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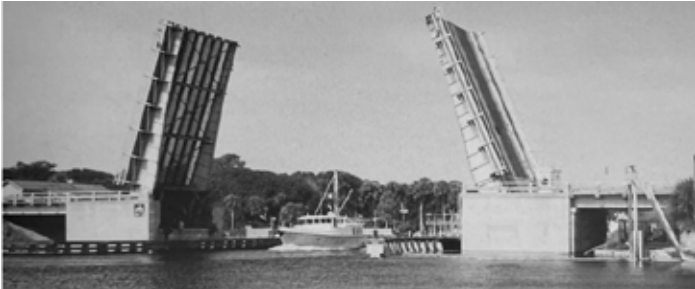
PARADISE LOST Part 1

By Joe Cortese



Okay, - yes I stole the name of my article from John Milton. But it worked so well I couldn't help it! Milton's wrote about the loss of man's soul by his fall from grace and this article will consider the loss of Flagler County's soul by one of the oldest of sins, greed.

Change is inevitable but I've always found it difficult to reconcile in my mind. Depending on where one sits, change seems to be either beneficial or detrimental. I remember Flagler when SR 100 was a narrow, two-lane road with forest encroaching on both sides and a draw bridge across the inter coastal (before



the new gargantuan structure). I remember when the only businesses in Palm Coast were Publix, Scotty's Lumber, a gas station and a few small restaurants. I remember when there wasn't anything west of 95 until you hit Bunnell (which hasn't changed much) and the only route between Palm Coast and Flagler Beach was 95 or Old Kings Road. I remember when there was almost nothing on Old Kings Road except an old camp ground with white wooden fences. Colbert Lane and the Hammock Dunes Bridge didn't exist yet. My parents moved to Palm Coast when it was just coming out of the ground and my Aunt Barber lives two blocks from the ocean in Flagler Beach so this became our favorite vacation spot. Flagler County/Beach seemed to have the perfect blend of charm and convenience. When we retired seven years ago, moving here was a "no brainer". What we didn't count on was all the virtues that attracted us to this area also held the allure that led to over-development. How much is too much and when is enough, enough? I guess, in a perfect world, it's when we have exactly what "we" want. But therein lies the problem - I don't know what I want! I like the new roads and bridges and stores and restaurants (especially the restaurants) but I still fear change. I can only hope (and pray) that our decision makers are guided by good sense and not greed.

If you haven't driven around Flagler lately, there seems to be development in every direction you look. One of the interesting things to note is all of the large

storage facilities that have suddenly popped up. I wondered why we needed all that storage but the obvious answer was troubling. All the new residents that will fill all the new developments will need them. Ouch! We are witnessing a population explosion and this area will never be the same. I've lived through one of these explosions already - they call it Miami. It wasn't good. Only time will tell if these changes become benefits or detriments. But one things for certain - our quaint little area will not be quaint, or little, for long. "The times they are a-changin'."

P.S. In Part 2, we'll discuss the new Margaritaville hotel.

Editor's Note: I love local history and thought I would add this interesting information on how the bridges emerged. (Prior to the bridges, a ferry, large enough for two cars, provided passage across the waterway.)



Flagler Beach's first bridge across the ICW. The wooden bridge was one-way and was a turnstile bridge. The school bus was too heavy with the children on board, so each day, twice a day, the children had to unload and walk across the bridge, while the empty bus traveled across the bridge. This continued until the draw bridge was built in 1951. The Current bridge opened 1999.

SCAM (From Nextdoor)

My husband was on our laptop when a huge alert came on and locked the computer. It said we have been hacked and our email, bank accounts, passwords, etc. were compromised. they gave a number for the help desk. We looked up the number ourselves and of course it was different. We called our computer guy. He said to reboot the computer and it came back on. Just for safety sake he will go in and clean it out. It really scared us. He told us to watch "Bee Keeper". It's a movie about this scam. It's getting scarier by the day with these hi-tech scams!



LET'S TALK...VACATION!



By Jeanie Scionti

Recently, a friend of mine asked me where I would choose to go for a summer vacation. My favorite place to spend a summer, or even a fall, vacation would be in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

New Hampshire was the first state that my husband and I visited when we moved to New England in 1968. We were, and still are, in awe of its beauty. The "Granite State" has it all...rugged mountains, flowing rivers, crystal lakes, rushing waterfalls, and majestic rock formations. All of these natural wonders packed into one of the smallest states of the Union.

We took our children and their grandparents there many times. We would stay for three weeks, either camping or renting a condominium.

In the fall, we would go up to visit Franconia Notch and view the "Old Man of the Mountain." My daughter loved that spot. The jagged ledges formed a profile of a face, which was viewed from a distance, above Profile Lake. Unfortunately, the 'old man' fell from his granite perch back in early May of 2003. However, it is still an interesting stop where one can view the memorial plaza built in memory of the famous formation of stacked granite ledges.



We also liked to hike up and down the Flume Gorge, in Lincoln. This stunning trail features cascading waterfalls, glacial pools and many moss-covered granite walls. It is quite a wonder!

Canon Mountain has always been a fun area. The aerial tramway is just remarkable. On a clear day, one can see the mountains of four states and Canada. Once at the top, you can take a break and lunch at the main building or take a scenic walk around the mountain.

We would always take a drive across the Kancamagus Byway, which passes through the heart of the White Mountains. It is lovely in the summer and spectacular in the fall.

Yet another great attraction is the Cog Railway. Ride to the 6288' summit of Mount Washington – the highest mountain peak in the Northeast– powered by one of the authentic coal-fired steam locomotives! The approximately three-hour round trip is an exhilarating journey through history, technology, and nature, including about an hour to explore the State Park at the summit.

There are many more attractions that we have visited and still re-visit.

I told my friend, as I am telling you, if you want to experience something different this summer...as a 'true' New Englander would say...



SPRING BRINGS CHANGE

By Rosi Reese, President-PORA



Years ago, after living in Miami for almost 25 years, I almost forgot the feeling of Spring. In South Florida we had four seasons: Warm, Warmer. Hot, and one or two days of what we called Winter.

I still remember my first Spring up here, while driving along Granada Blvd seeing all the Spring flower in bloom. I was overcome with a sense of joy and excitement. In nature, Spring is a sign of growth and new beginnings.

Even old trees are covered with new growth and even old dogs can learn new tricks. What about you? No matter what your age or physical health, there are various ways to improve your physical and mental health. As this article is being written, they are doing the finishing touches to the pool. Just walking in the shallow end of the pool is easy on your joints and still gives you the added exercise your body needs. Playing cards helps keep your mind sharp and being with friends helps improve your mental health. Being involved in the many social events here at our community could help your health while being fun too!

They say 40 is the new 30 and 50 is the new 40, but all I know is the older I get, the more 9 PM is the new midnight.

THE OLD COOT GETS A WORKOUT

By Merlin Lessler, Submitted by Dan Behanick



I was recently on a cruise in the Southern Caribbean. It wasn't my first rodeo. I've been on a ship or two or three over the last 30 years, but I was a youngster when I started, in my early 50's. A lot has changed over those 30 years, but this isn't a documentary about the evolution of cruising. I don't know what it is. Anyway, I'm usually off my leash in the early morning hours. I'm at breakfast as I write this. It's a cafeteria deal, with islands of food items, and not one long line. You scramble from place to place. Cereals here – custom cooked eggs there – meats at another station – toast and bread off to the side.

You weave through a mass of people like an NFL running back trying to avoid tacklers. No small feat for an octogenarian with balance issues. On this day, I actually remembered to grab a silverware pack (knife and fork wrapped in a cloth napkin) and shoved it in my pocket. Unlike the day before, the several days before, when I located an empty seat, sat down to eat, and realized – NO UTENSILS!

This day, with a knife and fork in my pocket, I headed to the toast station where you wait while the bread you select runs through a car wash like toaster conveyor. I decided



to come back in a few minutes and moved on, grabbed a juice at the beverage corral, found a table and plopped down my stuff, marking my turf. End of trip #1.

Then, I grabbed a large plate and a bowl and put the bowl on the plate. Did I mention that there are no trays to purvey your selections? Not anymore. I went to the cereal station and deposited a splash of Cheerios into the bowl, then to the fruit island to add watermelon, cantaloupe and two strawberries to the plate the bowl sat on. My solution to the no tray situation. I put the goods on my table. End of trip #2.

Trip #3: back to the beverage corral to snag a coffee and said, "Sorry," to the nice little old lady I nearly knocked over when my balance issue hurled me into her. I sat down and breathed a sigh of relief, opened my napkin and discovered just a knife and fork, no spoon. This started trip #4. I went back to the cereal island and grabbed a spoon, thinking, "This is it; I can finally eat

my breakfast." Oops! Not to be. I had forgotten to pour milk on my cereal. I grabbed the bowl of Cheerios and went back to the cereal station where there were pitchers of milk and cream. Trip #5. I'd forgotten to pick up the toast, but decided I'd had enough exercise for one morning. Maybe tomorrow. I hadn't tripped or bruised too many passengers in the process. Someone is sure to ask what I did on my cruise. I'll simply say, "Had a good breakfast, and I got a lot of exercise!"



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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

By George Byrne-Team Leader



Your CERT is alive and well. On March 15, your CERT team arranged for, and hosted, a seminar on “Hurricane Preparedness” in the clubhouse. The speakers were from the Flagler County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Ryan Simpson, FPEM, Emergency Management Senior Planner and Suzy Gamblain, the EOC Volunteer Coordinator. The purpose was to educate our residents on what they can do to prepare for a possible hurricane, or other major event that might hit our community, and what to expect in the aftermath. Also discussed were how your CERT team fits into this preparedness and what you can do to assist your CERT volunteers. Your CERT is ready to assist our community recover from any event that has overwhelmed our local emergency response services until normal assistance is restored.

Have you ever seen an accident and said to yourself “I wish I was able to help more until the professionals arrive.” Well, joining your CERT volunteers is one way you can. Help make a difference, be part of our/your team. We all have skills we bring to the table. CERT can be a way you can use these skills to help your community in its time of need. Your CERT team has the training and equipment to assist our fellow residents after any major event - be part of this team.

The latest CERT basic training class started in April. Training classes are offered four times each year so even if you didn’t make this one there is always another. Once certified you will be issued equipment and an ID card designating you as an emergency responder, allowing you to return to Plantation Oaks in a declared emergency where travel is restricted. Can’t take the training? We still want you on our team. Just being part of CERT is gratefully appreciated. Come to our monthly meetings. All are welcome! The meetings are usually the third Friday of the month at 11am. Check the bulletin board to be sure.

For further information on CERT go the County website: *Flagler County Operation Center*, then *Departments*, then *Emergency Management*, then *Volunteer and Training*, scroll down to *Training: CERT*.

Signing up for classes is simple. Just send an email to EOC@Flaglercounty.gov. Give them your name, the organization - *Plantation Oaks CERT*, and let them know you will be joining the next class.

Need more information? Join one of our meetings or give me a call. George Byrne, Team leader, Plantation Oaks CERT 845-728-4679



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MONEY TRIVIA

By Rich Bencal



Welcome back to another POP trivia column. Hopefully everyone is enjoying the warmer weather, the birds singing to us and our daylight is much longer. Once again, with the aid of several reference manuals and web sites, I have prepared 10 trivia questions and this month the questions are all about money. Good luck!

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the weight of a US dollar bill?
2. How many denominations of US dollar bills are in circulation?
3. What denomination of US dollar bills are no longer issued but are still in circulation?
4. What is the name of the US Agency that prints all US currency?
5. How much US currency is printed every day?
6. How many locations does the US Mint have?
7. When and where was the first US paper currency issued and used?
8. Whose likeness is on a \$500 dollar bill?
9. Who was the first US Treasury Secretary?
10. What is the weight of a US penny?



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CINCO DE MAYO

By Kevin Gallagher MS, CEC



Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, celebrates the date of the Mexican army's May 5, 1862, victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. The day, which falls on Sunday, May 5 in 2024, is also known as Battle of Puebla Day.

While it is a relatively minor holiday in Mexico, in the United States, Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a commemoration of Mexican culture and heritage. This year we are blessed to have Irma Reed share her Mexican heritage with the Plantation Oaks Community! I was honored to create some delicious authentic Mexican culinary treats to complement her presentation. Here are two of the recipes!

Albóndigas con Chipotle (Mexican Meatballs)

Makes about 16-32 meatballs (depends on size)

Ingredients

For the meatballs:

- 8 ounces ground pork
- 8 ounces ground beef
- 1 onion, finely, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup fresh breadcrumbs, (or 1/2 cup dry breadcrumbs plus 1/4 cup milk)
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 large egg, beaten
- oil, for frying



For the Sauce:

- 1-2 chipotle chilis, seeded and chopped fine, plus 2 tablespoons of adobo sauce from can
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3/4 cup beef stock
- 1 14-ounce can petite diced tomatoes in juice
- 7 tablespoons tomato puree
- flour street tacos, warmed
- chopped cilantro and grated cotija cheese for garnish

Instructions

1. Combine pork, beef, onion, garlic, breadcrumbs, oregano, cumin, salt, pepper and egg in a bowl and mix well. Roll into 1-inch balls then refrigerate while you prepare sauce.
2. Heat oil in saucepan and sauté the onion and garlic until softened, about 3-4 minutes. Add chopped

chipotles and adobo sauce and cook for 1 minute. Stir in the beef stock, tomato puree, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, lower heat and simmer for 15-20 minutes.

3. Heat oil in frying pan. Fry the meatballs in batches until browned and cooked through (alternatively, you can also bake the meatballs in a 350-degree oven for 25-30 minutes).
4. Add meatballs to sauce and let simmer for 10 minutes. Serve in flour street tacos and garnish with cilantro and cotija cheese.

Galletas de Zucaritas (Frosted Flake Cookies)

Yield: 40-60 cookies (depends on size)

Ingredients

- 1 1/3 cups unsalted butter (at room temperature)
- 1 1/4 cups granulated sugar
- 3 eggs (room temperature, cracked into a small bowl)
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1/8 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 3 cups all-purpose flour (plus an additional 1/4 cup for shaping the dough)
- 4 cups frosted flakes cereal of your choice, (4 to 5)
- 1/2 cup rainbow sprinkles



Instructions

1. In a stand mixer, fitted with the paddle, whip the butter and sugar until soft and fluffy, about 2-3 minutes.
2. Scrape down the sides of the bowl and the beaters. Add the eggs, vanilla and salt then continue beating until well mixed, another minute. Add the half the flour, beating until incorporated, then add the remaining flour and beat until incorporated. The batter should be very smooth, homogenous and soft. Remove the bowl from the mixer.
3. Cover baking sheets with parchment paper. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees Fahrenheit and position the oven racks in the middle and bottom thirds.
4. Place frosted flakes on a large dinner plate or baking sheet and - using your hands - squeeze and crumble the flakes to make them smaller, taking care not to grind them up completely. Mix with rainbow sprinkles. Place 1/4 cup flour in a shallow bowl.
5. Dust your hands with the flour and scoop up 1 heaping tablespoon of dough. Roll it into a ball and flatten the ball slightly in your hands, then put it into the crumbled frosted flakes and rainbow sprinkles. Gently press into the flakes, then flatten to 1/4-inch thick. Transfer to the baking sheet and repeat.
6. Bake 15-18 minutes, rotating the pans from top to bottom and front to back halfway through, until the cookies are light golden brown around the edges. Remove from the oven and allow to cool completely. Store in a tin.

ORIGINS OF OLD SAYINGS

By John Mercurio



Have you ever wondered where old sayings like *At the Drop of a Hat* come from? These are just a few of many old sayings and their meanings that have become popular over time.



1. “At the Drop of a Hat”

Means: To do something without delay

Real meaning: In the 19th century, a hat was used to indicate the start of a race or a fight. A hat would be dropped, or swept in a downward arc, and participants would begin.

2. “As Mad as a Hatter”

Means: To be crazy or insane

Real meaning: In the 17th and 18th centuries, hatters made felt hats with mercury, which lead to all kinds of side effects, including insanity. The Mad Hatter, from Lewis Carroll’s *Alice in Wonderland* is based on this phenomenon.



3. “Barking up the Wrong Tree”

Means: Take the wrong approach or waste your efforts

Real meaning: This is an old saying that originates in America and refers to hunting dogs in the early 19th century. Hunted prey such as raccoons or bears would escape the dogs by climbing up trees. The dogs would then sit and bark at the base of the tree, waiting for their master. However, sometimes the dogs would lose the scent and select the wrong tree. They would still bark for their masters.

4. “Basket Case”

Means: Stressed out, unable to cope

Real meaning: In WW1, tragically many soldiers lost limbs and had to be carried. They were put in a makeshift basket and referred to as ‘basket cases’.

5. “Big Wig”

Means: A very important person

Real meaning: This is one of those old sayings that is literal in origin. In the 18th century, the important figures within the political system would wear the biggest wigs.



6. “Bite the Bullet”

Means: Go through the pain and get on with it

Real meaning: There was no such thing as pain relief or anesthesia in the 19th century. As a result, when soldiers were injured on the battlefield and

needed treatment, they were given a bullet to bite down on to prevent them screaming out loud.



7. “Burning the Midnight Oil”

Means: Working late into the night

Real meaning: Before the days of electricity, oil lamps were used for lighting a room. Hence, you were burning oil at midnight if working late.



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By James Pursley, Plantation Oaks FMO Rep



Hello everyone. I hope everyone is doing well. I don’t know about you but there is so much going on.

Recently there was an earthquake in the New Jersey area. Speaking of which, (this is not to offend anyone) but do you know there are people that really don’t keep up with the news? My dad was the biggest news person. He knew what was going on and I inherited it.

I don’t think my children inherited from me. My youngest son lives in Michigan. I texted him and said, "Did you feel the earthquake?" He wrote back in a little while, “no, not really - did you?” I could tell it was one of those answers he had to do research on. I will let you know next month what happened about the eclipse.

Another thing you can keep up on is the FMO Federation of Manufactured Homeowners. It is a statewide, consumer advocacy association dedicated to protecting the rights and lifestyle of manufactured homeowners in the state of Florida since 1962. FMO has an attorney and a legislative counsel in Tallahassee to advise them. They represent us homeowners that have homes on leased land. For you first time land-leased homeowners, this is not a gimmick or something that a salesman is telling you - you have to have this. Well, I’m not a salesman but new homeowners here at Plantation Oaks really should understand the value of FMO.

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To show you how dedicated I am to my readers, I went over the deadline (close) to give you an update on my son and the eclipse . I make the fatal text asking my son how far away he is from the eclipse? He writes back, after a while saying he thinks it's pretty close. He said Ohio is 100 per cent and we are like 98 per cent or something like that. My friends, I can't make stuff up like this. Carol and I have been watching it on TV, and people have been driving for days. All they have to do is open the front door!

Well until next time, please join the FMO while I go look up my family tree.

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

By Irma Reed



For sure the Mexican party that most Americans enjoy is Cinco de Mayo! It's a time to drink margaritas, wear sombreros and have fun with friends.



What is the celebration about? Since the European conquest of Mexico and Mexico's need to maintain its independence, it became indebted to the United States, Germany, France and Spain. Its proximity to the USA and its extended rich territory and coasts made Mexico attractive to be invaded. Even, for a short time, a Monarchy was established by the Austrian-Hungarian Empire.

On May 5th, México celebrates the anniversary of a victory in 1862 over the French Empire, defeating the forces of Napoleon III. It is celebrated with a formal civic ceremony to honor and pay respects to the army and their commander.

We are celebrating "Cinco de Mayo Fiesta" here at our clubhouse with the color, the flavor, the music and the joy well known in the Mexican culture. A large number of Plantation Oaks residents had organized a "Fiesta Program" for us to enjoy on May 4th. Nos vemos amigos!

FELLOWSHIP

By Carol Cerney



Our May Christian Fellowship will be meeting on Sunday May 5 – one week earlier so families are able to enjoy Mother's Day gatherings.

This month we're going to be talking about putting God first. What does that mean? How do we "put God first? What does that really look like in our everyday lives?

Janice Randolph will be sharing the devotional using Matthew 6:33 as the focal scripture - where Jesus instructed the people during the Sermon on the Mount to "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need."

Questions to ponder – How am I doing at "putting first things first" – allowing God to guide and direct my day?

We'll meet from 4:00 – 5:30 at the Clubhouse, and as always, we'll have prayer, music, Bible-reading/discussion and fellowship. Come and bring your neighbors & friends to enjoy this special time together.

The Plantation Oaks Christian Fellowship is a non-denominational group where everyone is welcome to learn and grow in their faith of Jesus Christ.

Contact Carol Cerney 507-213-0121 for questions.



MEMORIAL DAY – MAY 27, 2024

Many of us celebrate Memorial Day with a start-of-summer barbecue, beach trip, or town parade every May. No matter your plans, let's remember the true meaning of this day. It's a day dedicated to honoring the fallen soldiers that have fought to protect our freedom. The quotes below are shared to celebrate, honor, and remember.

- "Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it." –Unknown
- "Freedom" is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." –Ronald Reagan
- "Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them." –Franklin D. Roosevelt
- "May we never forget our fallen comrades. Freedom isn't free." –Sgt. Maj. Bill Paxton



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Gary has been living in Port Orange, Florida and has a daughter in Palm Coast. Gary found a nice home here in Plantation Oaks and says he likes Euchre, Poker and other card games. Gary looks forward to getting involved in our community activities. Before retirement, Gary worked as an Electrical Engineer.



MAY QUOTES

1. "May is like a fine wine – it starts with a burst of laughter and ends with a hangover of sunshine."
2. "May: the month where I plan to bloom, but mostly just wilt in front of the air conditioner."
3. "They say April showers bring May flowers, but all I got was a garden full of weeds and a bad hair day."
4. "May the fourth be with you... as you try to remember where you left your umbrella."
5. "May your allergies be few and your tissues plentiful. Happy sneezing!"
6. "They say laughter is the best medicine, but have they tried May sunshine?"
7. "In May, I like to think of myself as a flower – beautiful, but in need of constant attention and sunlight."
8. "May the odds be ever in your favor as you try to find a parking spot at the beach."
9. "May: the month where I switch from 'winter body' to 'summer survival mode'."
10. "May your May be filled with spontaneous adventures and unplanned naps."
11. "In May, I'm like a butterfly emerging from its cocoon – except my cocoon is made of blankets and Netflix."



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Ken & Sharon Boswell
- 5 Peter & Linda Stahl
- 8 Barry & Sandy Levan
- 11 Malcolm & Anne Fraser
- 12 Art & Sheri Bookwalter
- 16 Jack & Lynn Delvecchio
- 18 Phillip & Dianne Hageman
- 19 Joe & Johanna Maiorano
- 20 Joe & Jeanie Bowe
- 21 Gerard & Patricia Unger
- 22 Butch & June LaForge
- 23 David & Carol Manowski
- 24 Eddie & Gerri Remondi
- 24 William & Carol Haseltine
- 25 Ken & Donna Copeland
- 27 Bob & Dana Matlock
- 29 Ron & Cheryl Furi
- 29 Roger & Janet Epperson
- 30 Bob & Rebecca McDonald



SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By John Clabaugh & Christine Davis



Join us for our Social Committee meetings the first Monday of each month at 2 PM, except when it lands on a holiday. **The next**

Social Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, 2:00 PM. All are welcome.

Please continue to check the website, email, and bulletin boards at the clubhouse for sign ups and posting of new events.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with each event, especially for cleanup teams. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. We have two residents who have volunteered for clean-up – would like to see more people sign up.

For any questions or suggestions you may have regarding the Social Committee, please contact:

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May Events:

May 3 – Cooks' Meeting at 11 AM to determine Brunch and Dinner Menu for May. All cooks who can, please attend.

May 4 - Cinco de Mayo (see information this page)

May 11- Mother's Day Brunch, 10-11 AM

May 17 – Monthly Dinner Menu TBA, 5 PM.

May 27 - Memorial Day, Pool Party. John Clabaugh Bug Guy sponsored by Murex.

Future Events-more details to follow.

June 15 – Father's Day Saturday Brunch - still in the planning stages.

July 4th – Burgers & Hot Dogs? Pot Luck - more details to follow.

September 28 - Casino Night 7pm – 9pm, Patti Watkins

October - Chili Cook-off – more details to follow. Rob Bataille

Halloween – Cindy Easter

November 8– Murder Mystery/Talent Show. Deb Pate. Mark your calendar now.

Thanksgiving Dinner and/or Fall Fling

Christmas House Tour – December 6th – Pam Wiggins.

Christmas Party – Dec ? Still in the planning stages

New Year's Eve – December 31st



Saturday
May 4, 2024
5:00pm-9:00pm

PORA Members: \$15.00
Non-members: \$17.00

- Mexican Gourmet Appetizers
- Mexican Regional Dresses Show
- Contests, Games & Surprises
- Dance with Tony & Debbie

Wear a decorated Mexican Hat
For a contest, Bring your favorite drink

Bring your favorite drink
Aguas frescas will be provided

Coordinator: Irma Reed (352) 216-6294
PORA Social Committee

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

Line Dance Classes: Wednesdays at 1:00 PM



1:00 – 1:30 PM: Beginners Lessons

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



Bingo: Wednesdays 5:45-9:00 PM

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



Horseshoes: Fridays 4:00 PM

Horseshoe Pits by the Pool



Chair Volleyball: Thursdays 1 PM

In clubhouse.



Ice Cream Social: Last Sunday of each month 6-7 PM. Free to all residents.





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“May is like a box of chocolates – you never know what you’re gonna get, but you’re pretty sure it’s

gonna melt.” 

BEAUTY TIPS

By Terry Johnson

Heals Skin: Coffee Grounds



Exfoliating twice weekly with coffee grounds can remove dead surface cells to soothe dry skin. Plus, coffee contains a plant compound (caffeic acid) that dials back tissue inflammation and encourages the growth of healthy, skin-firming collagen, Polish researchers say. To do: combine ¼ cup of coffee grounds, 2 Tbs of brown sugar and 2 Tbs of olive oil; gently rub into skin. Let sit for 2 minutes, rinse.

POP ON THE WEB

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MONEY TRIVIA ANSWERS



1. Approximately 1 gram
2. 7. \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100
3. \$500, \$1000, \$5000, \$10000
4. Bureau of Printing and Engraving located in Washington, DC and Ft. Worth, TX
5. Approximately \$500 million dollars used to replace torn, worn-out or faded bills
6. Six. Denver, CO, Fort Knox, KY, Philadelphia, PA, San Francisco, CA, Washington, DC and West Point, NY
7. Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1690
8. President William McKinley
9. Alexander Hamilton
10. approximately 2.5 grams

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