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THANK YOU!



Our residents were treated to a fabulous New Year's Eve Party on December 31, 2023. (More photos on cover page.) Pictured above are just some of the volunteers who gave their time, energy and talents to make it happen - Frank Amaturro, Frank Carl, Chris Davis, John Clabaugh, Chef Kevin Gallagher and Kathy Gallagher. Three cheers, and our thanks, to all the volunteers that worked on this very special event!!



## EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION AT PLANTATION OAKS



By Jim Nichols



Whether you're a new resident or an "old timer" looking to get more engaged in community events here, effective communication is more than just words on a page—it's a lifeline that binds our community together.

From the monthly Plantation Oaks Press newsletter to the digital corridors of [www.ourpora.org](http://www.ourpora.org), TV Channel 732, and the Plantation Oaks Facebook group, every channel serves a distinct purpose in fostering a united and informed community.

### Monthly Plantation Oaks Press Newsletter: A Chronicle of Community Life

At the heart of our communication lies the monthly Plantation Oaks Press Newsletter, affectionately

known as the "POP." This monthly publication weaves together the stories, achievements, and upcoming events within our community. It's more than just ink on paper; it's a shared narrative that unites us all.

The POP not only serves as an informational conduit but also as a platform for residents to express themselves. Your stories, contributions, and insights are not just welcomed but celebrated, making the POP a true reflection of the tapestry of Plantation Oaks life. This is an independent publication produced by Editors Dana Matlock and Joanne Kegel. PORA supports this publication with funds for door hanging bags.

**Community Website - [www.ourpora.org](http://www.ourpora.org)**



In the digital age, ourpora.org stands as our virtual hub accessible to all residents. From event calendars to essential announcements, this website bridges the gap between the physical and digital realms. [www.ourpora.org](http://www.ourpora.org) ensures that everyone, regardless of their technological comfort level, can stay informed and engaged in the life of our community. Managed by PORA.

### TV Channel 732: Bringing Community News to Your Living Room

For those who prefer a more traditional medium, TV Channel 732 broadcasts community news, event highlights, and special features directly into your living room. It's a reminder that communication at Plantation Oaks is designed for everyone, catering to diverse preferences, and ensuring all residents stay connected. Managed by Murex.

### Facebook Group: Residents of Plantation Oaks Flagler Beach

In the expansive digital landscape, the Plantation Oaks Facebook group serves as an interactive space for residents. Admins play a crucial role in maintaining a positive environment by enforcing rules that prohibit non-residents, political statements and negativity. This group is a space of fostering a harmonious online community where residents can share thoughts, updates, and connect with neighbors. Managed by Resident Administrators.

### Community Bulletin Board at Clubhouse: Tangible Connection

The physical Community Bulletin Board at the clubhouse serves as a tangible connection point for residents. Here, notices, event flyers, and important announcements take a physical form, emphasizing the communal nature of Plantation Oaks.

Residents are encouraged to utilize this board to share information that enriches community life. It stands as a symbol of our unity, where everyone contributes to creating a vibrant and informed community.

## Periodic Emails from PORA and Murex: Direct Information Delivery



In addition to the primary channels, residents can expect periodic emails from PORA and Murex. These emails provide direct information, ensuring that residents receive timely updates and crucial details about community affairs. Effective communication is a shared responsibility, and these periodic emails serve as a direct link between residents and community management, fostering transparency and understanding. Murex emails are managed by Angela in the office and PORA emails are managed by Dana Matlock and George Shaver. Please contact both the management office and PORA with updated email information.

In conclusion, effective communication at Plantation Oaks is a multi-faceted approach, ensuring that every resident is informed and engaged. From the tangible pages of the monthly Plantation Oaks Press newsletter to the virtual spaces of [www.ourpora.org](http://www.ourpora.org) and the harmonious online community on Facebook, each channel plays a vital role in maintaining the sense of unity and harmony that defines life at Plantation Oaks.

## DAYTONA 500

By Joanne Kegel



In case you are interested, the Daytona 500 NASCAR Race is on Sunday, February 18, 2024, but I hear it is a sold-out event.

I am very excited. We are fortunate this year to have an opportunity to attend the race. I have been wanting to go since we moved here. It is so close by at Daytona International Speedway, dubbed the “World Center of Racing”. I have been a race fan for more than 10 years. I know many of you living here are also.

We have been to 4 races at Loudon, NH, having lived in New England. My driver has been Joey Logano, No. 22-Penske Racing, who is from Connecticut, as we are. He was very young and I followed him since he was just starting out in the lower series. He won one of the races in Loudon that we attended and it was exciting. He has won a Daytona race and 2 championships since then. He’s now in his 30’s and is considered a veteran. There are so many new young drivers that are excellent. It’s like I watched a whole generation of drivers blossom in just 10 years. Everyone has their own favorite.

It is very different being at the race than watching it at

home in your comfy chair, drinking beer, having dinner, and not have to schlep down to the bathrooms from 3 stories up in the stands. The announcers on TV do a great job letting you know what is going on.

When you are at the race, you don’t have that information so you have to pay attention, and have to put up with a crowd. Parking isn’t fun either. But I wouldn’t miss this one for anything. The 500 is the Super Bowl of NASCAR, though it is at the beginning of the season instead of the end! Each year’s winner is considered a “Daytona Champion” in their career. It’s a big deal.

There’s the flyover, the entertainment, and the option of a pit pass or a garage pass to pass the time before the race, and no commercials! You can bring a small cooler with beer for convenience, though there is plenty of that for sale there. Leading up to the Sunday 500, there are Daytona Speed Weeks’ events to kick off the season, including the "Duels", qualifying, and other races. (race fans know what I'm talking about.) I’ll be able to tick this one off my bucket list and say, “been there, done that.”



**DRIVERS, START YOUR ENGINES!**

## THE OLD COOT CAN’T MAKE IT

By Merlin Lessler / Submitted by Daniel Behanick



My wife was down with a cold and spent the night on the couch the other day (actually it was in 2011 but I was too lazy to come up with a new article this week). It caused me a problem of major proportions the next morning. What to do with the unmade bed?

Men are born with a genetic defect; we can’t make beds. We can’t fold either. When we make a bed it looks like a pile of dirty laundry. When we fold a T-shirt, it looks like a wadded-up newspaper. We are bed making and folding challenged - an incurable affliction.

It starts showing itself, this defect, when we are young boys and our mothers try to teach us to how to make a bed. The harder we try, the worse it looks. When we get older, we fight back, “Why do I have to make the bed; I’ll just mess it up again tonight?” It’s a reasoned argument, but it never wins the day. No matter what we say, we still end up being forced to smooth out the sheet, pull up the blanket, align the cover and drape it over the pillow. My bed looked like someone was still in it when I



was done. It didn't matter! I was required to make it every morning. "Because we are civilized people," my mother explained. "What if someone saw your room and the bed was unmade?" I made it and went off to school. Then she came in and straightened out the mess.

I learned a few tricks along the way. I solved the problem when I was a teenager by hiding the sheet and blanket under the bed. I then slipped the bedspread over the top and smoothed it out. Without the layers underneath to mess me up it looked perfect.

So, there I was the other morning (in 2011), an old coot faced with a horrendous dilemma. One I usually avoided by getting up early and on my way. Now I was stuck! My mother's words, "we are a civilized people" haunted me. I found the sheet at the bottom of the bed; I'd kicked it around pretty good during the night. A leg cramp must have hit me in my sleep. I pulled it tight, and then tried to smooth out the blanket. It didn't look too lumpy, so I moved ahead with the top cover. It came out lopsided. When it was even on one side of the bed it hung at an angle on the other side. I put the uneven side where my wife wouldn't see it, covered the functional pillows (the ones we use) and put the frilly (useless) ones on top. It still looked like a boa constrictor was hiding under the spread. I took a step back and squinted. When I squeezed my eyes just right, an image of a perfectly made bed appeared. Santa was good to me! My wife never noticed. Hope he was a good to you this year.

## BEST FRIENDS

By Jeanie Scionti



Valentine's Day and, no better time than to tell a love story. Once upon a time, my daughter took a vacation to Cape Cod with her childhood friend Becky. They were fourteen years of age. They spent their summer days laughing and dancing.

One day as they were walking on the beach, they met a young man who Becky casually knew through family connections. Both she and Jenny fell in love with the then twenty-one-year-old George. Becky was so taken with him, that she wrote a poem and submitted it to "Seventeen" magazine. The editor contacted Becky and told her that they could not publish it but would like to keep it on file.

Four years passed at which time, I applied for a job with the Vice President of our local state college. The interview went well. As I was leaving her office, she called to me and asked if I had a child named Jennifer. I was surprised and answered yes. She said that she had

met my 'lovely' daughter at a dinner party some time ago in Cape Cod. The Vice President then asked if she might have her son, George, send my daughter a friendly letter. I was curious but didn't even think to ask why. I replied, "Of course."

George did write to Jenny and said he would like to meet her at a scheduled art opening at the college. They met and spent the entire evening and next day talking together.

Let's get back to Becky and her poem. In 1992, two months after that art exhibit, the editor of "Seventeen" wrote to Becky telling her that her poem was to be published in their January issue. At that same time, Jenny and George started dating. Here is that poem:

### *Best Friends*

*Oh, the stones of earth slide and jump with Jen.  
Or sometimes they just stay put but are artful.  
I envy her power and grace,  
Her moving and talking ease and flirting abilities.  
"Do you dance?" she can ask a guy perfectly.  
And she envies something about me.  
Like the way I play the piano.  
But when we're together each of us has everything.  
Tonight, we arranged our fortunes.  
We both like George, dreadfully unavailable.  
I say she can have him,  
and I'll visit both of them.  
I want my husband to be like Jen,  
To have the grace I admire and lack.  
And then after the men are gone  
Jen and I will be old together in the nursing home,  
And all senility will make sense.  
We'll still tell what is left of our fortunes.  
We'll still waltz together,  
As I thump through my life.  
—Rebecca Feldman—*

I often think of that poem and the love story of not only Jennifer and George but of Becky's love for both of them. It surprises me how the poem stayed on file with "Seventeen" for four years and then - 'déjà vu' - it's published when Becky's best friend began dating the 'dreadfully' unavailable George.



**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**



## REQUESTED RECIPES

By Chef Kevin Gallagher, MS, CEC



I received many requests for the following recipes from our fun party at the clubhouse on New Year's Eve. I hope you enjoy them!!

### Buttermilk Panna Cotta with Mixed Berry Coulis

Panna cotta is a traditional Italian dessert made with either cream or a combination of cream and milk, plus sugar and gelatin. It is usually molded in small custard cups or ramekins and can be served right from the dish or unmolded. It is sometimes flavored with vanilla, caramel or other flavorings and is often served with fruit or chocolate sauce. Meaning "cooked cream" in Italian, panna cotta is most associated with Northern Italy's Piedmont region but is popular throughout Italy and many other parts of the world.

**Servings:** 8

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 cups buttermilk
- ½ cup milk
- 1 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 packet gelatin powder, (1 ¼ ounce or 1 tablespoon)
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 Pinch salt
- 3 cups mixed raspberries, blueberries and strawberries
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- Zest of 1 lemon



#### Instructions

1. For the panna cotta: Heat the cream, buttermilk, milk and vanilla extract in a heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium heat until milk bubbles form at the sides of the pan, stirring occasionally, about 6 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, in a small bowl dissolve the gelatin in 3 tablespoons hot tap water. Stir until the gelatin completely dissolves, about 1 minute.
3. Stir the sugar and salt into the hot cream mixture. Whisk until the sugar and salt dissolves. Divide into 8 4-ounce ramekins.
4. Refrigerate the panna cotta until set, at least 4 hours or overnight.
5. For the mixed berry coulis: In a medium saucepot set over medium heat, add the berries, sugar, lemon juice and zest. Bring to a boil and cook until the berries burst and the liquid starts to thicken, about 5 minutes. Strain the mixture through a fine-mesh

sieve, forcing the berries through by pushing and scraping with a rubber spatula. The more you force through, the thicker the sauce will be (the pulp closest to the seeds contains the most pectin, which is a natural thickener). Let cool completely and store in the refrigerator until ready to serve.

6. Spoon the mixed berry coulis over the panna cotta and serve.

### Lemon Basil Shortbread Cookies

**Yield:** approx. 16 cookies

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar plus more for pressing cookies
- 1/2 cup chilled unsalted butter, (1stick) cut into 1/2" cubes
- 2 Tbs sliced fresh basil leaves
- 1 ½ tsp finely grated lemon zest plus 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt
- Sanding sugar, (for garnish)



#### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375°.
2. Place flour, 1/2 cup powdered sugar, butter, basil, lemon zest, lemon juice, and salt in a food processor. Pulse until large, moist clumps form. Measure level tablespoonfuls of dough; roll between your palms to form balls. Place on a large baking sheet, spacing 2" apart. Lightly dust the bottom of a flat measuring cup with powdered sugar and press cookies into 2" rounds, dusting cup bottom with powdered sugar as needed to prevent sticking. Sprinkle tops of cookies with sanding sugar. (You can also roll the dough into a 2" wide log, wrap with parchment, then refrigerate. Cut log into ¼ inch wide cookies, then bake as directed.)
3. Bake until edges are just starting to brown, about 7-10 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack; let cool.

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## FEDERATION OF MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS (FMO)

By James Pursley, Plantation Oaks FMO Rep



Hello everyone, I hope you and yours had a great holiday season and I really hope that you put the FMO on your *Resolutions To Do List*. If you are not familiar with me or the FMO (Federation of Manufactured Homeowners), let me introduce myself. I am James Pursley, your friendly FMO park representative. The FMO is the organization that advocates for us homeowners whose homes set on leased land. At this point in our life, we really don't want to be going up against the companies that own the land that our homes are on. Don't get me wrong, I know that it takes a lot of money to run one of these parks. If you consider all of the amenities we get, and the cost of maintenance, then it is a good return on our money. The part that the FMO plays in this picture show is keeping a watchful eye on actions and legislation submitted by the park owners to help keep them between the white lines, so to speak. The FMO has a legislative counsel and an attorney that represents us in Tallahassee. They keep us updated on any and all legislation that would affect us homeowners. Personally, I've been in real estate in one form or another all of my working life. I have never seen real estate prices go up so fast but, for the economy's sake, it seems to be coming back down some. FMO could really use a mind-blowing membership increase to start off the new year. Almost every manufactured home community is involved with the FMO. So let's get Plantation Oaks on the top 10 list. I've always wanted to say that.

All kidding aside, I'm not pushing something that I don't believe in and I'm not trying to sell something that is "Snake Oil." I'm doing it because I believe in protecting our investment in our homes and the lifestyle we have chosen for our retirement years.

The membership cost for all this representation is only \$30.00/year or \$75.00 for 3 years. To get your membership started you can get in touch with me at 386-986-9632, call or text or email me at [jpinvest129@gmail.com](mailto:jpinvest129@gmail.com). Better yet, sports fans, you can go to [fmo.org](http://fmo.org) where you can pay with a credit card. In all honesty, we land-leased homeowners really need their services.

I know prices on everyday items are going through the roof but FMO is something that is good for a year or for 3 years, if you choose. Either way, you will have professional representation in Tallahassee. Think about

it and if you have any questions don't hesitate to get in touch with me - doesn't cost any extra. Going for now, be safe until next time, James.



## PARAPROSDOKIANS

By John Mercurio



Paraprosdokians (Winston Churchill loved them) are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and is frequently humorous.

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you ... but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up -- we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of emergency, notify..." I answered, "a doctor."
11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
13. I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.
14. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
15. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
16. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now

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## GEE BUT IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK HOME!

By Joe Cortese



Per usual, Glenda and I found ourselves wandering up north for the Christmas holidays. We began in Williamsburg, Virginia for a wedding on December 23. At first we thought, “not the greatest date for a wedding” but, in the end, we agreed it was the nicest wedding we had ever been to (except our own of course). We left Williamsburg in time to spend Christmas in Greensboro, NC where most of Glenda’s family live. We had a nice dinner and family gathering at Glenda’s sister’s farm (aka Frances’s Farm) in Brown Summit, NC. We then spent the next week visiting, shopping and enjoying the beautiful weather. We stayed in nice hotels, ate at our favorite restaurants and, in general, had one of the nicest holidays that we’ve had in years. But still, when I turned the van south, lyrics from an old Simon and Garfunkel song jumped into my head, “Gee but it’s great to be back home, home is where I long to be”. My parents retired and moved to Palm Coast in the 80’s. My Uncle Mike married a native Flagler Beach woman who later became my favorite Aunt Barbara. So Glenda and I have spent a lot of time in Flagler County and had fallen in love with Flagler Beach years ago. When it was our time to retire we purchased a corner lot two blocks from the ocean in Flagler Beach and hired an architect to design our dream, “a stilt house”, but it was not to be so. One afternoon, through chance or providence, we drove down Old Kings Road and saw Plantation Oaks and, on impulse, stopped to take a tour. When Glenda and I have big decisions to make and find ourselves like-minded, we always go with our gut feelings. Before we left the property we knew “we were home”.

I still don’t know if it was the cute little homes, the landscaping, the amenities, the friendliness of the community or just being able to do as much or as little as we like, but Plantation Oaks has given us one of the most pleasant homes we have ever had the privilege to share. So (of course) we love our home, however, that has not stopped our gypsy nature from the wanderlust of adventure and travel. After a while, just like Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz, we find ourselves clicking our heels together and thinking, “There’s no place like home, there’s no place like home, there’s no place like home” in the Oak’s.



## FLORIDA, I REMEMBER YOU WELL

By Rosi Reese



I have lived in the state of Florida for over 55 years and have seen many changes. I remember after the 1970 census figures were released it was stated that we could reach over 10 million residents by the year 2000. We now are the third most populist state in the union and the people keep coming. A few years ago I wrote this poem after hearing people complaining about the ever-increasing population.

### Florida, I Remember You Well – by Rosi Reese

I remember Florida when you knew all your neighbors by face

And I remember fondly the country feeling and all the open space

We didn’t live on top of each other as we do now

We lived on low wages, and I’ll tell you how

The cost of housing and insurance was low, as was that for food

And you could afford the gas just to joy ride if you were in the mood

During the summer months the beaches were almost empty

And you didn’t need large protests to protect an old tree

The state was Agriculture and not covered with cement

And even if you were poor you could afford the rent

People lived the good life, southern style at its best

And as for quality of life – Florida did pass the test

But people came by droves, and they still do

They’ve changed the lifestyle for me and you

Never again will this state be the same

What only remains of my Florida is its name



SNACK JACK - YEAR UNKNOWN




## PUNS

Submitted by Keith Mowling



Puns are funny examples of wordplay - words that have either multiple meanings or sound like other words. They can cause giggles or groans, and once you start looking for them, you'll find them everywhere! Keep reading for funny puns and punny jokes that are sure to make you smile.

- You can't blame anyone else if you fall in your driveway. It's your own asphalt.
- I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.
- I've started investing in stocks: beef, vegetable, chicken. One day I hope to be a bouillianaire.
- I accidentally rubbed ketchup in my eyes. Now I have Heinz sight.
- Did you know muffins spelled backwards is what you do when you take them out of the oven?
- Scientifically, a raven has 17 primary wing feathers, the big ones at the end of the wing. They are called pinion feathers. A crow has 16. So, the difference between a raven and a crow is only a matter of a pinion. 
- I was walking in the jungle and saw a lizard on his hind legs telling jokes. I turned to a local tribal leader and said, "That lizard is really funny!" The leader replied, "That's not a lizard. He's a stand-up chameleon.
- I tried to come up with a carpentry pun that woodwork. I thought I nailed it but nobody saw it.
- Just spoke with Bill Withers and told him "Ain't No Sunshine" is bad grammar. He said, "I know, I know, I know, I know, I know, I know, I know, I know, I know, I know, I know."
- Singing in the shower is fine until you get soap in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera.
- The Black-Eyed Peas can sing us a song ...But the chick peas can only hummus one.
- Then there was the time Fruit of the Loom took Hanes to court... It was a brief case.
- How much does a chimney cost? Nothing, it's on the house.

- My friend said she wouldn't eat cow's tongue because it came out of a cow's mouth. I gave her an egg.
- Once upon a time there was a King who was only 12 inches tall. He was a terrible King but he made a great ruler.
- Ran out of toilet paper and now using lettuce leaves. Today was just the tip of the iceberg, and tomorrow romaines to be seen.
- My friend Jack says he can communicate with vegetables. That's right...Jack and the beans talk.
- I want to tell you about a girl who only eats plants. You probably have not heard of herbivore.
- I was struggling to understand how lightning works ... And then it struck me.
- Six cows were smoking joints and playing poker. That's right. The steaks were pretty high.
- I went to the paint store to get thinner. It didn't work.



By Rich Bencal



Happy February. Once again, I have researched and prepared 10 questions that I hope will challenge your knowledge. This month's offerings are related to the Super Bowl. Good luck.

### QUESTIONS:

1. How much does the Lombardi Trophy weigh?
2. Who was the first singer to perform at the Super Bowl?
3. How much did a ticket to the first Super Bowl cost?
4. What was the lowest scoring Super Bowl game?
5. Who was the first lefthanded quarterback to win a Super Bowl game?
6. What team has appeared in the most Super Bowl games?
7. What teams have never played in the Super Bowl?
8. What was the highest scoring Super Bowl game?
9. Who was the MVP of the first Super Bowl game?
10. What is the most popular food eaten on Super Bowl Sunday?

*Answers elsewhere in the POP*



### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 11 Susan Boyer   | 25 Jeff Williams      |
| 12 Brenda Souza  | 27 Gary Paterno       |



*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)*

### HOW I MET Bill

*By Phyllis Yarina*



It was a cold and snowy Christmas night in Ohio many years ago. The festivities of the past few days - the presents, the Christmas feast and the joyful sounds of carols being played on the piano by my very talented mother were now just a



fond memory. My good friend and neighbor, Marci, possibly feeling a bit restless, called and suggested we go to a movie. With only our legs for transportation, we braved the long brisk walk to the theater. When the movie ended we walked to a little diner that happened to be open on a holiday.

We were totally unaware of the two men in Navy uniforms seated a few booths behind us. As we got up to leave, spontaneously, the two handsome Navy guys followed us out and offered us a ride home. After much discussion we accepted. Our instincts were good because they were complete gentlemen. Little did I know, I had just met my future husband, Bill. At his request I shared my phone number with him. However, at the age of 16, I hesitated, given that he was 21 - which ultimately would cause concern for my parents. Bill returned to Bermuda where he was stationed. (You can still express your appreciation for his service, but just know that his 4 years were spent in Bermuda). I think God took pity on his parents who had one son killed in the war and another having been a prisoner of war. We corresponded until his return and, on a cold and snowy Christmas Day, we were engaged. Do you notice the recurring theme here?

Throughout the years Bill has recounted the story of how that night in the diner he told his friend, Dennis, he knew I was going to be the girl he would marry. Dennis continues to verify this story. The three of us have remained friends to this day.



Well, mom and dad, there was no reason for concern as we have been married for sixty-four years.



### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Steve & Pat Hamer
- 7 Paul & Theresa Halstead
- 10 Joe & Noreen Bartolotta
- 11 Rolando & Magdalena Gonzalez
- 14 Mike & Laurie Struhar
- 14 Kevin & Kathy Gallagher
- 14 Frank & Rita Schafer Jr
- 14 Herb & Connie Schneider
- 18 Mike & Martha Duncan
- 24 Bill & Maude Streett





# SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By John Clabaugh & Christine Davis



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

## February Events:

**02-02 Breakfast** 8:30-9:30 AM

**02-10 Wine & Cheese Get Together** 7-9 PM  
Organizers: George & Betty Shaver. Cheese and Crackers sponsored by PORA, Bring your favorite bottle of wine or drink.

**02-13 Coffee & Doughnuts.** Topic will be Heart Healthy. 10 AM

**02-16 No 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month dinner in February.** See Feb 17 Dinner Dance below.

**02-17 Sweetheart Dinner Dance** – Tina Ciccio Team. Dinner prepared by Cook Team (in lieu of 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month dinner.

\$20. PORA Members - \$22. Non-PORA members  
Dinner 6 – 7 PM

Music provided by Sony and Paul 6 – 9:30 PM

Ticket Sales will begin: Monday, Feb 5, 12 – 1 PM,  
Wednesday Feb 7, 10-11 AM and Thursday 8, 6-7 PM

**02-25 Ice Cream Social** 6-7 PM

## Upcoming Future Events - more details to follow.

**March 15 – St. Patrick’s Day Dinner** – Corned Beef & Cabbage. Cook Team

**April 6 – Casino Night.** Patty Watkins

**April 12 & 13 – Yard Sale**

**April 20 - Elvis**

**Next Social Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, February 5, 2 PM.**

If you have any ideas for future activities and/or would like to volunteer, please let us know. Our next social committee will be held on February 5, at 2 PM. Meetings are the first Monday of the month, except when it lands on a holiday. Please continue to check the website, email, and bulletin boards at the clubhouse for sign ups and posting of new events.

Any questions or comments regarding the social committee should be directed to one of the chairs:

John - 570-772-2499 or [jclabaugh7@yahoo.com](mailto:jclabaugh7@yahoo.com)

Chris – 508-901-3628 or [c.davis16@comcast.net](mailto:c.davis16@comcast.net)

Again, thank you all very much for everything that everyone does for our Plantation Oaks Family.

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



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

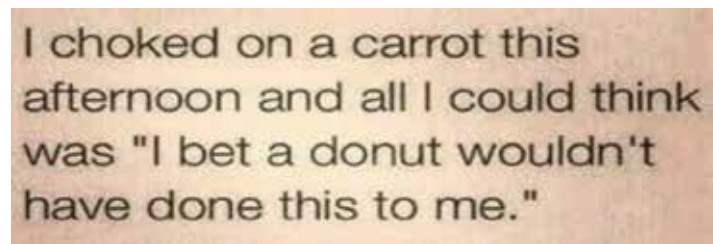


1:00 – 1:30 PM: Beginners Lessons  
1:30 – 2:30 PM: More than the Basics Lessons. All Are Welcome to Stay!!



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

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



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	<b>2 CHEESEBURGER PLATTER</b> ¼ lb. Jumbo All Beef Hamburger Topped with Old English Cheese on a Toasted Bun, Tomato Slice on Lettuce or Cole Slaw and French Fried Potatoes.	60¢
	<b>3 FRANKFURTER DINNER</b> Two Grilled Frankfurters, Heinz Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and Slice of Buttered Bread.	50¢
	<b>4 GRILLED HAM &amp; EGG PLATTER</b> Ham with Scrambled Eggs and French Fried Potatoes, Slice of Buttered Bread	60¢
	<b>5 GRILLED HAM AND FRENCH FRIED POTATO PLATTER</b> Two Slices of Ham with French Fried Potatoes and Tomato Slices on Lettuce. Slice of Buttered Bread.	60¢
<b>HAMBURGER</b>	¼ lb. Jumbo All Beef Hamburger on a Toasted Bun, with Relish or Onion.	40¢
<b>FRANKFURTER</b>	Hot Tasty Frankfurter on roll with Mustard or Relish.	20¢
	<b>THREE DECKER or CLUB SANDWICHES</b> Bacon & Tomato ..... 45¢ Baked Ham & American Cheese ..... 50¢ Baked Ham & Tomato ..... 50¢	
	<b>GRILLED SANDWICHES</b> Grilled Jumbo Ham on Bun ..... 45¢ Grilled Old English Cheese & Bacon Sandwich ..... 50¢ Grilled Old English Cheese & Tomato ..... 50¢	
	<b>SANDWICHES – PLAIN or TOASTED</b> Baked Ham ..... 30¢ Ham Salad ..... 25¢ Egg Salad ..... 25¢	
	<b>ENJOY A KING SIZE</b> <b>10¢</b>	
<b>HEINZ HOT DINNERS</b>	Beef Stew, Chicken with Noodles, Lamb Stew, Beef Goulash, Chicken Stew and Chop Suey. Served with Slice of Buttered Bread.	50¢
<b>GOLDEN BROWN FRENCH FRIED POTATOES</b>	Choice of Hot Soup with Wafers ..... 20¢ Individual Portion Baked Beans, One Slice Buttered Bread ..... 25¢ Individual Portion Spaghetti, One Slice Buttered Bread ..... 25¢ Individual Portion Spanish Rice or Macaroni Creole, Slice Buttered Bread ..... 35¢	
<b>LARGE ORDER</b>	Chili Con Carne with Wafers ..... 30¢	20¢
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It's only fitting that we focus our thoughts and conversation on LOVE for our **February 11 Christian Fellowship**.

We're so excited to have author / teacher / neighbor, **Rosi Reese**, to lead us in a discussion about "True Love" as explained in 1 Corinthians 13:1-7.

Question to ponder - Are our daily actions a reflection of how Paul describes love in this passage? Come join us for a special time with neighbors and friends. We'll enjoy Bible reading/devotional, great music, yummy snacks and fellowship together.

We meet the second Sunday each month at the **Clubhouse from 4:00-5:30**. If you have any questions contact Carol Cerney 507-213-0121.

Everyone is welcome; we are a non-denominational group seeking to learn and grow our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ together.

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3. \$12.00
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5. Ken Stabler
6. New England Patriots with 11
7. Detroit Lions, Cleveland Browns, Houston Texans and Jacksonville Jaguars
8. 75 points in Super Bowl XXIX when the San Francisco 49'ers defeated the San Diego Chargers 49-26
9. Bart Starr of the Green Bay Packers
10. Chicken wings, estimated at 1.42 billion pieces

**NEW ARTICLES WANTED:**

**HOW I MET MY \_\_\_\_\_**  
(spouse, love, partner, friend)

How did you meet your special someone? We would love to hear your story! If you have submitted yours already, ask your friend or neighbor to tell you theirs. You can submit your words in first person or give me the details and I will write for you!

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