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**MARCH 13, 2:00AM**

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# DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING

By Joe Cortese



Do you ever wonder why we're scared of things that go bump in the night or feel that someone is watching us? Maybe the origin of these fears is rooted in nursery rhymes and children's stories. Last month I wrote about an old Italian children's story, and it got me thinking about other nursery rhymes and fairy

tales that I heard growing up.

Let's start with Old Mother Hubbard who goes to the cupboard to get her poor dog a bone, but when she gets there the cupboard is bare and she and the dog go hungry. I just hope the dog keeps its back to the wall or we may get a new meaning to dog food. Then there's Jack and Jill who run up the hill and both fall down, and Jack breaks his crown, and I don't know what a crown is but I'm real sure I don't want to break mine. And Humpty Dumpty (whose parents obviously didn't like him with that name) who sat on a wall and had a great fall and they couldn't put him back together again. Now somebody needs to refer Humpty and Jack to one of those personal injury attorneys we see advertising on channel 13 all day long, I mean, we're in real bad need for a happy ending. It's not surprising why so many people take anxiety and depression meds. It all starts when we're children listening to these stories.

Those are just "innocent" little nursery rhymes compared to the real weird stuff from the Brothers Grim. Hansel and Gretel are abandoned in the woods by their evil stepmother and find a gingerbread house which they start eating. A cannibal Witch invites them in (to fatten them up) and they co-conspire (pre-meditatively) to murder and rob the witch then bring the loot back to their parents. There are so many horrific incidents and laws broken in this one story that even Judge Judy couldn't handle this case. The crime spree continues with Goldilocks who breaks and enters, steals food, breaks up the furniture and then tries to blame everything on the poor victims (the 3 bears). Then this other Jack defies his mother and buys magic beans (instead of food) climbs a beanstalk without safety equipment (OSHA violation) breaks into a private residence, commits grand larceny and then murders the victim. Now I know the Giant makes idle threats about English men and grinding up their bones to "make his bread" but this does not justify the criminal

acts of Jack, Hansel and Gretel or Goldilocks. Is there any wonder there's a shortage of criminal Psychologists? If you have the stomach for it, you can read more of these ghoulish tails about Big Bad Wolves, black magic, poor blind mice getting their tails cut off and all kinds of atrocities but not I. As for me, I choose the seven-acre woods and Winnie-the-Poo whose worse crime was getting a honey jar stuck on his nose, sweet!

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## FEBRUARY BRAIN TEASER



Your parents have six sons including you and each son has one sister. How many people are in the family?

*Answer: there are 9 people in the family. 6 boys, 1 girl and 2 parents.*

## MARCH BRAIN TEASER



A sundial has the fewest moving parts of any timepiece. Which has the most?

*Answer will be in the April issue of the POP.*



## Ladies Luncheon

### 31 Supper Club

31 Granada Blvd, Ormond Beach

**March 24, 2022**

Meet at Restaurant 11:30 AM

Carpooling suggested since parking is limited.

Menu and sign-up sheet will be posted on the BB in the Clubhouse.



## CRUISING DURING A PANDEMIC

By Steve Vandermyrn



What's it like cruising during a pandemic? Well, my wife and I had firsthand experience this past December during a Christmas cruise on board Princess Cruise Lines. We were reassured by the strong health measures they had in place and overall felt safe during the entire cruise. Our previous cruise was cancelled in December 2020, so we rescheduled for December 2021. Different protocols were set in place by the cruise lines. One was mandatory vaccinations in which you had to have a vaccination card as proof of being vaccinated. We were both vaccinated so no problems with that. The other was proof of a negative covid test within 24 hours of boarding. We did that Thursday before our cruise on Saturday. Thank goodness we were both negative so off we went on a Saturday morning with our friends Rich and MaryAnn. We drove to Ft. Lauderdale, Port Everglades to begin our adventure. Our ship was Sky Princess and what a beauty she was. Our boarding was expedited as everything needs to be filled out online on their app to facilitate safe boarding. No papers except for our passport, vaccination card, and proof of negative covid test. After going through security, we received our medallion. You may say, what is a medallion? Princess cruise lines is the only cruise line currently with this technology. Princess medallion is a quarter sized wearable device that enables touch free boarding, locating others in your party on the ship as well as enhanced delivery service wherever you are. The medallion device helps the cruise staff find you so



they can deliver, drinks, snacks, or other services directly to you. You can even order on your stateroom TV or the mini portals located in multiple public areas around the ship. Also, a nice feature is your cabin door unlocks as soon as you approach allowing easy stateroom entry so no using

a card to open. And the staff knows when you leave your room to facilitate cleaning. All your purchases on board the ship is no touch as just a quick scan of your medallion is required. We were also impressed with how professional, attentive, and courteous the entire crew were in attempting to make your experience as safe

and fun as possible while always wearing a mask. And an A plus for the cleaning crew. Mandatory masking which I have to say was adhered to by most passengers. However, while sitting to eat or drink you could remove the mask. You could also remove your mask while in your stateroom and by the pool and outside decks if social distancing. While walking anywhere inside the ship in public areas, always a mask. And the ship was only half the percentage of passengers of a regular pre-covid cruise. Every port of call was well organized following very strict covid protocols. No mask- no service. We felt safe with the entire experience and didn't want to get off the ship and go home. So, we would like to say a thank you to Princess Cruise Lines for making this such a wonderful, safe vacation experience for us!

## THE SUN SETS

By Tom Bailey



After the sun sets,  
What will you do?  
Will it be too late  
To say "I love you"?

After the light has  
Gone for the day.  
Will you then start your search?  
Instead of delay?

After the shadows  
Have crept through the land.  
You peer into darkness,  
And can't see your hand.

The time was too short  
When you could see light.  
Did you use what was given you?  
And live for what's right?

So let us be mindful  
Of the time we have left.  
Be on the alert,  
And let us be deft.



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# SOCIAL COMMITTEE

JoAnn Bailey-social co-chair



The Social Committee has been hard at work providing some fabulous events to start the 2022 year off. We rang in the new year with a New Year's Eve Dance with lots of food, fun and dancing.

Now comes January 2022 :

- Saturday, January 15 we had a Snowball Dance. We had a wonderful time dancing to the music of Mike Kohn. Cupcakes & snowflake cookies and more were served. The ballroom decorations made the room look amazing and even an over-the-top balloon arch was set up for taking pictures. But the highlight of the evening was a spontaneous "snowball" fight. One person commented that it had been 50 years since they had been in a snowball fight. Since it's difficult to find snow in Florida, white pom poms were used. Residents are still talking about how much fun it was to be "kids" again.

- Saturday, January 29 was the Community Connect



Dance in the clubhouse. Even though the temperatures outside were dropping rapidly we had a great time dancing to music provided by our DJ Tom Bailey.

The event was free and was a BYO Everything. We will

definitely be planning on having more of these types of events in the future.

- Sunday, January 30th – We had the Ice Cream Social at 6:00 at the clubhouse. Remember, this is free to all residents.



Coming in March:

Menus for breakfast and lunch will be posted on the Social Events Board. Breakfast is the first Saturday and lunch will be the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

An event the cooks and social committee are planning together for March will be a St. Patrick's Dinner on Saturday, March 19. More information to come soon.

Ice Cream Social is the last Sunday of March at 6:00 PM. (March 27). FREE to all our wonderful residents. Sponsored by PORA and Murex. Please come and enjoy! Please be sure to check the Social Events Board in the clubhouse for all event information. Social committee meetings are the first Monday of every month at 1:00PM

at the clubhouse. Next scheduled meeting is March 7. All residents are welcome to attend and share your ideas and we ALWAYS welcome new members.



## BEAUTY TIPS

By Terry Johnson

The last time you went out , you overdid it on the perfume, and the scent gave you a headache! Here's a way to prevent perfume overload. Spritz it into the air and walk through the cloud of droplets to give the scent a softer effect.



## PORA

By Betty Vandermyn-Vice President



Here it is...March newsletter of POP. Well, let's backtrack...we had our PORA Annual Membership Meeting on January 16, 2022 at our clubhouse. We unfortunately did not establish the 30 percent quorum required of PORA homeowner membership so no official business from the membership floor could be conducted. However, the meeting was conducted as per board agenda. Our 3 candidates for the board were elected to the board by acclamation. Our newly revised by-laws established from the revisions made in 2020 to the Florida Statute 723 state that an election is not necessary unless there are more candidates than vacancies. As we only had 3 candidates and 5 vacancies, all candidates were accepted on the PORA board. Congratulations and welcome Tom Bailey, Janice Randolph and Ray Neeb. All will be serving 3-year terms. A special thanks to the election committee and especially to Donna Copeland for gathering the necessary information and putting together the election packets which were distributed by email or personally delivered to those who did not have email by Donna herself. A task of huge undertaking and so appreciated. On that note we would also like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all who accepted to serve as appointed directors on the PORA board and stepped up to assist PORA and the community during the Pandemic and our gradual reopening... Carol Waltersdorf, Janice Randolph, Joe Ciccio and John Clabaugh. Thank you all so much! Janice Randolph who decided to accept nomination and election to remain on the board will remain as treasurer. Thank you also to Sam Miller who was PORA President until November 12, 2021. Due to personal and health issues he tossed the President torch to me to finish the year.

### **PORA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022:**

- **Tom Bailey**                      **President**
- **Betty Vandermyn**            **Vice President**
- **Muriel Fallon**                **Secretary**
- **Janice Randolph**            **Treasurer**
- **Ray Neeb**                        **Director**

Our goal as well as our by-laws is to have a board of 7 directors. To obtain this goal we would like to recruit two interested residents to serve as appointed directors through 2022. This would be an excellent opportunity for someone to serve on the board, see what PORA

does, assist our community and gain some interesting experience. Perhaps even running for election for 2023. There will be 3 positions open in the next election. If anyone has an interest, please contact anyone on the board.

Please note that our current by-laws were revised, updated and passed at the December 5, 2021 quarterly meeting. These by-laws were brought into compliance with the Florida Statute 723 which was amended in 2020. These are the laws that govern and protect us as a community. The revised by-laws will be updated on the PORA website for all to read. We want to give a special shout out to Dana Matlock and Carol Waltersdorf for their time, effort and all the hard work they put in to make the necessary revisions. This was a difficult and tedious task which they took on so kudos to them.

Signing off, I would like to thank the entire community for all your patience and support during this tumultuous time of enduring a Pandemic. It has been long and difficult but there is light at the end of this Pandemic tunnel. Let's laugh, play, and have fun as a community. We've earned it.

## LET'S PLAY TRIVIA

By Rich Bencal



Below are 10 trivia questions to challenge you. Give it your best shot. Answers appear in another part of the POP.

1.            What tv show did the Beatles first appear in the U.S.?
2.            Who played Kookie on the TV show 77 Sunset Strip?
3.            What is the most popular ice cream flavor?
4.            At the end of every show what did the Lone Ranger leave behind?
5.            Who played the Lone Ranger?
6.            How many stitches are on a baseball?
7.            How long is the Great Wall of China ?
8.            Of the six men who made up the Three Stooges how many were brothers?
9.            Where was Elvis Presley born?
10.           What type of car and color did Elvis one give his mother?

## WELCOME COMMITTEE

By Bob Matlock



March, the third month in our calendar. Named by the Romans after Mars their god of war. Notable events associated with this month are Ash Wednesday; Daylight Savings Time; St. Patrick's Day; Vietnam War Veteran's Day, and a historical day that has popped up since the 1600's. The 15th. The Ides of March. It was the 74th day in the Roman calendar and corresponds to the 15th on our calendar. The date was marked by several religious observances and notable for the Romans as a deadline for settling debts. In 44 BC Julius Caesar met the press in front of the Forum and a group of Senators assassinated him. Exactly one month before that fateful day he had met with a soothsayer (named Spurinna) who warned him that his life would be in danger for the next 30 days up to the 15th of March and that he should "beware of the Ides of March". Well, he didn't listen, and his death represented a turning point in Roman History. William Shakespeare, the English playwright, in 1601, dramatized the political affairs at the time, the players, the warning, the place and the assassination, in his play Julius Caesar. Now you know the rest of the story. The moral of the story is that our new residents do not have to worry about the 15th of March. Please welcome them and remind them to set their time pieces ahead one hour on the 13th.



Welcome!

We are glad you are here!

### NEW NEIGHBORS



**LoCastro, Christine & Higgins, Arthur**

61 Habersham Dr.

They love kayaking and are looking forward to our many social activities.



**Watson, Paula & Davey, Alan**

4 Galemont Drive

From East Kingston N.H. They look forward to enjoying our community and Florida weather

### THE OAKS ROCK PAINTERS

By JoAnn Larkin 410-322-5400

Rock painting has expanded providing rocks to shut ins as well as continue to add rocks the garden and welcome rocks to new residents. Many residents were delivered Valentine rocks.



Audrey, granddaughter of Maureen O'Connor (pictured in photo here),



was happy to find a pink rock with purple dots and a cat. Audrey goes to the garden every Sunday she is with her grandmother. From her face you can see one of the reasons we paint rocks. Thank you, Maureen, for delivering

Valentine rocks for us.

Please go visit the garden and take one or two and move them into the community perhaps when you go shopping. We will be working on St. Patrick's day rocks.



### GOTTA LOVE THE IRISH

Q: Where can you always find gold on St. Patrick's Day? A: In the dictionary.

Q: What should you say to a runner in the St. Patrick's Day marathon? A: Irish you luck

Q: What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a four-leaf clover? A: A rash of good luck

Q: What did the Irish potato say to his sweetheart? A: I only have eyes for you

Q: Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day? A: Real rocks are too heavy!

# KNOX HOME LOCK BOX

By Donna Copeland



In December I attended the Tuesday morning coffee hour that is hosted with coffee and donuts each month. This talk was with the Flagler County Fire and Safety & Community Paramedicine, it was an extremely informative meeting. One of the key things I learned about at

this was about the “Knox HomeBox”. This is a lockbox you put above your door with a key to your home. The Fire Department has a master key that opens this box to retrieve your key without having to break into your home in case of an emergency.

This means no more making sure your neighbor has a key and is available in case of an emergency. Once 911 has been called they will be able to get in and get the help that is needed and perhaps save your life. If they

must break a window or door down to get to you it will be at great expense to you. You can get more information regarding this at [info@lockbox.com](mailto:info@lockbox.com) or by calling 1-800-552-5669. I highly recommend attending these very informative Tuesday morning coffee hours each month you gain a lot of information on all things available to you. We have personally found doctors through these talks and now I know a lot more about services available to us through the Flagler County Fire and Safety & Community Paramedicine. Hope to see you at the next Tuesday Coffee at the Oaks.



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God Bless,  
Carol Abel, Tobias Lane



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## PROOFREADER RECOGNITION DAY- MARCH 8

By the POP Editors/ Dana and Betty



National Proof-Reading recognition day is March 8. Writing and editing our community newsletter has been quite an endeavor and our busy lives cause us to rush as we write resulting in spelling and grammatical errors. We know it is very important to proofread a document prior to submitting and publishing. However, even with spellcheck and all the other writing tools available on a computer to help correct our errors, some just slip right through. A proofreader can be your best friend! So here is a big shout out to the proofreader of POP...BOB MATLOCK! A huge and heartfelt Thank You for taking the time to proofread for us and correcting our errors. So, on March 8 we recognize you as the proofreader of POP. We don't know what we would do without you!



### FUNNIES FROM YOUR EDITORS

When should you start writing a book? When you have a NOVEL idea.

When is a black dog not a black dog? When it's a greyhound.

What so you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear.

What happens when a frog's car dies? He has it toad.

Why did the turtle cross the road? To get to the shell station.

Why should you be careful playing against a team of big cats? They might be cheetahs.



## FEDERATION OF MANUFACTURED HOMEOWNERS (FMO)

By James Pursley, Plantation Oaks FMO Rep



Hello there, it's me again, your friendly FMO Representative. Valentine's Day is almost upon us, this year I'm playing the part of Cupid, my wife said I had it all wrong my part is more like stupid. I'll settle for what I learned a long time ago, not to argue. This month's topic is "Our little corner of the world". My wife came up with that statement and it really means a lot to us. Don't worry this is not going to get political. With all the things going on in the world today: unrest, threats of wars, wars, you name it, it's happening. Carol and I were talking a while back that we are so glad that we don't live in one of the towns that are having all of the problems. As I have said in some of my previous articles I am from Atlanta and grew up in the area for a number of years. People ask me why I moved out of the area? This was way before all of the things that are going on now. My answer to them which is the truth it seemed the older I got the more the population grew around Atlanta the further I moved away from the Atlanta area. I like the mountains, so I moved to the North Georgia Mountains. I lived and owned several businesses there for a number of years. I know you are asking what are you doing in Florida? As my favorite recording artist (Jimmy Buffett) said in one of his songs, "There's a woman to blame", so here I am. Carol is originally from New Hampshire, left that area to head this way in her early 20's. She moved to Arizona, outside Phoenix. She went there for work, she loved it but after her job dissolved, she moved back to this area because of family. I'm glad she did. The subject we were talking about, we just feel safe and content here. We watch the news but then we turn it on to something we have recorded from years past, mostly comedy. We are so glad we are not in one of the crime ridden cities. You know another thing that makes you feel safe, and content is the FMO. I don't want to upset anyone but if we do not have the FMO watching out for us in the halls of Tallahassee, without our knowledge, laws could be changed that would erode, or remove, the promises made and guarantees given to us when we purchased our homes. We would not have the opportunity to fight for our rights and negotiate those changes that could have devastating effects on many homeowners. Attempts to do this very thing has happened before and will



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## THE NYC ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE PIVOT

By Jean Scionti



The St. Patrick's Day Parade is one of New York City's greatest traditions. The first parade was on March 17, 1762. I wasn't there for that one.

I had never thought about St. Patrick's Day until high school when

introduced to the tradition of wearing the "green" and marching in the NYC St. Patrick's Day parade.

In this Catholic all girl school, we had gym class once a week with a rather elderly parade enthusiast who happened to be Irish. Each week from September through early March, Mrs. O'Toole would attempt to teach us synchronized marching and the pivot. "Now girls you must maintain a steady foot beat in order to stay in formation. When a street turn is necessary, you must pivot properly. Those on the outer end of the line will be moving more quickly than those in the inner curve of the line. Always glance out of the corner of your eye to make sure everyone is still in proper formation. We must maintain precision marching! Get it? "We all said yes but were clueless.

The "pivot" was the cross to bear. The blocks in Manhattan were very wide and to turn down a street while marching was quite an effort. The girl on the inside acted as a hinge while the rest of us were the gate. Unfortunately, I was not the hinge but the end person of the gate!

On that March 17, 1962, the weather was a cold and windy 25 degrees. We were not allowed to wear our winter coats. The only attire aside from our gabardine uniform was a green blazer which had the school emblem bright white and clearly stitched on the breast pocket. This way

all could see what a wonderful school we attended. We sported green beanie caps on our heads. The buses left us off at our appointed area. Our Commander-In-Chief, Mrs. O'Toole shouted out, "Assume your line positions and begin marching!"

Everything was going pretty well until we reached the Fifth Avenue turn. At first, we were all in-sync and then it happened. I was on the end and keeping up with the others making the turn when a sudden gust of wind caught my beanie. I looked up and grabbed it. That move pretty much changed our precision marching.

Each of us was now moving at different speeds. The girl next to me was staring at me yelling pivot...faster...pivot! I found myself not marching but running to keep up with the line. It was quite a sight. We finally executed the turn to the amusement of all the bystanders. I was mortified, but thankful that Mrs. O'Toole missed the whole incident.

That night my mother greeted me at the door smiling. I had no plans of telling her what happened. However, that did not matter, as the parade was televised, and she and the rest of the family witnessed my embarrassing escapade on NBC.

To this day when my husband and I are out walking and making a street turn, I call out ..."PIVOT!"



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# CELEBRATING IRISH CUISINE

By Chef Kevin Gallagher, MS, CEC



In the US, we usually celebrate St. Patrick's Day with corned beef and cabbage. What most Americans don't know is that corned beef and cabbage did not originate in Ireland! When the Irish immigrated to the U.S., they faced severe discrimination and lived

in slums alongside Jewish and Italian groups. It was at Jewish delis and lunch carts that the Irish experienced corned beef and noticed its similarity to Irish bacon. The Irish learned to cook the corned beef with cabbage in one pot, making it cheap and easy to prepare.

Here is an alternative recipe for you to try (and one of my favorites). Irish Fish Pie is a great example of how the Irish utilize their local ingredients to create delicious, warming and filling meals. From the highest tables in the land to the humblest farmhouse, fish pie has been warming the hearts of the Irish for hundreds of years.

## **Irish Fish Pie**

Servings: 6

### **Ingredients**

- 2 1/2 pounds Yukon Gold or red potatoes, washed
- 1 pound salmon fillet
- 1 pound cod fillet, (or other white fish)
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 bay leaf
- 1-ounce fresh dill, chopped (or 1 tablespoon dry dill)
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 large onion, chopped fine
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1/2-pound shrimp, large, thawed if frozen
- 1/2-pound cheddar cheese (preferably Irish Cheddar), shredded
- Salt and pepper, (to taste)

### **Instructions**

1. Cut washed potatoes into 1-inch cubes. Parboil for 8-10 minutes until tender but not breaking up; drain and set aside.
2. Put the salmon and cod, skin side up, in a skillet, pour over the milk, add bay leaf. Bring to boil then simmer for 3 minutes. Cover and remove from heat. Let stand for 5 minutes then transfer to a platter using a slotted spoon. Strain and reserve the cooking liquid.

3. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Butter (or use cooking spray) a large casserole dish.
4. Flake the fish into large chunks, removing skin and bones, and put in prepared casserole.
5. Melt butter in saucepan, add the onion and sauté for 3 minutes or until softened. Stir in the flour and cook for 1 minute. Remove from the heat and slowly add the reserved cooking liquid and the heavy cream. Return to medium heat and cook, stirring until thickened, smooth and just boiling. Remove from the heat and stir in the shrimp and dill. Season with salt and pepper, then pour over the fish.
6. Toss 2 tablespoons of butter with the potatoes. Season with salt and pepper. Scatter the potatoes over the fish pie. Cover with shredded cheese.
7. Bake casserole for about 30 minutes until the potatoes are golden and the sauce is bubbling.
8. Serve with fresh broccoli or green beans for a complete meal!

### **Notes:**

1. Cut the richness of the creamy sauce by substituting 1% or 2% milk for the heavy cream.
2. For a different combination of flavors, try using a combination of smoked fish and fresh fish (such as haddock, grouper or flounder), add large sea scallops in place of shrimp, or use fresh parsley and not dill. Any combo of fish and shellfish elevate this dish to new levels!

## **TRIVIA ANSWERS (FROM PAGE 6)**

1. Ed Sullivan Show
2. Ed Byrnes
3. Vanilla
4. Silver Bullet
5. Clayton Moore
6. 108
7. 4,160 miles
8. 3. Moe, Shemp and Curly, all with the last name Horowitz later changed to Howard
9. Tupelo, Mississippi
10. Pink Cadillac



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**March 5 Breakfast**

Orange Juice  
Fruit Cup  
Cheese Omelet or  
Scrambled Eggs  
Bacon  
Grits  
Toast  
Coffee

**April 2 Breakfast**

Orange Juice  
Fruit  
Waffles or  
Scrambled Eggs  
Sausages  
Grits  
Toast  
Coffee

**March 16 Lunch**

Baked Ziti  
Roll  
Salad  
Iced Tea

**April 20 Lunch**

Barbecue Chicken  
Roll  
Mac & Cheese  
Cole Slaw  
Iced Tea

*A sign-up sheet, with a menu, for these meals will be posted in the clubhouse ten days before each scheduled meal.*

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner** March 19. Served 5 PM Sharp. Menu: Corned Beef and Cabbage, Irish Soda Bread, Desert. (BYOB)



**DRIVING TIP OF THE MONTH**

**From the National Institute on Aging**

*Submitted by John Mercurio*

**Trouble Seeing**

As you get older, your hearing can change, making it harder to notice horns, sirens, or even noises coming from your own car. Hearing loss can be a problem because these sounds warn you when you may need to pull over or get out of the way

**Safe driving tips:**

- ✓ Have your hearing checked at least every 3 years after age 50.
- ✓ Discuss concerns you have about hearing with your doctor. There may be things that can help.
- ✓ Try to keep the inside of the car as quiet as possible while driving.



**MARCH HOLIDAYS**

**Mardi Gras Carnival, March 1**  
**Ash Wednesday, March 2**  
**Daylight Savings Time Begins March 13**  
**St. Patrick's Day, March 17**  
**First Day of Spring, March 20**





# CANADA EH!

By Keith and Anne Mowling



Let us introduce ourselves, we are Anne and Keith Mowling and have lived at 5 Tobias Lane since 2014. As Canadian Snowbirds we are allowed to stay up to 180 days away from our Ontario home per calendar year in order to keep our Health Insurance intact.

We love our time in Plantation Oaks and are pleased to say we have met many who we are now proud to call friends. Many are interested to know more facts about Canada so we thought we would provide some information about your northern neighbour.

Canada became a country in 1867, with the first settlers being the Vikings in 1000 AD. Immigration grew by the early 1800 mainly from Great Britain and France and today Canada has 38 million people, of which 90% live within 100 miles of the border with the USA.

Canada is the second largest country in the world, after Russia, in square miles with 6 time zones from coast to coast, boasting the longest highway in the world 4500 miles stretching from Newfoundland to British Columbia.

Canada has 10 provinces and 3 territories with the longest coastline in the world bordering 3 oceans, Pacific, Arctic and Atlantic. With over 20% of the worlds freshwater, we have the largest number of freshwater lakes and rivers in the world, a real favorite to our southern friends who love to fish. Today many of these more popular areas are owned by Americans who love to fish and hunt, particularly in Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia. For 36 years we had a home on one of these lakes north of Toronto and several of our neighbours were from Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York, and Ohio.

Canada is a Parliamentary Democracy following the English System with 4 principal parties, Liberal, Conservative, New Democratic Party (Heavy Union Support) and The Green Party (Environmentalists). In our elections the leader of the winning party becomes Prime Minister. Our current Prime Minister is Justin Trudeau age 51 (Young!!! ) who is married with 3 children. He was first elected in 2015 and is the son of a former Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau who was Prime Minister from 1968-1984, meaning that we do not limit the time in office to two 4-year terms.

Our currency is Dollars with a current value of 78 cents

to your USA dollar. In 2015 we discontinued minting the penny and replaced the One- and Two-Dollar bills with coins calling a 1 dollar coin a Loonie and a 2 Dollar coin a Toonie. Our Piggy Banks love this move. Our country is Metric, so please when you come to see us don't think the speed limit is 100 miles an Hour. It is 100 kilometres per hour or 60 miles an hour. Also, when you hear the temperature is 28 degrees in July please leave your snow skis at home as 28\* Celsius is 82\* F. More Canadian news next month!!

# MARCH



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St. Patrick's Day



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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Karleen McConnell
- 3 Judy Kelley
- 4 Karen Mathias
- 6 Joe Bowe
- 6 Helen Raynor
- 7 Buford Bentley
- 10 Stephanie Fraiser
- 10 JoAnn Larkin
- 11 Peg Mercurio
- 11 Sandy Richards
- 13 Charles Krug
- 13 Dorothy Keegan
- 14 Charles Rider
- 14 Chris Amodio
- 14 John Pires
- 14 Patty Przbysz
- 15 Joan Bronson
- 16 Fred Jacobs
- 18 Nick Burnett
- 19 Helen Wendorf
- 20 Paul Olson
- 20 Louis Plank
- 21 Linda Gagnon
- 21 Eleanor Lannin
- 23 Gisela Kelley
- 24 Ray Ruggiere
- 24 Carol Mason
- 24 Leslie Wells
- 25 James Pursley
- 26 Ken Avery
- 26 John Mercurio
- 26 Joe Granieri
- 26 Mary Wells
- 27 Andrew Rinaldi
- 27 Donna Sweeney
- 28 Rita Lentz
- 29 Pat Beattie
- 30 Bill Lane



## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Mark & Terry Fazzio
- 1 Donald & Patti Deater
- 3 David & Sharon Nestor
- 17 Bill & Phyllis Holdsworth
- 20 Mike & Shirley DiGeorgio
- 23 Stephanie Frazier & John Taylor
- 23 Mike & Doris Ledrich
- 26 Mike & Maddy Kahn
- 26 Mike & Rita McCray
- 27 Willis & Florence Card
- 27 Thomas & Cara Kavan



*We try hard to get it right. However, if we have missed your birthday or anniversary, or have the dates or name spelled wrong, please contact Betty Vandermyn at [elzbthvnd@att.net](mailto:elzbthvnd@att.net) or Dana Matlock at [dbmatlock@live.com](mailto:dbmatlock@live.com) so we can correct our information for the newsletter. Thank you*








### CONGRATULATIONS MR. & MRS. CLABAUGH

John and Kim tied the knot on January 7, 2022. The Tuesday night Euchre card group celebrated the momentous occasion by having a surprise reception for the newlyweds prior to playing cards. Food, wine, congratulations, and warm wishes were overflowing. It was so much fun the group decided to try to find something to celebrate every month!

# March Word Search



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| accept      | interest | teat   |
| alert       |          | title  |
| authorities | latent   | trunk  |
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| future      | spread   |  |
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## IN THE YEAR “1952”

By Gary Watkins



“1952” a special year in the United States. First and foremost, yours truly, Gary Watkins was born and changed the lives of numerous people that year, you see I became boy number four in my family and the United States gained another exceptional citizen.

What else happened that year that would enter to the lives of Americans. On January 14th, the Today Show premieres on NBC and it became the longest running television series in America history. In February, a patient receives a mechanical heart for the first time. In March, the United States Senate ratifies a peace treaty with Japan. A nuclear test took place in April in the Nevada desert. May 1952 the U.S. lands a plane at the geographic North Pole. June brings the birth of the United States Army Special Forces. I need to be honest to everyone at this point, I do not remember any of these things, (remember I was just born). In July, Puerto Rico becomes a self-governing commonwealth of the U.S. August took a rest not much happened. September brings another medical first with the first open heart surgery. October the United Nations opened the new headquarters in New York City. November gave us President Eisenhower after winning the election. A Medical first again as in December a successful surgical separation of Siamese twins in Cleveland Ohio. Also, the Korean War was still going on in 1952. A couple of interesting inventions happened in 1952. A polio vaccine was used for the first time, (there is that word vaccine) the roll-on deodorant hit the shelves and the airbag came to be.

It was interesting to look back at “1952”, a year of happenings, more than I listed. I think that when you look at that year you would have to agree that the highlight and game changing thing for 1952 was the birth of Gary G. Watkins.

## CHILDREN OF “THE GREATEST GENERATION”

Submitted by John Mercurio



PART 2 - A Short Memoir

Born in the 1930s and early 40s, we exist as a very special age cohort.

To play in the water, we turned the fire hydrants on and ran through the spray.

The lack of television in our early years meant, for most of us, that we had little real understanding of what the world was like.

Our Saturday afternoons, if at the movies, gave us newsreels of the war and the holocaust sandwiched in between westerns and cartoons.

Telephones were one to a house, often shared and hung on the wall.

Computers were called calculators and were hand cranked; typewriters were driven by pounding fingers, throwing the carriage, and changing the ink.

The ‘internet’ and ‘GOOGLE’ were words that didn’t exist.

Newspapers and magazines were written for adults.

We are the last group who had to find out for ourselves.

As we grew up, the country was exploding with growth. The G.I. Bill gave returning veterans the means to get an education and spurred colleges to grow. VA loans fanned a housing boom.

Pent up demand coupled with new installment payment plans put factories to work.

New highways would bring jobs and mobility.

The veterans joined civic clubs and became active in politics.

In the late 40s and early 50's the country seemed to lie in the embrace of brisk but quiet order as it gave birth to its new middle class (which became known as ‘Baby Boomers’).

The radio network expanded from 3 stations to thousands of stations.

The telephone started to become a common method of communications and "Faxes" sent hard copy around the world.

Our parents were suddenly free from the confines of the depression and the war. They threw themselves into exploring opportunities they had never imagined.

We weren't neglected but we weren't today's all-consuming family focus.

They were glad we played by ourselves 'until the streetlights came on.' They were busy discovering the post war world.

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