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MONKEYING AROUND IN MONKEYLAND

By Annina Bruno



My husband and I like to cruise a lot. This year one of our princess cruises went to seven Caribbean islands and a variety of excursions were offered at each island. One of these excursions that piqued my interest was called Monkeyland in Amber Cove, Dominican Republic. This excursion started with a tour of someone's home and garden of herbs and trees. They demonstrated a homemade Dominican drink called "Mama Juana" that combines equal amounts of rum, wine and honey soaked with pieces of tree barks and herbs. It is considered an all-inclusive cure, i.e., flu, blood, liver, etc. as well as an aphrodisiac. We then got to sample this drink which was sweet and delicious. Of course, as you well know, it leads to a sales pitch - \$20 for a liter bottle. We were told it would be bitter and in order to get it sweet you had to add your own rum, wine and honey after you finish the first content and continued to do that until it eventually became sweet.



Now we were prepared to enter monkey land, but first we had to check our personal belongings and be aware that monkeys are attracted to shiny objects. As we continue down a path, we passed a screened area and slowly some of the monkeys came into view. At the end of the path, we were seated on benches in a "U" shape. Shiny bowls filled with fruit: mango,

bananas and kiwis were placed near us to attract the monkeys. The workers at Monkeyland brought them in, some on their shoulders and others followed. Now the fun begins. They are all over the place jumping on our laps, arms and shoulders while grabbing the fruit of course. Being prepared, my husband and I wore caps so that they didn't poop or drop fruit on our heads. These monkeys were extremely cute, friendly, unafraid, and fun to watch. It was exhilarating to say the least to watch them jump all over us. It made you feel young at heart, like a child. They were the size of a mature squirrel, and the younger ones, of course, were smaller. They had the sweetest faces that you wanted to take one home. It was



the best excursion that I had taken with Princess Cruise. I had the opportunity on another Caribbean Island to have a photo taken with a small baby monkey wearing a diaper. On another occasion in Grenada, the island known for nutmeg, while on a bus, the tour guide pointed out two Mona monkeys sitting on a fence. They were black and white and about two and a half feet high. They were the handsomest monkeys I have ever seen. I was lucky to have taken a couple of great photos of them. This was the beginning of my affection for small monkeys. Below is a list of the ten smallest



monkeys: 1) Pygmy Marmoset, 2) Roosmallen's Dwarf Marmoset, 3) Silvery Marmoset, 4) Common Marmoset, 5) Graell's Tamarin, 6) Cotton-Top Tamarin, 7) Night Monkey, 8) Squirrel Monkey, 9) Dusky Titi, 10) Talaoin.

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DAYTONA TORTUGAS

By Joe & Noreen Bartolotta



Neighbors did you know there is minor league baseball being played in the area? The team is the Daytona Beach Tortugas, and they are affiliated with the Cincinnati Reds. They play on the City Island at Jackie Robinson Ballpark. Baseball has been played here since 1915. Jackie Robinson played here for the Montreal team and in the later 1940's he was signed by the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Teams come and go but we have always had a team here. The ballpark is a historical landmark, but the field has been given a new playing surface and the ads on the outfield wall look like the ads on the field of the 1940's. We have been season ticket holders for the last 10 years and really enjoy going to the ballpark. There are several ticket plans including one just for seniors. Each night is different. Wednesday is belly buster night which is for one price you get all you can eat hotdogs, hamburgers, pizza, and popcorn. Thursday is \$1.00 Beer Night. Friday is fireworks and Saturday is special promotions. Sunday kids run the bases. Let us not forget our furry friends as once a month there is also a dog day. Come out and enjoy the days of summer. Game time is 7:05 except Sunday which is 5:35. Gates open 1 hour before. Call for tickets at 386-257-3192. You can also see their stats, rosters, game schedule, purchase tickets and see upcoming special promotions on their website: www.milb.com/Daytona. Hope to see you there!



“RAISING A PUP”

By Marianne Morton



How is it possible for a grown woman who raised 2 boys within 2 years of each other, had a normal household, maintained a clean home and a job on the side and somehow managed very well. And then I ask myself how one little puppy can totally exhaust and manipulate me till I don't know my name anymore. So, let me tell you about my new puppy Sammy, 20 pounds of French Bulldog.

Yes, Sammy is cute and adorable. However, he is also a real spitfire, ready to disobey in a second. Then he'll expect you to play with him and his toys (more toys than I had as a kid) until it's time to eat. He loves to eat, and he has a built-in timer for his mealtimes. He will sit or lay by his food/water bowl until it's filled. He has me well trained. So just saying, he rules, I drool.

I must say my son warned me that puppies require a lot of attention. Well, I didn't have a clue. I'm told by Christmas; Sammy will be just over one year old so I might get some much-needed rest. I'll consider that to be Sammy's Christmas present to me. Despite all his exuberance, he's a great little puppy which I absolutely love and adore. He loves people and other dogs, and he is very happy go lucky. And by the way, Sammy is a Yankee fan and watches every Yankee game with me. Go Yankees!

DON'T MISS THIS RECIPE FOR SALMON

By Jean Scionti



We all know by now that salmon contains healthy omega-3 fatty acids, which can boost heart health. This recipe is a "must try!" It's not only delicious but very easy to prepare. I usually add brown rice and peas on the side.

CRISPY BAKED SALMON

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 6-ounce salmon fillets
- 8 teaspoons of Dijon mustard
- ½ cup panko crumbs
- 2 teaspoons dried tarragon
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Place salmon fillets skin side down on baking sheet. Spread 2 teaspoons of mustard on each fillet. In a bowl, toss panko crumbs with tarragon and olive oil. Sprinkle panko mixture over fillets.
2. Bake until salmon is firm and can be flaked with a fork, about 12 to 16 minutes.

Note: This recipe serves four, but since we are only two, I cut it down and it still works out very well.

"A FACETIME PHOTO SHOOT"

By Nona and Liam (aka Jean Scianti)



In photography, I like to see a connection to life. At age ten, I got my first Kodak brownie camera. Every day I was snapping pictures of anything and everything in sight until my mom said I had to pay for the developing. After that, I became a little more particular about my subjects.

Life goes on ... I grew up ... I married and started a family. The camera went away.

While being a busy homemaker, I promised myself that I would keep a daily journal about my children and their lives. It was an ambitious undertaking that never took root.

I then remembered that I had a small Kodak Brownie camera packed away somewhere. Camera found, I decided that instead of writing about these darlings, I would capture those precious years in pictures! I took quite a number of photographs depicting not only their lives but also the lives of their friends, and others. My husband once said, "It's costing me a fortune in developing these pictures!" I replied, "Sweetheart! Just think of all the great memories I am 'amassing' of our darlings." He looked at me and answered, "Living it is enough for me!"

Now in the 21Century, owning and using a camera and having to develop pictures, is a rarity. Once my eight-year-old grandson Liam was visiting and saw me taking a picture of him building with Lego's. He commented that he enjoyed seeing all the pictures I took of him. I was thrilled and encouraged him to pursue photography. He did in more ways than expected.

While FaceTiming with me the other day, he asked me if I was going to write another essay for "The POP." I answered that I was considering an article on my love for photography. He was thrilled and asked if I would post a picture or two, he had taken. Never wanting to disappoint a grandchild, I immediately replied ...without thinking...that I would.

It is well to remember that when you initiate a FaceTime call with someone, the front-facing camera on your chosen device will activate so that the person on the other end cannot only see you but can take pictures of you instantly! That's when Liam decided to do a "photo shoot" of his Nona using his own discretion. Of course, I allowed it thinking whatever... I realize now that these

pictures were going to be a little unconventional.

And now everyone, here is my grandson's view of our connection to this life, in virtual photography time. Note



Liam laughing in the upper corner of one photo. I cannot believe I am posting these!

FUNNIES FROM YOUR EDITORS

Why do we tell actors to break a leg?

Because every play has a cast.

What did one ocean say to the other ocean? Nothing, it just waved.

Why do ducks have feathers?

To cover their butt quacks.

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo?

One is really heavy and the other's a little lighter.

What kind of shorts do clouds wear?

Thunder pants.

How do you measure a snake? In inches.

They don't have feet.

Why are toilets so good at poker?

They always get a flush.

Did you hear about the first restaurant to open on the moon?

It had great food but no atmosphere.



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CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

By Irma Reed



I have been traditionally invited to Host the Cinco de Mayo celebration since 2016. Last couple of years the Corona "virus" - not the beer -didn't let us enjoy this Fiesta. As the organizer, I want to thank and share the success with

all participants that made possible to have a beautiful regional dress show; enjoyable dances: "Los Viejitos" and Patricia Mambo, and wonderful hat decorating. Also, a warm appreciation for the volunteers that helped with food preparation, room arrangements, decorations, support with music practices, pictures and after party cleaning.



Special Thanks to all Residents that shared their enthusiasm and appreciation for this Fiesta. Hasta la Vista Amigos!

TRIVIA

By Rich Bencal



Welcome back to trivia land fellow Plantation Oaks residents. Hope all of you are getting ready for another warm summer and hopefully no hurricanes will come our way. I have submitted 10 questions that will get you guessing. The answers, as always, will appear in another part of the POP. Good luck to all and stay cool!!

1. What rank was Elvis Presley when he was discharged from the Army?
2. What famous martial arts actor played Kato on the TV show, Green Hornet?
3. Who was the last US President not to be a college graduate?
4. How many military veterans are members of the Baseball Hall of Fame?
5. How many of these served in two wars?
6. What beer was once called "The Champagne of Bottled Beers"?
7. Who was the first African-American to play in the NHL?
8. Who was the first American in space?

9. What famous pop singer of the 50's and 60's was born Concetta Rosa Maria Franconero?
10. Who played the role of "Tonto" in the TV series "Lone Ranger"?

HOW TO STAY YOUNG

Submitted by Dana Matlock



1. Try everything twice.
On one woman's tombstone she said she wanted this epitaph:
"Tried everything twice. Loved it both times!"
2. Keep only cheerful friends.
The grouches pull you down.
(Keep this in mind if you are one of those grouches!)
3. Keep learning:
Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever...
Never let the brain get idle. 'An idle mind is the devil's workshop.'
And the devil's name is Alzheimer's!
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud.
Laugh until you gasp for breath.
And if you have a friend who makes you laugh, spend lots and lots of time with HIM /HER.
6. The tears happen:
Endure, grieve, and move on
The only person who is with us our entire life, is ourselves.
LIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love:
whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health:
If it is good, preserve it.
If it is unstable, improve it.
If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips.
Take a trip to the mall, even to the next city, county, to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity. I love you, my special friend.
11. Forgive now those who made you cry. You might not get a second chance.

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THE YEAR IS 1922

Submitted by John Mercurio



The year is 1922, "One hundred years ago." What a difference a century makes!

Here are some statistics for Year 1922:

- The average life expectancy for men was 47.
- Only 14 percent of homes had a bathtub.
- Only 8 percent of homes had a telephone.
- The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
- The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.
- The average US wage in 1922 was 22 cents per hour.
- The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.
- A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year.
- A dentist earned \$2,500 per year.
- A veterinarian between \$1,500 and 4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.
- More than 95 percent of all births took place at home.
- Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND in the government as "substandard."
- Sugar cost four cents a pound. (454gm) Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.
- Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.
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- Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.
- Most women washed their hair once a month and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
- Canada passed law prohibiting poor people from entering their country for any reason.
- The Five leading causes of death were: 1) Pneumonia and influenza, 2) Tuberculosis, 3) Diarrhea, 4) Heart disease, 5) stroke.
- The American flag had 48 stars.
- The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was only 30.
- Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.
- There was neither a Mother's Day nor Father's Day.
- Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write And, only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

- Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were available over the counter at local drugstores. Back then pharmacists said: "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach, bowels, and is a perfect guardian of health!" (Shocking?)
- Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.
- There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S

“JUNE FUN FACTS”

- June is the month with the longest daylight hours of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and conversely, June has the shortest daylight hours of the year in the Southern Hemisphere.
- June's Birthstone is the pearl, the Moonstone, and the Alexandrite.
- The June birth flower is the Rose and the Honeysuckle.
- In 2009 June was the 662 most popular name for girls in the USA.
- June is derived from Juno, the goddess of marriage.
- In most common and leap years, no other month begins on the same day of the week as June.
- June is international men's month.
- June is accordion awareness month, as well as candy, dairy, and papaya month.

“JUNE HOLIDAYS”

- 6 D Day, WWII
- 14 Flag Day
- 19 Father's Day-third Sunday
- 19 Juneteenth Day
- 21 Summer Solstice – longest day of the year, date varies



PLANTATION OAKS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (PORA)

By Gary Watkins



On May 1, I had the privilege of becoming President of our Plantation Oaks Resident Association. I have some big shoes to fill in taking over from Tom Bailey.

The association and the community have been well taken care of by Tom as most know. Tom always put in the time and was there for the residents. Tom and his wife Joanne, (who also gave a lot to our community) will be missed.

I am looking forward to working with our PORA Board and our great committees that we have in place for PORA. We have already had magnificent events with large turnouts this year. The food and entertainment has been amazing with your fellow residents putting a lot of work and time in. How impressive is the "POP" with the great articles and keeping residents informed. Residents that get involved in our community are the ones that make it great. Without participation from you we would just be a development not a "community." To mention something from last month's article "we are all neighbors."

If you are not a member, I would urge to please consider becoming a member of our Plantation Oaks Residents Association (PORA). PORA is the backbone of what happens in our community, from the social events, informational coffees, ice cream social, support our cooks, committees to address concerns or interest of residents. PORA is the only entity guaranteed by the state to meet with community management and owners annually. So, join us in making Plantation Oaks the Best Active Adult Community around. As they say, "strength in numbers."

I would also ask residents to join the Federation of Manufacturer Homeowners (FMO). This association is our representation in Tallahassee with an attorney and a Legislative Counsel. Applications for both are in the clubhouse, and feel free to speak with any board member. I close with knowing we have a great community with wonderful people. I ask each resident to help in continuing to make it great, whether you are a PORA member or not. We all must work together.

See you around as I "scoop the loop" as we use to say in New York.

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TRIVIA ANSWERS (FROM PAGE 5)

1. Sargent
2. Bruce Lee
3. Harry S Truman
4. 64 in total. 1 from the Civil War, 25 from WWI, 34 from WWII and 4 from Korea.
5. 1, Ted Williams was a Marine Corps fighter pilot in WWII and Korea.
6. Miller High Life
7. Willie O'Ree of the Boston Bruins
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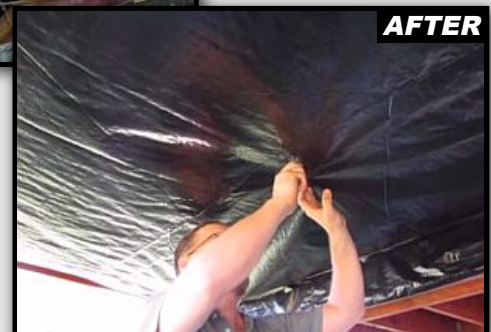
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JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Nick & Toni Burnett
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On your milestone anniversary!



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THE THINGS WE DO FOR LOVE

By Joe Cortese



(PART 1) I've known a lot of folks over the years who have done some pretty amazing, stupid and sometimes crazy things in the "Name of Love". I can't speak for others but if I'm honest with myself, I too am on that list. I remember in our early days, on a trip to Key West,

Glenda falling in love with a tri colored "wave" bracelet that was a bit more than I wanted to spend. I didn't buy the bracelet that day, but two days later found myself ordering that bracelet and paying to have it express mailed. Lesson learned!

Over the Christmas holidays Glenda and I, as usual, visited North Carolina and this year we returned with a new fur baby, a 12lb 6-year-old Shih Tzu named Babs. Babs has been a God send to our 17-year-old Shih Tzu (Bailey) who is now eating much better and running around like the Energizer bunny. Unfortunately, we have now come to find out that Babs has some serious health issues.

We adopted Babs from a family member who was having trouble taking care of her. We were told that Babs didn't like to jump or have her ears rubbed which didn't make sense because we've had Bailey for 17 years and she is one step away from a kangaroo and I've never seen a dog who didn't like its ears rubbed but having missed the warning signs, Babs is now our baby. In January, we brought her to the veterinarian for shots and an exam prior to getting her groomed (she resembled a small woolly mammoth). Our veterinarian informed us that Babs had a serious ear infection, crystals in her urine (requiring expensive special food) and that something was wrong with her back legs, we had not noticed. We were referred to an Orthopedic Specialist in St. Augustine.

By late February we knew that something was very wrong because Babs could not only not jump but a small limp had evolved into her rear end collapsing, wobbling, and eventually dragging her back legs when she tried to walk. We visited the Orthopedic Specialist only to find out that the problem was not orthopedic. The Orthopedic Specialist (who was wonderful) told us that this was gonna get real expensive real fast. I tried to discuss with Glenda the logic of spending all that money on a dog we've only had for two months, and I got the same look as when I didn't buy the "wave" bracelet. We were now referred to a Neurologist, near Orlando, who after an

extensive examination told us that Babs needed an MRI and spinal surgery. The Neurologist examination and consultation was, putting it mildly "expensive" but to quote Bachman Turner Overdrive "You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet".

Yesterday Babs had spinal surgery and will be in the hospital for a few days. Today April 20, 2022, I am again reminded of that great song by 10cc "**The Things We Do for Love**". More info in part 2, next month.



(Pictured above: Babs waiting for surgery.)

THE NIGHT SKY

By Mary Ann Rabuazzo



So many months ago, when I volunteered to be a contributor of POP, the first article I was going to write was about the night sky or star gazing. I have no idea why I never wrote it but am now back to my original idea.

The first step in astronomy is simply to look up at the sky and wonder what that is. That could be the first step with cosmic exploration and enjoyment. Astronomy is an outdoor nature hobby so the best way to begin is to go out into the night and learn the stars names and their patterns. There's more to see up there than one can imagine. I think the ability to look up and say that's the "Big Dipper," "Little Dipper" or the North Star" provides one with pleasure.

So why do I finally write about star gazing is because I have a great interest in it but no expertise other than very basic knowledge. And, because I would be interested in knowing if someone in our community would be willing to lead a group to experience the phenomenon of our sky whether here in Plantation Oaks or better yet, our beautiful Flagler Beach. Just a thought. The sky is limitless!

ANSWER TO JUNE BRAIN TEASER

I am the beginning of sorrow and the end of sickness. You cannot express happiness without me, yet I am in the midst of crosses. I am always in risk yet never in danger. You may find me in the sun, but I am never out of darkness.

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By Terry Johnson



Well, the warm weather is on its way, or should be. I say it's already here. We are planning some events for the summer months. It was nice seeing some new faces at the meeting in May and we continue to welcome everyone.

First of all, there is a change in the group leader for decorations. Cindy Easter will be heading the group so let's all chip in and give her a hand. So far, the reorganization has worked out and again, I wish to thank my group leaders and all those who volunteer.

- Cinco de Mayo was a sellout event and Irma Reed and all those who helped with decorations, food prep, ticket sales and set up. We hope to have pictures this month or next month.
- Memorial Day Celebration, May 30. Ken Pate will lead the invocation and Ed Reese will conduct the ceremony at 11 AM, followed by the golf cart parade at noon. Bob's burgers and/or hotdogs will be served at 1 PM. Tickets were sold for \$8 ea.
- Pool Party, June 18 starting at 5:00 PM. The Coconuts will be performing. Thank you, Christine Davis and Cindy Bowen, for hosting. More information to follow.
- 4th of July golf cart parade line up at 4:45 PM followed by a Low Country boil. More information to follow.
- Sock Hop, August 20 with Bobby K and the Kruisers performing. More information to follow
- Yard Sale: we have talked about another yard sale in October but will need someone to be in charge. All the necessary information has been compiled so it wouldn't be hard to do. Please contact Terry Johnson if interested.

There are several programs sponsored by gamble Rogers State Park. All you need to do is go onto their website and look for activities.

I want to thank Debbie Pate for taking over for me while I visit family in New Jersey. Hope everyone enjoys the summer and stay COOL!



LADIES LUNCH MAY 2022

May 19, 2022, Southside Grille, Bunnell



WELCOME COMMITTEE

By Bob Matlock



Almost every month in past editions of the POP, in the “Welcome Committee” column, I have blabbed on about the history of the name for that calendar month. Well, I am so far into calendar history that that is not going to change for this month of June. If you remember I mentioned that the Roman Calendar (and several others in use at the time when the Romans were in power) were replaced by the Julian calendar. That calendar was designed and introduced by Julius Caesar in Rome in 46 BC. Wow! That’s 2,068 years ago! It set the standard for calendars by establishing the twelve months having 365 days with each 4th year having 366 days. June has more US, international, country, religious, group, movement, individual recognitions, etc. holidays than I care to share with you. One of my favorite U.S. June holidays occurs on the first Friday of the month. It is National Donut Day. The most celebrated holiday in June is Father’s Day on the third Sunday in eighty countries. Calendars. Speaking about “where they came from” it is always interesting for me to learn where our new neighbors are from. They want to know what is offered for them to do or participate in. Our calendar is a good resource to start with for that information. Think about how the rock painter’s group or how attendance at the horseshoe games has grown. Neither one of them was on our calendar a couple of years ago.

It is that time of year when many of our friends travel to distance places for lots of different reasons. If you know of someone who has such plans, please make sure you wish for them to have a safe journey going and returning. And please make sure our new neighbors feel welcomed. I will be back in about a month if the editor will let me.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS



Addotta, Rose Marie
74 Habersham Drive
From Del Rey Beach, FL
and comes with her 2 felines,
Freddie & Gracie. Her
Brother, Joe, also recently
moved to Plantation Oaks



Mara, Dick
26 Tobias Lane
Recently lived in Palm Coast but originally
from Massachusetts.



Boyer, Susan & Donald Kline
19 Galemont Dr
From Shillington, PA



Amatore, Frank
90 Habersham Dr.
Lived in NY & PA until retired then moved to Palm
Coast and happily now in Plantation Oaks



Walker, Bernie & Steven
38 Ashbury Lane
From Potter, CO Moved here

FEDERATION OF MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS (FMO)

By James Pursley, Plantation Oaks FMO Rep



Hey gang, hope everyone is doing good. Last month was really strange, did it show in my article? If you didn't read it and went straight to the FMO info I don't blame you.

What I want to talk about this month is how delicate the body is. In 1984, I was just out of diapers then I went straight into home building in the Atlanta Georgia area, it was in December, December 14 to be exact. I was walking a foundation that my guys had poured the day before, I was wearing construction work boots, we had waterproofed the foundation that day with tar. It was still sticky and when I attempted to get off the foundation which was 3 feet high one foot hit the ground and the other foot stuck to the foundation. I was on the ground could not move, 9 surgeries later and a broken Tibia, Fibia, and Femur. The body is a delicate being.

In high school I was on the wrestling team and took a weight training program, I use to see these big guys pull muscles, get hernias, etc.

I know everyone that reads this has stories of their own and much worse, trust me I'm certainly not asking for sympathy I'm just giving examples. Some of our injuries are accidents, some are diseases. Some are caused by stupidity, like mine, some are just plain accidents caused by someone else and some from yourself. I will close with my lifelong friend's father who was opening a new jar of peanut butter for the family to make sandwiches for lunch. The father was ready to go to work, he had his suit and tie on ready to go. Well, it was a tough one to open, he had a grip on that jar you would have thought that he was Goliath. By that time his hand slipped right into the rib cage, breaking 2 ribs, not cracking them but a clean break, the body is such a delicate being.

One thing for sure is the FMO, Federation of Manufactured Homeowners is not a delicate being when it comes to representing us homeowners with homes on Leased Land. FMO has an attorney and a Legislative Counsel that represents us in Tallahassee.

FMO has recently partnered with "Partners in Association Management" (PIAM), they are taking over the day-to-day operational duties. PIAM is based out of Tallahassee, hey that makes good sense. I think I have said enough but if you want me to tell you everything that FMO provides us I would be here several weeks

so take my word they do a lot. The cost for all of this is \$25.00 per year or \$65.00 for 3 years. Can't beat that.

To join go to fmo.org, or contact me, James Pursley, the one that walks with a limp. You can pay with a credit card if you go to their website, to contact me jpinvest129@gmail.com, 386-986-9632

Before I sign off, a big Thank You to Irma Reed and everyone that helped her put on a great Cinco De Mayo party this past Saturday night. Until next time stay safe.

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JUNE 12 IS NATIONAL PEANUT BUTTER COOKIE DAY!

By Chef Kevin Gallagher MS, CEC



Bake up some goodness on June 12th this year and celebrate National Peanut Butter Cookie Day, the only cookie holiday in June. The day allows cookie lovers and peanut butter lovers to step away from the pies and cakes to indulge in a little peanut butter and

cookie therapy.

Alabama's American agricultural extension educator, George Washington Carver, promoted the peanut extensively. Well-known for his promotions, Carver compiled 105 peanut recipes from various cookbooks, agricultural bulletins, and other sources. In 1916, he created a Research Bulletin called How to Grow the Peanut and 105 Ways of Preparing it for Human Consumption. The bulletin included three recipes calling for crushed or chopped peanuts as one of its ingredients. However, peanut butter cookies were not one of them. It wasn't until the early 1920s that peanut butter began to be listed as an ingredient in cookies.

Incidentally, the peanut butter we know and love today didn't become commercially available until the 1920s. In 1922, Joseph Rosefield kept the peanut oil from separating from the solids through his process. Afterwards, he patented the process of homogenization and sold it to a company that began making a peanut butter called Peter Pan.

No one knows why we press crisscrossed fork marks into our peanut butter cookies before baking. However, homemade peanut butter cookies would just not be the same without this bit of decoration.

The best way to celebrate this cookie holiday is with some homemade peanut butter cookies, a glass of milk, and a friend. Of course, I have a recipe for you to try. Let me know how they turned out!

Peanut Butter Cookies

For the best flavor, I use Jiff peanut butter. Peanut butter cookies keep well only for a few days, but the dough can be frozen for up to 6 months or refrigerated for up to 1 week.

Ingredients

- 1 cup peanut butter (creamy or chunky)
- ¾ cup butter, at room temperature
- ½ cup packed DARK brown sugar
- ½ cup granulated sugar

- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt

Directions

Beat the peanut butter and butter on medium speed until smooth. Add both sugars; beat until mixture is light and fluffy. One at a time, add the eggs and beat until smooth, scraping the bowl after each addition. Beat in the vanilla. Sift the flour, baking soda, and salt. Add the flour mixture and beat on low speed until the flour is just incorporated. Form the dough into 1 ½ inch balls, roll them in granulated sugar then place on cookie sheet pan that is lined with parchment paper. Using the tines of a fork, press the dough to make criss-cross patterns, dipping the fork into the sugar to prevent sticking. Bake cookies at 375 degrees F until the cookies are golden, approximately 14-15 minutes (oven temps vary so watch your cookies). Let cookies cool 5 minutes on pans to set before transferring them to a wire rack.



BEAUTY TIPS

By Terry Johnson

Jawline water retention can add optical pounds to the face. Slim it with a quick massage!

Place a thumb on each side of your chin, moving them along your jawline towards your ears. Then sweep your palms down the sides of your neck. Do five times. The pressure guides fluids out through lymph nodes, reducing bloat fast.



The main function of the little toe on your foot is to make sure that all the furniture in the house is in place.





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THE OAKS ROCK PAINTERS

By JoAnn Larkin

- The rockers new schedule meeting every second and fourth Thursday from 10-12 is working out great. Thanks to Dana Matlock for posting reminders.
- We welcome a new rocker Mary Wells.
- Summer is quickly approaching with grand and great grandchildren and other family members visiting. We encourage guests to visit our group. There is no longer a cost to attend. Please contact JoAnn Larkin when interested 410-322-5400. Encourage family members and guests to visit the rock garden located under the palm tree by the picnic tables and horseshoe pits.
- Many residents have thanked me for the beautiful



peace rocks that have appeared throughout the community. I know she does not want to be acknowledged but at the same time I cannot take credit. Tina Jeffe is the person to thank. I was so happy to see one on the table in my carport when returning home.

- Thanks to Joann Bailey for donating rocks. We can no longer complain of a scarcity of rocks.
- If you are aware of a neighbor who would benefit from receiving a painted rock, please contact a group member.

CINCO DE MAYO MAY 7, 2022



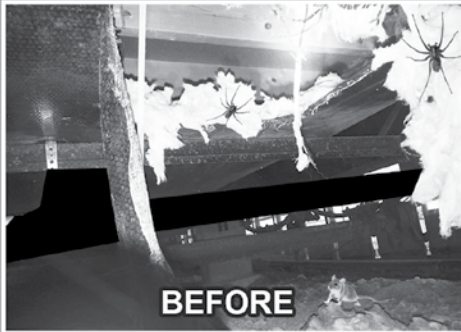
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