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THE OLD COOT WAS IN A FIX

By Merlin Lessler, Article in the Tioga County Courier
Submitted by Daniel Behanick



Do you remember being a kid, peddling along on a bike, minding your own business and your pant leg gets caught in the chain? You couldn't peddle forward; you couldn't pedal backwards. The chain was locked in place. Bikes back then had coaster brakes that engaged when you pushed the pedal backwards; most bikes today have hand brakes (except for some cruiser and city bikes). All you could do when your pant leg got caught in the chain was keep going forward, knowing you were going to tip over and skin your knee or elbow when you came to a stop.

My worst "pants-caught-in-a-bike-chain" experience took place when I was ten-years old and coming down a steep hill on Denton Road, headed for a busy Vestal Ave at the bottom. I had one chance to save myself; I had to turn off onto a cinder construction road that jutted to the side, one block from the bottom. I knew I would fall when I made the turn, and most certainly would get banged up, but it was my only hope! Faster and faster, I sped down the hill, flying by the Daley's house, then the Almy's house and finally past my friend Woody's house, who was gawking at me as I flew by. I steered toward the construction road and closed my eyes. That's all I remember. Then, a neighborhood woman yelled out her kitchen window, asking me if I was OK. I looked down at the blood and cinder mosaic on the side of my leg, the skinned elbow on my arm and my torn pant leg, now free of the chain. "I'm OK!" I shouted, got to my feet, picked up my bike, straightened the handlebars and peddled home. It was my third session that week with a bottle of Methylate. I can still feel the sting.

Now, I find myself back on a bicycle, rolling down a hill, out of control with my pant leg caught in the chain. Except, this time the bicycle is metaphysical, and the hill is life, rapidly spinning by. That's what it feels like to be old, any kind of old: 30-old, 40-old, 50, 60, 70 or 80-old like me. No matter what part of the age hill you are coming down, the scenery is flying by way too fast. And, worse yet, there is no side street to pull off into.

So, what's my point? I don't know. Someone asked me the other day if I remembered getting my pants caught in a bicycle chain when I was a kid. And, like a typical



old coot, I turned it into a philosophical treatise on the meaning of life. How's your bike ride going? Is your pant leg inching closer to the chain?



HURRICANE FRANCES 2004

By Joanne Kegel



As we are still in hurricane season, I came upon a piece of artwork in my scrapbook, drawn by my youngest granddaughter, Regan, when she was just 4 years old.

Hurricane Frances happened in September of 2004 and was a category 2 storm when it hit

Florida. Then it went inland and curved out toward the Northeast. Frances had hurricane-force winds that extended more than 85 miles out from its center, with tropical storm force winds extending 185 miles out. Hurricane Frances was the second most intense tropical cyclone in the Atlantic during 2004 and was very destructive in Florida.

We were still living in New England then, and so is my family now. Although the hurricane was less intense in the North, you can imagine a 4-year old's mind when an event like this happens. To her it must have felt like a hot mess which hurricanes usually are. It's pretty nerve wracking for a kid who maybe doesn't understand what is happening outside. The power goes out. It pours rain. The wind is scary. Mommy is nervous.



Regan is now an adult, who happens to be a great artist as well, believe it or not. So the hot mess of Hurricane Frances may have just spurred her artistic talent.

Please remember that hurricane season runs through November, so be aware and be prepared.



MUSINGS

By Russ West



Some weeks ago, amidst gathering storm clouds in the faint light of astronomical dawn, I made my usual pilgrimage to the beach to witness the sunrise over the Gulf Stream. Thinking of my counsellor who advises me to put my thoughts on paper to recapture the insight (if any) or at least the sentiment. I was grateful for the gift of the day.

Was it my imagination or did I hear a faint whisper in a language that I couldn't understand? Suddenly, a break in the low-lying clouds on the Gulf Stream opened just long enough to see the sun break over the horizon and reveal itself before ascending into the storm clouds. Didn't Leo Buscaglia say something about "the sun is always shining behind the clouds"?

I scribbled some hasty notes and put them aside, and now return to them, trying again to understand what it was that the Muse was saying. I certainly don't know, but here, at least, is a try.

We humans have only recently begun to listen to the songs of dolphins and great whales, and are finally beginning to learn their language. In most cases it is a language of mutual cooperation, and compassion for others, and, indeed for all things. As is the language of the forest trees as they care for one another and help one another and even help us all with our needs for oxygen.

Perhaps the language that I struggled to understand is the language of inclusion, of inter-dependence, of gratitude; the language of the realization that we are all part of the sunrise. We are all part of the same source. When we harm others, we harm our own essence since we are all parts of the same whole. Perhaps enlightenment is a process. Perhaps the journey is the destination. Perhaps we are all just pieces of the same infinite source and children of the same God. Perhaps the lesson might have been that the Muse speaks to us all more often than we recognize; and if we fail to hear and/or understand, then maybe we should work on our own listening and understanding skills.



A hearty **THANK YOU** to the volunteers who cooked, grilled, served, and cleaned up for the **Labor Day Pot Luck** dinner. We had a great turnout. And, thanks to our residents who donated great food to share, there was an abundance of snacks, side dishes and desserts with plenty for all to enjoy!



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BEAUTY TIPS

By Terry Johnson



Yikes! The at-home hair dye you bought to cover your grays ended up being darker than you had hoped. The low-cost solution: while showering, lather up your hair with bar soap. It contains detergents that safely strip your hair of the excess dye in a blink just as well as color removers and correctors would.

HEAVENS TO MERGATROYD!



Submitted by John Mercurio

The other day a not so elderly (I say 75) lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy. He looked at her and said, "What the heck is a Jalopy?" He had never heard of the word jalopy! She knew she was old...But not that old. Well, I hope you

are Hunky Dory when you read this and chuckle.

About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases included: don't touch that dial; carbon copy; you sound like a broken record; and hung out to dry. Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie. We'd put on our best bib and tucker, to straighten up and fly right.

Heavens to Betsy! Jumping Jehoshaphat!
Gee Whillikers! Holy Moley!

We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley; and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China! Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when's the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys, and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and pedal pushers. Oh, my aching back! Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore.

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, "Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!" or "This is a fine kettle of fish!" we discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent, as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards. Poof, go the words of our youth. Where have all those great phrases gone? Long gone are: Pshaw. The milkman did it. It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain! Knee high to a grasshopper. Well, fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels. Wake up and smell the roses.

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills. This can be disturbing stuff! (Carter's Little Liver Pills are gone too!) Leaves us to wonder where Superman will find a phone booth.

See ya later, alligator! After a while crocodile. Oki-Doki artichokey!



HOLIDAYS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

Believe it or not, it's time to think about the Holiday Season! We are planning a house tour in Plantation Oaks for Plantation Oaks residents December 7 and 8 from 5:30-7:30 PM. Our residents are from all over the country with different traditions and ways of celebrating the holidays. Do you have a special collection, decorations, and unique ways to celebrate? Wouldn't it be a wonderful way to share the joy of the season and meet our neighbors! **A sign-up sheet is posted in the Clubhouse through October 15 for anyone interested in participating by opening their home.** You do not have to provide any refreshments and can limit the area that you will "open." There will be scheduled times, golf cart transportation, hostess helpers and a mini party at the end of the tour. We currently have six confirmed houses on the tour. We can accommodate a total of 16 (8 each night).

If you are interested in having your home on the tour, please sign up now. If you have any questions, feel free to contact one of us. Watch for further details in the next newsletters and online.

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NATIONAL CURRY WEEK!

OCTOBER 2-9, 2023

By Chef Kevin Gallagher MS, CEC



If you like to keep your pantry well-stocked with dried herbs and spices, then it's likely that you've got a jar of curry powder in there, too. Curry powder is a commercial spice blend, the main ingredient of which (1/4 to 1/2 by weight) is turmeric, a South

Asian rhizome with a bright yellow color and earthy flavor. British colonists developed curry powder as a mass-produced way to mimic the complex flavors found in South Indian sauces and stews. British recipes have called for pre-made "curry powder" since at least 1796, suggesting that commercial curry powder was sold at grocery stores in England as early as the late eighteenth century. This interpretation of Indian flavors spawned several unique takes on curry, including:

1. Japanese curry: Introduced to Japan via England in the nineteenth century, Japanese curry is a roux-based sauce, similar to gravy, served over rice. You can find **S&B Golden Curry** (mild, medium and hot varieties) in Publix. "Kare Raisu" or curry over rice is one of the most popular comfort foods in Japan, even considered a de facto national dish, alongside ramen. It has a thick sauce with an umami-rich flavor that's not as spicy as Indian or Thai curry. **S&B Golden Curry** has been the staple of Japanese soul food ever since 1966 and one of my favorites since we were stationed there in the Navy back in the early 80's.
2. Jamaican curry: The Caribbean take on curry powder typically features allspice and Scotch bonnet peppers. Popular in Jamaican curried goat with rice.
3. European ketchup: Curry-flavored ketchup is a popular condiment in Europe. It is eaten with sausages and French fries in Germany, Denmark, and the Netherlands. Currywurst is a popular street food served at festivals in Germany.

German Currywurst

Servings: 4

- 1 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2-4 tbsp yellow curry powder (depending on taste... start with 2 tbsp) + more for dusting
- 1 cup ketchup
- 3 tbsp white wine vinegar



- 1/2 cup dark brown sugar
- 2 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tsp paprika
- 2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp mustard powder or prepared yellow mustard
- 4 links fine grind German bratwurst (Bavarian bratwurst, Bockwurst, Knockwurst)
- French Fries

Instructions

1. Cook sausages on grill until crispy and brown. Cut into bite-size pieces and set aside, covered to keep warm.
2. Heat oil in large pan over medium heat. Add onions and garlic and cook until softened and begin to color. Add curry powder, ketchup, vinegar, sugar, Worcestershire, paprika, salt and mustard. Let simmer over medium heat, occasionally stirring; bring to a gentle boil and reduce heat to low. Simmer another 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Using an immersion blender or regular blender, mix until smooth. The curry ketchup should be quite thick.
3. Pour curry mixture over sausage, then sprinkle all with paprika and curry powder and serve over French fries.

Shrimp Coconut Curry

Servings: 4

- 1 lb. shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (or more to taste)
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon coconut oil (or vegetable oil)
- 1/2 onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon fresh ginger, grated
- 1 cup coconut milk (**NOT** lite)
- 1-2 teaspoons curry powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon powder
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- Chopped cilantro to garnish



Instructions

1. Toss shrimp with salt, black pepper, and cayenne pepper and set aside.
2. Fry onions, garlic, and ginger in coconut oil for 2-3 minutes.
3. Pour in the coconut milk and add curry, cinnamon, and cumin. Boil 5 minutes. (Add more curry powder to taste.)
4. Add the shrimp and let cook till shrimp is done (approximately 5 mins).
5. If it gets too thick, add 2 tbsp water
6. Serve over rice with chopped cilantro garnish.

THE SPORTING LIFE

By Jeanie Scionti



My grandson Liam asked me if I ever played in any sport while in school. I replied, "The physically challenging classes of my day, particularly in high school, were what I termed "avoidance exercise programs". I hated most, if not all, "contact' sports". Then, I told him my story.

I went to an all-girl school run by the Sisters of St. Joseph. This "institution" consisted of both day students, and boarders (those that lived on the grounds). We day students were happy to leave the school at the end of the six-hour day. The boarders had to endure life on campus twenty-four seven! Therefore, they (the boarders) were prone to show their displeasure by challenging us day students every chance they could. Gym class was their favorite time for competition. On one occasion, we went outside to play field hockey. The class was divided into day students against boarders. Ms. Davis, our aged gym teacher, chose me to be a goalie. At first, I was a bit concerned as there was no protective equipment (no helmet, no face covering or shin pads). However, as the game progressed, both teams were way down the field vying for that goal. You cannot imagine my joy. It was a beautiful fall day.

I was outside. The air was delightful. I realized I had to finish a chapter in a book we were reading for my next class.



So, seeing that everyone seemed to be happy at the other end of the field, I decided to lay aside my hockey stick and finish reading "Great Expectations".

I was engrossed in the story when I started to hear screaming voices. I casually looked up from my book and I FROZE! Both teams were yelling and heading straight at me from mid-field. I literally threw the book to the side and started to frantically look for the stupid hockey stick. I got it in my shaky hand thinking, "Okay, I'm gonna die!" Suddenly, about three feet from my cage, the ball took flight and the stampede of girls turned toward the opposite goal. Now, nearing the end of the game, the day-students had scored close to a final win. Kathy, our brave captain, was anxious but broadly smiling. She and the opposing captain, Edwina, were starting the last round. As was the rule, they clicked

their hockey sticks three times before going for the ball. I stood in my cage and just prayed that they would go the opposite way again...away from me. Then it happened. The now out of control Edwina brought up her stick and hit Kathy in the face with it! Kathy let out a piercing scream and covered her mouth. We were all shocked! The game ended immediately with Kathy



sporting two broken front teeth. As for Edwina, the student boarder team captain, she was simply reprimanded for an inappropriate move, and then was told her team lost the game. True story. Liam...Liam?"



By Rich Bencal



Happy October to all in Plantation Oaks. The cooler weather is starting and unfortunately, daylight is lessening until December. I have once again scoured various material to come up with this month's trivia questions. The theme this month is Halloween and related subjects. Good luck and Happy "Trick or Treat" on October 31.



QUESTIONS

1. What do you call a man who practices Witchcraft?
2. What Halloween candy is considered the worst?
3. What US state produces the most pumpkins?
4. Where does the word "Halloween" come from?
5. What is the most popular Halloween costume in the US?
6. What is having a fear of Halloween called?
7. Why did people start dressing in Halloween costumes?
8. What famous magician died on Halloween?
9. In what US state is it illegal to be dressed as a Priest or Nun on Halloween?
10. What Massachusetts City is referred to as the "Witch City"?

Answers elsewhere in the POP.

TRUE HAPPINESS

By Dana Matlock



My dear friend, Glenda Metzler, who was a longtime resident of Plantation Oaks, sent me an email with a story about a billionaire. This story truly touched me and helped me to remember the things in our lives that do bring us true happiness. I would love to share this story with you now.

When an Indian billionaire was asked in an interview; "Sir, what do you remember when you got the happiest in life?" The billionaire said "I have gone through four stages of happiness in life, and I finally understood the meaning of true happiness. The first stage was to accumulate wealth and resources. But at this stage I didn't get the happiness I wanted. Then came the second stage of collecting valuables and items. But I realized that the effect of this thing is also temporary. Then came the third stage of getting a big project that was when I had 95% of the diesel supply in India and Africa. But even here I did not get the happiness that I had imagined. The fourth stage was when a friend of mine asked me to buy wheelchairs for some 200 disabled children. At the behest of my friend, I immediately purchased the wheelchairs, but the friend insisted that I go with him and hand over the wheelchairs to the children. I gave these children the wheelchairs with my own hands. I saw a strange glow of happiness on the faces of these children. I saw them all sitting in wheelchairs having fun. I felt real happiness inside me. When I decided to leave one of the kids grabbed my leg. I leaned over and asked the child, "do you need anything else?" The answer this kid gave me completely changed my outlook towards life. This child said "I want to remember your face so that when I meet you in heaven, I can recognize you and thank you once again." ♥ ♥ ♥

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Reference:

- Chapter 723.058 Florida Statutes
- FMO Legal Ease November-December 2007...



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WELCOME COMMITTEE

By Bob Matlock



It's time to let go! I can give you several things and times that we hang on to because they are important to us for different reasons. Letting go is not always easy. Letting go can be dependent on the magnitude of the reason or the pressures surrounding the reason. Sometimes there is no reason. That is where I am with letting go of the Welcome Committee job. It has been my pleasure and honor to welcome our new residents. They come here from all over the United States, Canada and other countries. And they show up with jobs and titles you wouldn't believe. I will miss all of that.

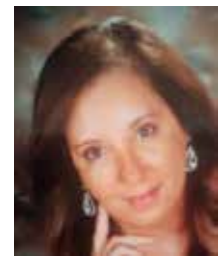
Please welcome Marlene Anderson, Carm Gross and Deb Gaw. They are replacing me on the committee. Thank them for stepping up to do this important job.



Marlene Anderson



Carm Gross



Deborah Gaw



New Friends

We are happy you are here!



John Paletar & Emily Rosa
39 Winthrop Lane

John is a Bicyclist and Emily enjoys Yoga. They moved here with their dog, Boo Boo from Palm Coast. John originally from Baltimore and Emily from Brooklyn.

May happiness pad softly into your life today, and curl up in contentment to purr on your doorstep forever.

Welcome



FEDERATION OF MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS (FMO)

By James Pursley, Plantation Oaks FMO Rep



Hello everyone. Yep, it's me again. Hope everyone is enjoying this fall weather. My calendar told me to say this. My son moved to Michigan several years ago. He wrote to me the other day and said it was long sleeves and Pumpkin Spice weather there - it was in the upper 70s. Here it was in the 90s. A few days later it was a little cooler here and in the 90s there. I couldn't resist - I wrote him back and said, swim suit and Pumpkin Spice Margarita weather here. He has not written back.

This month I would like to make a few suggestions that you probably already know, but just a reminder. Things that may help with fall spruce-up.

- First, inspect for pests, not the kind that come to visit and you think they will never leave. I'm talking about bugs, rodents, etc. moving in. Even though it's not as cold here as some of you are used to, they do move inside for the winter. Don't allow them to live rent free. Look for cracks or any holes in windows, doors or where pipes come into the home. You can buy products from your local home improvement store or there are some good exterminators in this area.
- Next, tidy up around the outside of your home. Time to make sure the gutters are clean. Check for any potential roof leaks. Rake any leaves and other debris that may have built up next to your home. A pile of wet, soggy leaves could cause mold, pests and will damage underlying grass. Next, we already checked for cracks, for pests but also check for drafts, inspecting and replacing weather stripping and tightening the hinges on your exterior doors. You may need to add caulk to these areas. All these things will help in your heating bills. I know heating bills sound far off, but they will be here.

Next, you would not believe what the Federation of Manufactured Homeowners (FMO, does for us homeowners that own homes on leased land. They keep us informed of what changes are being made to the laws that may affect us homeowners. It makes life less stressful knowing that they are working with our attorney and other professionals to protect our investments. All of this protection is just \$30.00 per year or \$75.00 for three years.

To join, call or text me, James Pursley, your Park Representative, 386-986-9632 or my email is jpinvest129@gmail.com. You can pay with a credit card if you go to fmo.org. However, you join it will be the best investment for you and your home that you will make.

To close now, Jimmy Buffet was one of my favorite singer-songwriters of all times. I know some people did not care for him, but if you did you know of what I speak. I was fortunate and went to eight of his concerts in my younger days, I will have to say every concert was an experience. He will definitely be missed.



Everyone take care, be alert of the weather. Until next time, James

REFLECTIONS ON TODAY

By Carollee Eppinger



The power of nature unfolds before us creating a sense of awe and wonder. The more you explore the migratory flights of the birds in the air and the frogs on the sandy beach you marvel at their paths in life. As the waves roll in relentlessly on the sand with their

foaming white caps, we see the beauty in their constant repetition. They have rolled in for countless generations. The sun spreads its rays and begins to light up the sky even before we see its shape. It is a real joy to watch it slowly ascend over the sea, becoming more brilliant as its full body appears. Before the day ends in the dusty twilight, we can see the gray moon above getting ready to reflect the sun for the nighttime illumination. These splendors of everyday give me a sense of the magnificence of God and His greatness. It is with a great peace I can approach today knowing, experiencing, and continuing to learn more about creatures and the creation that surrounds us.



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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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HOW I MET MY HUSBAND

By Cindy Bowen



Jim and I were both raised on Nantucket Island, Massachusetts. I first met Jim in junior high. He was a year ahead of me and so cute. It wasn't until we were in high school that we remembered each other and started dating. After he graduated, Jim left for the United States Air Force. I graduated a year later and went on to Wilfred Academy in Boston. I returned to Nantucket to work as a cosmetologist at Mario's Beauty Salon. In 1968 Jim returned, and we were married with a big wedding. I was nineteen and he was twenty. In those days Jim worked as a radar technician at Air Force Stations across the country. The first assigned station was Fortuna, North Dakota. Then on to North Truro on Cape Cod; Mount Hebo in Oregon; Saratoga Springs in New York; Avon Park Bombing Range in Florida; Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Georgia; Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois; and finally, Hunter Army Airfield Base in Georgia. Following cross training in Chanute Jim served as a weather forecaster. Our two children, Jason and Vanessa, went on to high school in Savannah, Georgia. Later they both married, and each has two daughters. We must say we very much enjoyed those twenty years of service, travelling from base to base. We did all the driving ourselves which allowed us to see so much of this beautiful country and make dozens of new friends. We would do it again. We had our share of tough times like everyone, but we worked through them. We are happy and proud to say that on **October 26, 2023**, we will celebrate our 55th Wedding Anniversary! In late 2021 we found our home in Plantation Oaks, and we are pleased to say that we love it here and our moving days are over!



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SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By John Clabaugh & Patty Watkins



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

October Events:

October 7 – Breakfast 8:30 AM

October 10 – Monthly Coffee & Donuts 10:00AM

October 14- ELVIS will be in the Clubhouse! 7:00 PM – 10 PM. See information on this page. (Chair: Gary Watkins 386-986-6245)

October 20 – Monthly Dinner Ticket Sales
Wednesday, October 11; Thursday, October 12 and Monday October 16

October 28 – Ice Cream Social 6:00 PM

October 31 – Halloween Scavenger Hunt,
(Chair: Cindy Easter 618-558-9976)
Golf Cart Parade and Halloween Dance

Upcoming Events:

November 11-Veteran Day with a lite lunch

November 17-Friday 6:00 PM Palm Coast Community Band 1 hours (between 6 & 7pm)

November 18-Thanksgiving Dinner Price TBD

December 7 & 8-Christmas House tours. Sign-up sheet on club bulletin board

December 8 – Christmas Sing-along with the Windy Woods with Betty Lou Cranston as vocal director.

December 8 - Gingerbread House Making 10 AM-12. They will be on display in clubhouse till 3 PM.

December 16 – Christmas Elves to Shut-Ins, Golf Cart Parade (Secret Elves) and Christmas PJ Party- 7 PM, Dance & Food Tickets Sales and \$ TBD

December 31-New Year's Eve 8-12 PM. Music with Steve Tonya 9-12:15 PM. Appetizers. Prices TBD

January 27 – Casino Night. Stay tuned for more details. (Chairs: Patty Watkins & John Clabaugh)

Dates not yet set for the following:

Wine & Cheese Evening

(Chairs: George & Betty Shaver)

Regular Scheduled Activities:

Breakfast: 1st Saturday of each mo.(Men's Team)

Dinner: 3rd Friday of each month (Men's Cook Team)

Coffee & Donuts: 2nd Tuesday of every month/Betty Shaver

Ice Cream Social: last Sunday of every Month
Patty/Betty/John

Water Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10 AM

Chair Volleyball: 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month
1 PM in the Clubhouse, October 12 & 26.

Yoga: Tuesdays 1:00 PM - \$10.00

Line Dance Classes: Wednesdays at 1:00 PM,
1:00 – 1:30 PM: Beginners Lessons
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Bingo: Wednesday 5:45 PM - 9:00 PM
Doors open at 5:45 Bingo begins promptly at 6:30 PM

Shuffleboard: Thursdays 9:30 AM

Horseshoes: Fridays 4:00 PM

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CERT MEETINGS

Next meetings of the Team are:
 Friday, 10/27/23, 11:00 AM in the Clubhouse
 Friday 11/17/23, 10:00 AM (drill & meeting)
 All members are requested to attend.

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1. A Warlock
2. Candy corn
3. According to the US Dept. of Agriculture, Illinois
4. Originally known as "All Hallows Eve". In 1773 the Scots began to refer to it as "Hallo-e-en"
5. Witch
6. Samhainophobia
7. To repel spirits, they believed came back to Earth on Halloween
8. Harry Houdini
9. Alabama
10. Salem



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PORA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2023/24.

ALL MEETINGS AT THE PLANTATION OAKS CLUBHOUSE.

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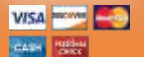


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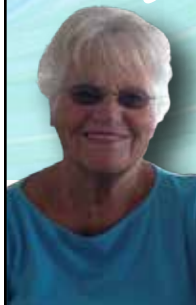
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