's what makes life interesting, right? Anyway, I've had a long day filled with all these upcoming events, and I'm feeling a bit worn out.

Let me tell you about one thing that never tires you out and that is the FMO (Federation of Manufactured Homeowners). This is great and really needed. FMO has been around for a pretty good while, as we say in the South. Try 1962. FMO is a statewide consumer advocacy organization dedicated to safeguarding the rights and interests of Manufactured Homeowners, whose homes are situated on leased land. That's you and me. The price is very reasonable and getting started is even easier. Simply go to fmo.org. You can get the price and pay with a credit card at that website. You can also get in touch with me at jpinvest129@gmail.com or call or text 386-986-9632. FMO is well worth it.

Until next time stay safe and don't eat too many turkey sandwiches! James, your Park FMO Representative





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 Joyce Popp | 15 Mike Smith |
| 2 Carol Haseltine | 17 Donald Donahue |
| 3 Ellen Hack | 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 Peggy Beers | 23 Mary Slick |
| 7 Anne Fraser | 24 Frank Micalizzi |
| 7 William Holdsworth | 24 Donald Bettencourt |
| 7 Edward Kaspshak | 26 Frank Amaturro |
| 8 Michael McGeehan | 26 Sandy Levan |
| 11 Kathy Esty | 26 Lesley Prompovitch |
| 12 Phyllis Holdsworth | 27 Renee Matteau |
| 13 Laura Dawkins | 27 Noreen Bartolotta |
| 14 Martha Duncan | 27 Claire Bencal |



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.



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



Danielle Sullivan – 15 Ashbury Ln.

(No picture available.)

Danielle inherited her home and her cat from her mother, Maureen O’Hara

Meg & Earl “Buddy” Brown – 19 Ashbury Ln.



The Brown’s come to us from South Jersey by way of Philly with their dog Bailey. They are big Eagles fans

Kathy & Don Esty – 27 Claremount Ln.



The Esty’s will be snowbirds dividing their time between Maine and Plantation Oaks. They live on a lake in Maine, so their interests are pontoon boating, canoeing and kayaking. They have family in Plantation Oaks.

Sally Ann Berkstresser & George Cassidy – 113 Habersham Dr.

(No picture available.)

Sally Ann & George call Pennsylvania home but moved here from Arizona. Sally is a software engineer, and George is a retired airlines mechanic. They enjoy motorcycles, the ocean and Florida weather.

Welcome Committee Chairs:



Linda Theriault & Linda Morrison

Images: A Festival of the Arts, New Smyrna Beach, Jan. 23–25, 2026

Images presents more than 200 artists from across North America in a waterfront setting. It's a free festival that attracts 45,000.

123 Douglas Street, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168



January 31 and February 1, 2026: Mount Dora Arts Festival.

Held in historic downtown Mount Dora. Experience 300 fine artists lined along the streets to showcase a vast array of incredible talent in this juried event. There will be entertainment, beer, wine, cocktails, music and festival food to round out the amazing weekend. The event runs 9am-5pm on Saturday and 9am-4pm on Sunday and is FREE to attend.



February 5-16, 2026: Florida State Fair.



It boasts the largest midway in the USA, but its core purpose, celebrated for more than 100 years, is to showcase Florida agriculture and its history. This fair returns to Tampa with twelve days of wild rides, over-the-top fair food, live entertainment, and adventures for all ages. Visitors can also explore Florida's agricultural roots through interactive exhibits and livestock shows. In 2026, the Fair joins the nationwide America250 festivities as America's Sunniest Celebration, commemorating 250 years of U.S. history with special tributes, performances, and red, white, and blue flair! Ticket pricing varies by date and ticket type: please visit floridastatefair.com/fair.

February 7-8, 2026: Annual Creekside Festival.

Princess Place Preserve, 2500 Princess Place Road, Palm Coast, Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, admission is \$10 per person, kids 12 and under get in free. Free parking. Gather under the majestic oaks for this local tradition that celebrates the natural beauty of Northeast Florida. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a variety of music including bluegrass, country, rock and classic hits. Shop rows of unique arts



and craft vendors. There'll be historic demonstrations from a blacksmith, a fur trapper and pottery wheel creations. Kids zone with train rides, pony rides, petting zoo, hayrides, bounce houses. Big food court. Fall festival brews in the beer garden. Explore the Princess Lodge and other historic sites.

March 20-22, 2026: Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival.

One of the nation's most prestigious shows, it held in beautiful Central Park and along Park Avenue in historic Winter Park, FL. The show is produced by a 40-member all-volunteer board and draws crowds of up to 250,000 each year. Free.



February 26-March 8, 2026: Florida Strawberry Festival at Plant City



The Florida Strawberry Festival® rolls out the red carpet to welcome visitors from throughout the Sunshine State and the world. Guests come from near and far to enjoy exhibits of agriculture, commerce, industry, livestock, fine arts, horticulture, and crafts. The fabric of American life is woven into the Festival through social events, contests, youth developmental programs, top-name entertainment, and parades with glorious floats and high-stepping marching bands.

The Florida Strawberry Festival represents a piece of Americana, a time in American history when fairs and festivals brought communities together through celebrations of their harvests. It has continued to grow in popularity year after year through the preservation of this heritage. Central to its focus, the Festival continues to preserve and enhance the agricultural and historical legacy of the Florida strawberry.

February 27-March 8, 2026, Daytona Bike Week.

For more than 75 years, motorcyclists have gathered in Daytona Beach for a spring fling and this year, they're expecting a half million.



A NOTE FROM OUR PORA PRESIDENT

By Gary Watkins



Happy Holiday Plantation Oaks! It is that time of year where residents are requested to consider applying for positions on the Plantation Oaks Residents Association (PORA) Board of Directors (BOD). Applications for

the Board of Directors have been posted (as of 11/7) on the PORA bulletin board located at the clubhouse. There will be three director positions that will need to be voted on with two positions held by present directors who need to run again (the seats held by John Clabaugh and Phyliss Holdsworth both need to run for re-election.) These three directors' positions are three-year terms. If interested please fill out an application and return it to a board member.

Also, remember in order to vote in the elections at PORA annual meeting, which is scheduled for January 18, 2026, your 2025 PORA dues will need to be paid by December 18, 2025.

Sue Kline will be taking over the Christmas elves shut in program this year. Purpose of program is to make visits by Christmas elves to our Plantation Oaks shut-ins that are not able to get out at Christmas time. Contact Sue if you have any donations or gifts. You can drop off at 6 Mornington or give her a call at 904-556-3301. I want to thank Debbie Pate and Rita Lenz who ran the program the last few years.

BEAUTY TIPS

By Terry Johnson

TRY FROZEN SPUDS!



A natural, inexpensive solution to shrink puffiness and diminish dark circles under your eyes is right in your kitchen, and yes, it is the potato! Yes, using frozen potato slices on your eyes can help reduce puffiness, soothe irritation, and brighten the under-eye area—thanks to their natural starches, Vitamin C, antioxidants, and cooling effects.

How to Use Them Effectively

- Slice a raw potato into 1/4-inch rounds.
- Freeze 20-30 minutes until chilled but not rock-hard.
- Place over closed eyes for 10-15 minutes.
- Repeat daily or as needed for visible results.



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

Again, this year a donations box will be in the clubhouse for *Christmas Come True*, a nonprofit that serves Flagler County children only.

This year we will be helping our teens. We are looking for donations of underwear and socks. For the boys we need sizes M, L, XL boxers (not the kind your Dad wore, they like the fitted ones); for the girls we need hipsters sizes 5,6 & 7. The boys are looking for mostly black crew socks.

Both boys and girls need the no-show socks.

Also, here are a few items that are requested each year; hoodies - all colors and sizes, bluetooth ear buds, bluetooth headphones, bodywash and cologne sets for male and female, and Kindle Fire.

I will place a list in the clubhouse with additional items in the coming weeks.

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

We CANNOT accept any stuffed animals – a generous vendor donated all we need.

Also, we are looking for volunteers to help wrap these gifts starting in late November through Mid-December, please consider helping.

Any questions feel free to give me a call.

Donna Copeland - 704 886 7706



Women's Holiday Luncheon

Spill the Tea!

Plantation Oaks Clubhouse

December 11, 2025

*Doors Open at 11:45. Lunch at 12
Please bring your favorite exquisite
tea cup to show off and use. Surely
you wouldn't forget to wear your
elegant tea luncheon hat.*

Must have ticket to attend.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Terry Johnson & Cyndi Easter



We had a productive meeting in November! Here are some of the highlights:

The **Halloween parade** was well attended. Thank you, Joe Dalrymple for leading the parade! Everyone enjoyed decorating their golf carts, seeing the decorations and greeting the residents who came out to watch them go by. The best part was at the end of the route at Betty and Steve Vandermyn's home. They always go all out, and this year was no exception! Fireball samples for everyone! Yeah!

The **Luau and Pig Roast** was a huge success and sold out! Everyone attending had a great time. Food was plentiful and delicious, music and dancing were fun, and the camaraderie was abundant! We would be remiss if we didn't thank **Christine Locastro** for providing the music and leading the evening's entertainment! Thanks to all who helped with the food, decorations, table set up, and final clean up! There are too many people to thank but you know who you are!

November 11th Veterans Day: Our Veterans Day Celebration was very well attended. Thank you to Ed Reese for leading the program and for his moving story about Tibor Rubin. The luncheon that followed was delicious and filling. Thank you to Frank Amaturio, Frank Carl, Cindy Davis, Terry Johnson, and Patty Watkins. Thanks to Betty Shaver and her helpers who set up and decorated the tables and clubhouse. A final thank you to all of the folks we missed!

December 6th Monthly Brunch: more later!

December 11th Ladies Annual Christmas Luncheon: Doors open at 11:45am with lunch starting at noon. Bring your favorite tea cup to show and use and don't forget your elegant tea luncheon hat! Cost will be \$25 per person.

December 13th Gingerbread House-Making Party: This will be at the clubhouse from 10 till noon. Bring your gingerbread house kit to put together or purchase one that is prebuilt to decorate. Sign-up sheet will be posted in the clubhouse. Contact Terry Johnson for questions.

December 13th Christmas Pajama Party 7-9pm: Dress in your best pajamas (optional) and have some holiday fun! Dancing, playing silly reindeer games... and don't forget the snowball fights!! Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be attending so you better be good! Appetizers,

snacks and desserts will be provided along with wassail cider, iced tea and water. BYOB! Pyramid Disc Jockey will provide the holiday music. Cost will be \$18 for PORA members, \$20 non-PORA. Contact Betty Vandermyn for any questions

December 31st NEW YEARS EVE Celebration: Buffet dinner at 7pm with dancing from 9pm till midnight. Cost will be \$40 per person. Contact Cyndi Easter with questions.

I would like to thank all who sponsored events and helped both Cyndi and me this past year. I will be resigning as of December 31st and Cyndi Easter along with Patti Watkins will be our new Social Committee Chairpersons. Please give them your support!

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AT PLANTATION OAKS

We invite you to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas on Sunday December 14 at 3pm in the Clubhouse. Christmas goodies/fellowship will be followed by music, singing Christmas carols and sharing the story of Jesus Christ's birth. Come join your friends/neighbors as we share this holy time together.

The Plantation Oaks Christian Fellowship is a non-denominational group where everyone is welcome to learn and grow in their faith. Contact Carol Cerney at 507-213-0121 for questions.



Check out the calendar of events on ourpora.org. There are many card games and other activities that you might enjoy, such as:



Chair Volleyball: Thursdays, 1 PM
In the clubhouse, rain or shine.
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1. 1768
2. KDKA in Pittsburgh, PA
November 20, 1920
3. W3XK near Washington DC on July 2, 1928
4. Tremont Street Subway, Boston, MA 1897
5. Bellevue Hospital, New York City in 1736
6. Southdale Center, Edina, MN October 8, 1956
7. Cleveland, Ohio August 5, 1914
8. Switchback Railway, Coney Island, New York
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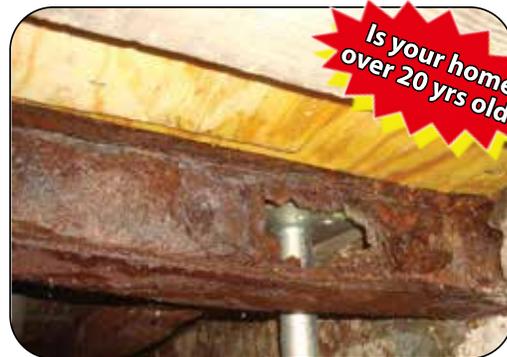
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