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MAY FLOWERS

By Jo Kegel



Gardens are blooming! Here's what I know about gardening here in FL. I am learning how to salvage and groom plants here. I prefer flowers that bloom all season, not just in spring. I'm learning what survives the cold in January (and what

doesn't!), and where to put certain plants in the hot sun, full sun, partial sun, shade, etc. I still put a lot in pots so I can move them around and see what hits. Then I may plant them if they thrive. Placement of plants is key in each direction.

EAST: morning sun; shady in afternoon. A few shrubs and low plants do well, like Croton and Hawaiian Ti. I also have a small Magnolia tree in front of my house.

NORTH: mostly shade and gets the cold north winds. Difficult, but there's a nice fig tree on that side.

SOUTH: hot sun all day. Best for succulents, pineapples and palms. I bought a new Bird of Paradise.

WEST: a little morning sun; full sun most of afternoon; then shade late day. Perfect for my hibiscus, annuals, periwinkle, and mandevilla. I have been able to save annuals by keeping them in the warm sun, watering, and waiting. My little mums that I bought for decoration in October are now blooming again! And the two cheap Poinsettias at Christmas still have a few red leaves, and what looks like buds. I'm not giving up. Mandevilla will flower all season up to November facing any direction. They are so easy to care for. Can't overwater or underwater, and they can hang or look great in a walkway pot. That's my absolute dummy-proof go-to for flowers.



When you think your plant is dead, hang on, it starts to bud. A lot of plants look dead on top. Don't throw them away just yet. Just put them aside in the sun in the cold months. Be patient. You soon may see buds. A lot of plants sprout from the roots like a Hawaiian Ti. With care, you can cut down to "nubbins" (about a foot or so), keep warm and you'll see green buds. They shoot up fast in spring. In winter, the trick is to keep them out of the cold north winds. Move them to the sunny side of the house so they will warm up during the day. "Freezes are tests of whether plants really belong here in Zone 9" says Mark Lane-News Journal. Watering is important, but not overwatering. Just watch the hot sun areas. Deadhead the spent flowers so the plant can concentrate on the good stuff. I'm no expert. It's trial and error.

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

By Irma Reed



It has always been a joy to write about Mexico - a country rich in culture and traditions. It is a joy to celebrate with friends and neighbors at Plantation Oaks festivities like Cinco

de Mayo, Independence Day in September, Dia de Muertos in November and the Posadas in December. Cinco de Mayo has become more and more popular in America and it is a perfect day for Mexican food and margarita specials. Actually, in Mexico, it is not a holiday but a civic celebration for the Mexican army's victory over Imperial France, which took place in Puebla, Mexico on May 5, 1862. As you most certainly remember, here at our clubhouse we traditionally have enjoyed this "Fiesta" with contests, music dances and food. Can you recognize your friends in these pictures?

Cinco De Mayo May 5, 2022



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IT'S NEVER TOO LATE (Or How I Met Sue)

By Don Kline,



I went to a small school that only had about 400 students in grades 7 through 12. I was in 10th grade when I saw the most beautiful, petite, brown haired girl with big glasses walking down the hall. I didn't know her name, but I knew I was in love with her.

At that time, I was very introverted and had never had a girlfriend. I was afraid to talk to her. I finally found out her name and that she was in 7th grade. I made it a point to know everything she did. I would always try to get behind her in the lunch line. I knew she worked in the library so, any chance I got, I would check out a book from her. This went on for the entire school year. I had a lot of unread books that year. She never realized what I was doing. Today she likes to say that I stalked her, and I guess I did. During the summer I had one of my friends set up a rendezvous with him, his girlfriend, and Sue. From that point on we dated off and on for the next 5 years. It was more off than on because she flirted with everybody (which she denies). In my junior year of college, I learned I had been selected by the Air Force for pilot training and I asked her to marry me. She said no. She did not want to be a military wife. Fast forward 55 years. I moved back to my home town. One day I was in line at Target and there was an older, white-haired lady behind me. When I started to speak to the cashier, the lady said my name. I turned and she asked me if I was Donnie Kline. I said yes and she told me she was Sue. I remembered her as a petite brunette, and she remembered me as a skinny kid with hair. Neither of us looks anything like that now. She said she recognized my voice. During the Pandemic we started taking walks, catching up and rediscovering each other, and the rest is history. She told me that once her mother passed away she was definitely moving to Florida. So, when her mother passed, we both sold our houses and here we are. Her daughter said, "my gosh, you two are a Hallmark movie"; and I guess we are. Only time will tell if she says yes this time.



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“ONCE UPON A SPRINGTIME”

By Jeanie Scionti



While back in New England last spring, I looked out my kitchen window and beheld a glorious sight. A female robin was diligently preparing a nest in my "Rose of Sharon" tree. I was thrilled. Soon after, one small blue egg appeared guarded by "Robin," the name I gave her. As the days passed, two

more eggs appeared.

Excited, I was consumed with expectation. I showed the site to my husband, who was pleased, and commented about the perfection of size and construction of Robin's nest. I personally felt that she should have searched for stronger twigs and drier grass clippings.

I became quite attached to "Robin" and her eggs. She seemed all alone in her endeavors. I speculated, *"So typical of the male species.*



He gets her into this and then leaves all the work for her!" I was wrong. Two days later, I saw "Christopher," her husband, protecting the nest while Robin went out for breakfast.

Daily, I watched along with the parents for predators that might attack.

At one point, I observed Christopher standing guard looking down on his family. I am sure he was counting the eggs, probably hoping no more would appear. After all, three chicks were enough to handle.

On one occasion, Chris was busy puffing up his feathers - taking pride for his accomplishment. I thought, *"Hey mister, a little humility please and keep those eyes on the prize!"* Then suddenly, a squirrel jumped onto the tree. Like a shot, Christopher took flight after the little beast. I tensed up and sprang into action positioning myself closer, a spatula in hand. Almost immediately, Robin flew in and sat down on her brood. I sighed in relief, took two Advil and said aloud, "All in a day's work!"



Our 'grand-birds' hatched; so adorable. Every day they got bigger. Robin was uncomfortable trying to spread her body over the brood. Sometimes their little heads hung out

over the edge of the nest. I remarked to my husband that I wished I could help Robin by using my own body.

Then I foolishly added, "But that would destroy not only the nest but also the entire tree." He replied, "You got that right!" Funny guy.

About a week or so later, we found that everyone was gone. Yes, the pressure and anxiety were over but I still had that 'empty nest' feeling.

We will soon be back in Massachusetts and I am sure another robin will be scouting out that same tree. Can I deal with this again? The answer is, "Yes!" The joy of nature playing out before my eyes is experiencing the miracle of life!

Louisa May Alcott said it best in her poem:

"TO THE FIRST ROBIN"

Welcome, welcome, little stranger,
Fear no harm, and fear no danger.
We are glad to see you near,
For you sing, "Sweet Spring is here."
Now the white snow melts away.
Now the flowers blossom gay.
Come dear bird and build your nest,
For we love our robin best.



*A mother's love is a
treasure that will always be
with you no matter where
life takes you.*

Happy Mothers Day!

TIP OF THE MONTH

By Mike Reed



Garage Door Screen. Take it from someone with experience: do not have your screen included when you have your home power washed. Rudy, from Rollscreen of Florida, has been called to repair three of them from damage caused by the power washing. And

yes, we were one of the three. Wash the door but not the screen.

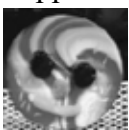
AUNT EDNA'S LOLLIPOP SHOP



By Edna Welch

As a new bride in June 1955, I moved to Bangor, ME where my husband, Will, was a student at Bangor Theological Seminary. Seminary was not in session yet. We needed to find an apartment we could afford and. I needed to

find a job. Will was working at the Bangor YMCA so the following Monday my job search began. I had years of secretarial experience but there did not seem to be any available positions in that field. However, a Seminary friend of Will's told us that this new TV station, WTWO Channel 2, was hiring. Those of you who know me know that I am not one to follow up on something like this, but luckily, I did this time. Bill, the general manager answered the phone and said he would be delighted to have me stop in for an interview. After checking the bus schedule, as we had no car, I planned to see him the next morning. The appointment went well and I was introduced to Jim, the newly hired Program Director. I would be secretary to both of them. They needed me to start asap and, naturally, I was available immediately. They hired me on the spot and I started the next day. My first week was a little confusing - everyone seemed to be doing whatever needed to be done. I was asked a number of times to do the booth when the reporter was doing something else. It was a no brainer as the copy was most always in the booth. A few weeks later, the station received a flyer regarding the children's program, Romper Room. They offered me the job but Romper Room would not employ anyone without a college degree. Since the station liked the idea of me doing a children's show, *Aunt Edna's Lollipop Shop* was developed. I worked with our art director to come up with a backdrop of a lollipop tree. A Bangor confectionery store came up with small lollipops decorated with faces, which supposedly gave me messages. Wonder Books supplied the books to read on my show. The program ran Monday-Friday for two years until I left to accompany my husband as we moved to North Carolina. It was an exciting two years that I really enjoyed. However, when Will and I went shopping I usually wound up being surrounded by children while Will did the shopping.



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Welcome New Friends We are happy you are here!



Mike & Mary Czerwinski
10 Claremount Drive
Moving From Hadley, MA with "Betty White"
Their cute little chihuahua.



Joan Correll
49 Habersham
Moved from Palm Coast with her King Charles – "Precious".



Linda Morrison
50 Claremount Drive
Moving from New Hope, PA with her lovely, rescued "Freedom".



Chris & Margaret Girard
17 Morington Lane
Moving from Appleton, WI. Used to rent here. Have family in the area.



Donna Palmer
5 Ashbury
Registered Nurse at Advent Health, Palm Coast. Moving from St. Augustine originally from TN.



Karen Dolan
18 Morington Lane
Moved from 50 Habersham with her kitty friend "Bella".



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A PARAPROSDOKIAN

Submitted by John Mercurio



A paraproisdokian is a sentence or statement with an unexpected ending. It means “against expectations” in Greek, and typically puts the first part of the sentence in a new and humorous context.

- Will glass coffins be a success? Remains to be seen.
- What’s the difference between a hippo and a zippo? One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter.
- Hear about the new restaurant called Karma? There’s no menu - you get what you deserve.
- I went to buy some camouflage trousers yesterday, but couldn't find any.
- What do you call a bee that can’t make up its mind? A maybe.
- I tried to sue the airline for losing my luggage. I lost my case.
- Is it ignorance or apathy that's destroying the world today? I don't know and don't really care.
- I wasn’t originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.
- Which country’s capital has the fastest-growing population? Ireland. Every day it’s Dublin.
- I saw an ad for burial plots, and I thought: “That’s the last thing I need!”
- Need an ark? I Noah guy.
- You’re not completely useless, you can always serve as a bad example.
- I broke my finger last week. On the other hand, I’m OK
- Don't spell part backward. It's a trap.
- And the Lord said unto John, “Come forth and you will receive eternal life.” But John came fifth, and he got hell.
- Did you hear about the guy who got hit in the head with a can of soda? He was lucky it was a soft drink. To the mathematician who thought of the idea of zero. Thanks for nothing!
- Son: "Dad, can you tell me what a solar eclipse is?" Dad: "No sun."



TRIVIA CHALLENGE

By Rich Bencal



After the positive response I received from last month's Plantation Oaks trivia questions I researched more interesting facts about our community. One of the many things that make our community great is all of the residents who volunteer.

Whether it is the PORA Board, or the various activities such as monthly coffee, ice cream social, POP newsletter, various meals or any of the other many activities, the efforts of the volunteers are to be appreciated by all.

QUESTIONS:

1. How deep is the deepest part of the swimming pool?
2. How deep is the shallowest part of the pool?
3. Which PORA President served the longest?
4. Who is the current President of PORA?
5. How many members are on the PORA Board of Directors?
6. How many parking spaces are in the lot directly in front of the clubhouse?
7. How many sports are listed on the plaque in the clubhouse for Plantation Oaks Champions?
8. What are these sports?
9. How often is the Plantation Oaks Press newsletter published?
10. True or False? There is a heart defibrillator located in the pool area of the clubhouse.



MAY ANIVERSARIES

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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.

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| 6 Marlene Gilman | 23 Frederick Mayes |
| 7 Nicolas Andreacchio | 23 Karen Murphy |
| 7 Stephen Seltzer | 23 Lori Parker |
| 7 Fred Way Lainhart | 24 Carol Green |
| 7 Donna Palmer | 25 Katherine Bennett |
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FEDERATION OF MANUFACTURED HOMEOWNERS (FMO)

By James Pursley, Plantation Oaks FMO Rep



Hello everyone, it's me again. Hopefully everyone had a blessed Easter, and you found a lot of eggs on your Easter egg hunt. One of my dad's favorite sayings was, "what does that have to do with the price of eggs"? If he could see the price of eggs now.

Today we are talking about safety. As I have mentioned many times before, I was a home builder for most of my working life. Not knowing much about manufactured homes, I have been learning a lot about them. I receive several publications that sometimes have articles about manufactured homes. As I have mentioned before I was involved with some trailer parks with my stepfather a number of years ago. Not

knowing much about manufactured homes, some of us have related trailers with manufactured homes. That is a huge mistake.

The first "mobile homes" were in the 19th century and were horse drawn wagons that families lived in on the road. Over the next several decades, these trailers evolved even further. They grew into late-20th century mobile homes with full-fledged kitchens and bathrooms. The evolution of mobile homes continued throughout the 1960's and 1970's.


In 1976 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) established the Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards. Commonly known as the "HUD code".

Safety regulations are often updated for manufactured homes. These are done to ensure that they're as compliant as possible to keep up with modern advances in home building.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying it's safe to stay in your home if a Cat 5 hurricane is bearing down on us. Look at the homes that were destroyed in the tornadoes in the mid part of the country - most of them were stick built homes and businesses. I'm just saying that manufactured homes have come a long way and the industry is doing everything to break the stigma of mobile homes. Another thing making great strides is the FMO, Federation of Manufactured Homeowners. We really need to support this organization. They do so much for us behind the scenes. They are constantly working to make our life more enjoyable and not have to worry about what the park owners are doing. To join, call or text me, James Pursley, your Park Representative, 386-986-9632. Or better yet, go to fmo.org where you can pay with a credit card. The price now is \$25.00 per year or \$65.00 for 3 years. For the first time in over 10 years the FMO dues will increase. Effective August 14, 2023, the annual membership dues will increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00, and the 3-year membership dues will increase from \$65.00 to \$75.00. So, join now and you will have enough to buy those eggs we were talking about. If you are within 60 days of your renewal period, you may renew at the current rate. However, if your membership is not up for renewal until mid-October, you will renew at the new rate. We really need this service. James

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HERE WE GO AGAIN!!

By Joe Cortese



Most of us old-timers here in the Oaks (Glenda and I have lived here 6 years, so we no longer consider ourselves newbie's) have seen several hurricane/tropical storms in this area and so we are keenly aware that next month (June) begins the dreaded "Hurricane Season". Now, if you're a newbie and haven't experienced a hurricane, you may not fully appreciate how dangerous these storms can be. I was born and raised in Miami and have lived with hurricane's my whole life. Yet, I still got blown away (pardon the pun) by Hurricane Andrew. I wrote a short article about it in The POP (August 21), "Memories of Andrew" but hopefully you will **never** have to live through a nightmare like that.

In the next few weeks, you will see and hear volumes of information about hurricane preparedness but there are a few lessons, learned the hard way, that we would like to share.

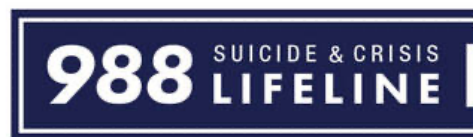
If we get a serious storm, it is pretty much a guarantee that the electric will go out. Depending on how big and bad the storm is, we could also lose the telephone, cell phone, internet, cable, and water. I've heard it said here in the Oaks, "we live on the same power grid as the hospital so we will get the power back quickly". When Hurricane Andrew hit Miami (the largest city in Florida), Glenda and I lived within walking distance of a major hospital. Our power, cable, internet, phones, and water went out for months even though, just like Plantation Oaks, all of our utilities were underground. So why would a storm affect these? The power lines that feed the underground utilities are above ground on poles and, in a bad storm, many of those poles will break off - interrupting service and blocking the roads. Water and other utilities run underground but are also not safe. When trees are uprooted or knocked over, the roots break and tear those underground utility lines. Consequently, being underground makes them harder to fix. So, what do you do if a serious storm is approaching? Well, I'm glad you asked.

The experts tell us to follow local evacuation orders (so hopefully you will) and to have a plan. A good plan should include different scenarios like: to stay or not to stay; when to come back; and, what you will need in each case. If you evacuate you need to know where to go and what you're going to need (make a list). After the storm passes you should stay away until the roads are safe and the utilities are back on. If you decide to

return before the utilities return, you need to know how to live without them.

As Hurricane Andrew approached, I sent Glenda and the children away and stayed even though we lived in a mandatory evacuation zone. I was thirty years younger, too sure of myself, and nearly paid for my arrogance with my life. Our home disintegrated around me. After Hurricane Andrew, a few neighbors and I had our vehicles trapped in our cul-de-sac for five days until the US Army came and cleared a ginormous tree from the entrance. Thankfully one of my vehicles survived (one didn't) but it was still several more days before I could find any stores or gas stations that had anything to sell. Don't forget, they have all sustained major damage too. I had supplies for basic survival, but I was woefully ill prepared for basic comfort. Hurricanes happen at the hottest time of the year and, when compounded with lots of water and no power, it becomes unimaginably hot and humid! Without some way to cool yourself (especially at night), it is miserable! Be honest we have all become air condition junkies!! To add insult to injury, what was left of my roof, walls, and windows leaked (and this was a concrete block home). This resulted in a field day for the mosquitos - plus because of the standing water - everything that crawls, creeps, or slithers is looking for dry ground. So why am I telling you all this? Because if a serious storm is heading this way, YOU need to make good decisions. Nobody stays in the path of a serious storm really believing they're going to die, but tragically they do. When the last two hurricane's hit Flagler Beach, Glenda and I (and the fur babies) grabbed our most important stuff, secured the house and headed north. In one of the storms, we ended up in Nova Scotia, Canada. There is nothing in this house that cannot be replaced except for us. That's why we carry insurance.

In part 2, I'll talk about what to do if you stay in the storm, or come back before all the utilities are back on.



If you, or someone you know, are in *crisis*, feeling *suicidal*, have been sexually assaulted, in need of resources, or just need to talk, call 988.

MAY: A MONTH FOR CELEBRATIONS!

By Chef Kevin Gallagher MS, CEC



May is a month with lots of celebrations! From May Day on the May 1st to Memorial Day at the end of the month, there are lots of opportunities to get together with friends, enjoy each other's company, and share some tasty food.

This is a fun and relatively easy recipe to make that will wow your friends. This apple cake is a variation from the Italian Umbrian specialty. It is rich in fruit - containing at least 80% fruit and is deliciously soft and moist. The addition of delicate pears and soaked raisins brings this recipe to another level. The rum is totally optional, but if you like the taste of rum in your desserts, please add it in, you will not be disappointed!

Italian Apple Cake

Servings: 8

4 golden delicious apples

2 Bartlett pears

10 tbsp salted butter

1/2 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 cup granulated sugar

4 eggs

1 cup raisins

Rum for raisins, optional

1 tbsp baking powder

1/2 cup heavy cream

1 tsp cinnamon powder

powdered sugar for garnish



Instructions

1. Preheat your oven to 325°F

Soak your raisins in your choice of rum (if using), enough to barely cover. Set it aside.

2. Make a double boiler by placing water in saucepan and a mixing bowl on top. Turn on the heat to medium and place the butter to melt. Once butter has melted add the flour in 2 or 3 steps, mixing well until smooth. Add the sugar and mix well.

3. Remove mixing bowl from heat and add the eggs, one at a time and mix well using a whisk. Mixture should be very smooth.

4. Line bottom of 9" spring form cake pan using parchment paper. Brush a little oil or butter on the sides and line with paper too.

5. Peel the apples and pears, cut around the core and dice into 1-inch cubes.

6. To your flour mixture, add the raisins (and any rum that has not been soaked into raisins), diced apples and pears.

7. Warm up the cream in a microwave (not hot) then add the baking powder and cinnamon. Mix with small whisk and pour over the apple and flour mixture. Fold in until incorporated. Transfer mixture to your lined cake pan and bake for 60 minutes.

8. Leave to cool at least one hour before removing from tart pan. As an option, dust with powdered sugar for a pretty finish. This is best served warm, but you can also refrigerate it and it will keep beautifully in the refrigerator for several days.

NOTE: Correction to April Recipe

From Chef Kevin Gallagher

Tender Potato Herb Rolls

The temperature of the warm water should be no higher than 115-120F (warm to the touch, but NOT HOT) as temps above 130F will kill the yeast.

Correction: "1 cup warm (115-120F) water"

I thought the dryer made my clothes shrink. Turns out it was the refrigerator.

PLANTATION OAKS TRIVIA

ANSWERS

1. 16 feet
2. 3 feet
3. George Shaver 2006-2011
4. Gary Watkins
5. 7
6. 16
7. 5
8. Shuffleboard, Bocce, Horseshoes, Tennis, Pool
9. Monthly
10. True



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SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Patty Watkins and John Clabaugh



Here we are already in the fifth month of the year! Where has the time gone?

May is another busy month with the following events planned:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

(Check out the calendar of events on ourpora.org for more details and activities).

May 1 – Social Committee Meeting 2:00 PM

May 6 – Monthly Breakfast 8:30 – 9:30 AM

May 9 – Coffee & Doughnuts (Free) - Guest Speaker TBA. 10 AM

May 19 –Dinner Night 5:00 PM

May 28 – Ice Cream Social 6:00 PM

May 29 - Memorial Day – Pool Party Contact Person: Christine Davis. See the following article for more information.

The social committee also discussed, in the April meeting, possibly having a Chili Cook-off in September, Elvis night in October. Stay tuned for more information!

We also have:

Water Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 10 AM

Line Dancing: Wednesdays

Beginners 1:00 PM

Advance 1:30 PM

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

Shuffleboard: Thursday 9:30 AM

Horseshoes: Friday 4 PM

Yoga: Tuesdays, 1:00 PM, \$10.00

Bereavement Committee – although there hasn't been any request in quite a while, we just wanted to remind everyone that we still have the Bereavement Committee. Please call Betty Shaver for more information if you or someone you know has a need of this service.

When I get a headache I "take two aspirin and keep away from children just like the bottle says.

“MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION” PLANTATION OAKS

By Betty Vandermyn



A Memorial Day celebration is being planned for May 29, 2023, and will be a combined Bob's Burgers and Pool Party. This will be held at Plantation Oaks clubhouse/pool area. Murex is sponsoring the event so there will be no charge for tickets. However, this is for Plantation Oaks residents only at this time. There will be entertainment by *Scott the Bugman*, burgers, hot dogs, potato chips, ice cream sandwiches and water. Please "BYOB". There will also be lots of fun and games by the pool so wear your



beachwear! There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the clubhouse bulletin board on May 1.

This is a mandatory sign-up to anticipate how much food we will need to purchase. Please select your choice(s) of hot dogs or burgers also. There will be another sign-up sheet for those who wish to contribute a potluck cold side dish or dessert to add to our festivities. Please come and join us and have some fun with your friends here at Plantation Oaks and be prepared for some poolside fun!!



Schedule for the day:

11 AM: Memorial Day Service - Greg Pankau
Golf Cart Parade Following the service.

12 PM: Food Served

1 PM-4 PM: Scott the Bugman Entertains

Questions? please call Christine Davis @ 508-901-3628. Also check social club bulletin board as well as your email for future updates and additions.



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BURIAL IN A VA CEMETERY

By Greg Pankau



If you're a veteran and wish to be buried in a VA Cemetery, do this (see below) now and attach it to your will or other important preparation papers. It will save your grieving family from having to do this when they should focus on grieving alone. Your funeral

director will also appreciate your foresight in getting this done in advance.

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- A Veteran who didn't receive a dishonorable discharge when you separated from the military, **or**
- The spouse or dependent child of a service member or Veteran, even if the service member or Veteran has already passed away, **or**
- In some cases, the adult dependent child of a service member or Veteran (if you aren't married)
- We base our decision of whether or not you qualify for burial in a VA national cemetery on your service history—or the service history of the Veteran or service member who's sponsoring your application for burial as a spouse, surviving spouse, or unmarried adult child.

<https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/pre-need-eligibility/>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

PLANTATION OAKS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (PORA)

By Gary Watkins, President



As I am sure you are aware of your Plantation Oaks Resident Association has been working hard for you. The board, social club and cooks team have put on some great events for everyone. We instituted a PORA member discount for events. This has been brought up and

talked about for years by previous boards and your present board has taken the initiative to institute the discount policy. For years we have explained why joining PORA, with the explanation that a show of numbers in our association was important - it wasn't enough. Now if a couple attends five events during the

year, they have saved enough to cover their PORA dues. Also, it's a thank you for joining and being a part of PORA. PORA, along with Murex, pays for the "free" ice cream socials. PORA pays for the coffee and doughnuts events, and for the wine and cheese party. PORA does much more.

The board has instituted a policy for event ticket sales:

- **First day of Sales** – Open to Plantation Oaks residents only with one ticket per household member.
- **Second day of Sales** – Open again to Plantation Oaks residents for purchase of one ticket per household member.
- **Third day of Sales** – Open for the purchase of non-resident tickets if available.
- Once tickets are sold out with the number for that event there will be no more available tickets.
- If you are out of town or for some other legitimate reason can't get to a ticket sale date you call event chairman or ticket salesperson to reserve or have another resident purchase.
- Ticket sales hours will be alternated.

Your PORA Board has tried to make it fair for all residents to get tickets, if they choose to, with the ticket sales policy. The PORA ticket discount is just one benefit for joining PORA that members receive. If you are not a PORA member, please join - not just for the ticket discount, but also for strength in numbers. Remember that the association is your representative to the owners of our community. See you around this great community!

PORA 2023

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