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CELLPHONES & MULTI-TASKING

By Jeanie Scionti



My phone rang the other day while I was preparing lunch. I stopped to answer, as it was a friend. Here is how the conversation went. Me: "Hi, it's good to hear from you." No response. "Hello, are you there?" Susan finally replies, "Yes, I am here." We start to chat but, as usual, she is 'multi-tasking' Our conversation continues in a very disjointed manner until I ask what the cracking noise is in the background. She tells me that she is cleaning out the refrigerator! Now I am getting annoyed. In retaliation, I decide to continue making my lunch with the cellphone on speaker, propped up on the counter. However, I guess I am not good at 'multi-tasking' as I picked up a box of spinach instead of the cellphone to respond to something she said.

That did it! I hung up!

Yesterday my sister called and asked what I was doing. I explained that I was writing an essay on the subject of 'multi-tasking' while talking on the phone. She replied, as she was doing her bills, "Oh well, that's life in the fast lane!"



I have other friends who call while they are driving and listening to road directions or are eating their lunch and chewing into the phone. Still, others are taking a walk, dodging cars, or fighting with wind gusts, not realizing that all these sounds interfere with cellphone clarity. I was complaining to a friend about this rude behavior. A retired professor, she teaches an online course at our local library. She had the 'ultimate' in multi-tasking stories.

Using Zoom, which is pretty much FaceTime, the lecturer sees the class and they see her. On this occasion, she had twenty retired adult education folks viewing the lecture series. At one point, one lady decided she had to go to the bathroom but did not want to miss the lecture. She took her cellphone with her and propped it up on the vanity in front of her not realizing that she was on camera! Later, my friend advised everyone to take care of personal issues before the class convened (yet, another case of 'multi-tasking').

Cannot one's family, friends or anyone for that matter do the courtesy of giving someone their full attention? I realize that we live in a very hectic and stressful world. Is multi-tasking the answer? I think NOT!

From now on, when I get a call and find that on the other end there are other things going on, I will say - in a caring manner - one of the following:

- "I see you are really busy right now; let's catch up later."
- "If you need to check in with email right now, that's okay; call me back when you are done."
- "I love hearing from you, but can we do a no-chores catch up session?"

The above approach seems to be working. I have found, in general, that conversations have been more coherent and relevant. Oops, gotta go; it's my friend Susan calling back. She must be done with the refrigerator.



WHAT IS THE HUNTER'S MOON?

Submitted by Jo Kegel

In the fall, traditionally people in the Northern Hemisphere spent October preparing for the coming winter by hunting, slaughtering, and preserving meats, giving this Full Moon its Anglo-Saxon name "Hunter's Moon". The name was added to the Farmer's Almanac in North America and is used widely today. The Hunter's Moon will reach peak illumination at 7:26 A.M. Eastern Time on **Thursday, October 17**. It will be below the horizon, so wait until sunset to watch it rise and take its place in the sky. Like September's Harvest Moon, the Hunter's Moon rises around the same time for several nights, bringing early light to aid harvesting and hunting. The Hunter's Moon is also known as the Blood Moon. It is one of the four Supermoons in 2024. (Source: *Farmer's Almanac*)



JIMMY BUFFET MEMORIAL

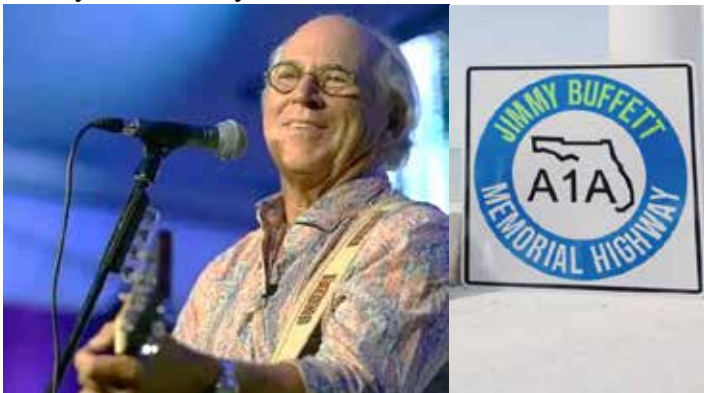
HIGHWAY – A1A *By Joanne Kegel*



I don't mean to inundate you all about Jimmy Buffet stories, as I did an article about him in the August issue of the POP. But love him or hate him, he was a phenomenon.

As most of us know, Jimmy died September 1, 2023 at age 76 from a type of skin cancer. He was born in Mississippi, but his brand became synonymous with the Florida Keys. There, he opened his first Margaritaville restaurant. Aside from his party-hearty lifestyle and talent for writing, singing and producing music, and entertaining millions all over the world, he was also a philanthropist and environmentalist. He contributed a lot to the State of Florida with his charities. In the 1970's he released an album called "A1A", which featured several nautical-themed songs and concert favorites.

On June 28, 2024, Florida's governor signed a bill, unanimously passed by the state legislature, which will honor Jimmy by designating Florida A1A as "Jimmy Buffett Memorial Highway". The highway bill will attach Buffett's name from Key West to the Georgia border, and the state will install suitable roadway markers along A1A, unveiled on August 30, which was Jimmy Buffett Day.



Another bill that passed is a change to Florida's specialty license plate program to include a new plate displaying the name of the Buffett song "Margaritaville". Proceeds from the sale of the Margaritaville license plate are to benefit the SFC Charitable Foundation, also known as "Singing for Change", which Buffett founded and will benefit Florida nonprofits that help victims of hurricanes and other disasters. Jimmy is already associated with the state's "Save the Manatee" license plate, which is the seventh most popular specialty plate. It benefits the Save the Manatee Club, which Buffett helped establish in the 1980s. The bill takes effect on October 1, 2024.

As Jimmy once said: "It's a sweet life living by the salty sea." What a great way to honor him by memorializing him along Florida's coastal highway. A fitting tribute to the self-proclaimed "Parrothead" who is now "off searching for his lost shaker of salt."



(Sources include BuffettNews.com and News Service of Florida online. Photos from BuffettNews.com)

PUPPY LOVE



A pet can bring a love unlike any other that you will experience. It's a special bond between humans and animals. People say they feel better when they are with their dogs. A dog daddy once posted online: "I had a girlfriend once who said it was either her or my dog. I wonder what ever happened to her?"

DEER CROSSING

By Jo Kegel

Dave and I were riding in the golf cart when right in front of us we witnessed deer crossing the streets at the corner of Winthrop and Habersham. This photo only shows five, but there were actually seven of them! We all see deer once in a while, but I'd never seen so many together on the streets. I live in the front of the community, so we don't see many. I'm sure they were headed for my garden. It was fascinating, but I still want them to stay away from my flowers!



(Photo by Dave Kegel)



HOW I MET MY HUSBAND ...

By Rosi Reese



Twenty-three years ago my husband of 33 years passed away and I became a widow with no children.

I had a rather full life with my job and volunteer work in the community and church. I hadn't had a first date since I was in my teens, but a dear friend pushed me to join a dating site. It was an interesting experience. The first thing I learned was that when a man says he separated from his wife, it could mean that they sleep in different bedrooms! I actually won a humorist contest at Toastmasters for my various experience on these dating sites.

In 2016 I swore off these dating sites since the only decent men I met were either 10 years older than me or lived 60 miles away. Fast forward a year, and I kept seeing ads for Match.Com and whenever I saw it, I would say to myself "sure, what jerk are you going to match me with this time?" One night, I woke up from a dream and heard my voice say, "I met him on Match." It scared me, and even worse, when I went on the computer, the first ad I saw was for match.com. At this point, I just looked up to heaven and said, "Okay God, if this is a sign from you, I'll join for just one month." I did, and the very next day I received an email from Ed. We met on October 8, 2017, and were married 5 years later on October 8, 2022.



Ed was not my first love, but he is my last love.

Happy October Anniversary!



LOCAL EVENT

Submitted by Jo Kegel

The 32nd Annual BikeTober Fest is scheduled for October 17-20, 2024. Motorcycle enthusiasts come during the four-day rally each year to enjoy our Florida weather, live music, motorcycle racing at the Speedway, and miles of scenic rides along A1A, historic Main Street or the Scenic Loop. Although Old Kings Road is not officially part of the scenic Loop, many bikers travel this way to camp at the Bulow campground.



So, beware of the thunderous roar on the roads and drive safely.

Riders, please drive responsibly and enjoy the ride!



AMERICAN GEOGRAPHY

By Rich Bencal



Welcome back to Trivia land. Schools are back in session; daylight is shrinking each day, and our weather is starting to cool down very nicely. Once again, I have thoroughly researched this month's trivia questions, and the topic is American geography. Put on

your thinking caps and give it your best shot.

As always, the answers will appear on another page.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the least populated state?
2. What is the most populated State?
3. What is the most western state?
4. What is the most eastern state
5. What is the largest city by land area?
6. What is the largest city in Florida by area?
7. What state has the longest coastline in the US?
8. What is the southernmost city in the continental US?
9. What continental US state borders the least number of other states?
10. What continental US state or states border the greatest number of other states?

NATIONAL LEMON BAR DAY IS OCTOBER 15, 2024!

By Chef Kevin Gallagher MS, CEC



National Lemon Bar Day is a celebration that honors the tangy and sweet treat that brings a burst of citrusy joy to our taste buds! This delightful national food holiday is all about indulging in the classic dessert, which typically consists of a shortbread crust, a lemon curd filling, and a layer of powdered sugar on top.

Did you know that shortbread recipes date back to 12th century Scotland? Lemon curd, on the other hand, had to wait until the 19th century to be created in England. But the first lemon bar recipe was not published in the United States until 1962!

So, go bake your own lemon bars! Use some of those lemons in your yard and get creative in the kitchen! Try out a new lemon bar recipe! Experiment with different flavor additions, such as raspberry or blueberry, to give your lemon bars a unique twist.

Here is one of my favorite recipes for lemon bars from the New York Times. These are just sweet enough to temper the lemon's acidity while heightening its heady tang.

NYT Lemon Bars

Created by Genevieve Ko

Servings: 12, Yield: 24 bars

Ingredients

For the crust:

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 10 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and cooled
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 2-4 lemons, divided
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

For the Lemon Layer:

- 1 1/4 cups granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 4 large eggs, room temperature
- 2/3 cup fresh lemon juice (from the lemons above)
- Powdered sugar, for dusting (optional)



Instructions

1. Prepare the crust: Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Line the bottom and sides of a 9-inch square metal pan with foil or parchment to form a sling (makes it easy to remove from the pan when done). Lightly coat with nonstick cooking spray. Combine the butter, sugar, vanilla and salt in a large bowl. Finely grate in the zest

of 2 lemons (reserving the zested lemons to juice for the lemon layer), then mix until well combined. While stirring, gradually add the flour and stir just until the dough comes together into a mass. Scrape into the prepared pan and gently press the dough into an even layer. Bake until the center is dry, and the edges are golden, 15 to 18 minutes.

2. While the crust bakes, make the lemon layer: Squeeze 2/3 cup juice from the zested lemons and more fruit if needed. In a bowl, whisk the sugar and flour. Whisk in the eggs until smooth, then whisk in the lemon juice just until incorporated.

3. When the crust comes out of the oven, whisk the lemon mixture again and then gently pour it over the hot crust. Turn the oven down to 300 degrees. Bake until the lemon layer is set around the edges and jiggles a tiny bit in the center, about 20 minutes.

4. Cool completely in the pan, then refrigerate uncovered until cold and fully set, at least 3 hours. Use the foil or parchment to lift the bars out of the pan to slice. Serve cold or at room temperature. The bars can be refrigerated in an airtight container for up to 5 days. If you'd like, dust with powdered sugar right before serving.



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Pickleball

By Carm Gross



The year was 1965, and the place was Bainbridge Island, Washington. Joel Pritchard, a congressman, and Bill Bell, a businessman, were trying to develop a new game to entertain their families. They had a badminton court in their backyard, but the shuttlecocks kept getting lost in the grass. That's when Pritchard and Bell had the idea to create a new game that combined badminton, tennis, and table tennis elements. They grabbed some paddles and a wiffle ball and started playing. The game was an instant hit. Soon their families and friends were all playing pickleball in their backyards, and the beginning of a new era in sports began.



- (1) As written by the US Pickleball Organization, Pickleball is now the fastest growing sport in "all of America." And although it has been around for many years, the obsession seems to have taken over in the last 10 years in all age groups."
- (2) Here at Plantation Oaks, residents can be seen playing 2-3 mornings per week. Or, as Deb Pate states, "it's whenever the group gets together." At Plantation Oaks, the number of players has increased weekly.

What is the draw for the residents playing this fast-paced sport? I offered three questions to the players. First, how long have they been playing? Secondly, what was the draw to this sport and thirdly, what keeps them playing?



Bob Gucciardo, first organized gatherings to play pickleball here at Plantation Oaks. Bob has been playing for 10 years. He credits exercise and camaraderie with friends for getting him started and keeping him involved in the sport. Ben and Carol Cerney have been playing Pickleball for approximately 8 years. They were drawn to the sport for additional exercise and continue to play weekly because of the good times and friendships that have formed.

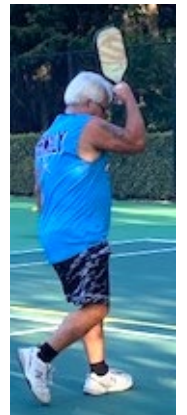


For Deb Pate, Pickleball started as a get-together for the family, but she

continues to play here at Plantation Oaks because it is good exercise with fun thrown in. Lynn Ceman plays both pickleball and tennis. When asked, Lynn also points to exercise and friendships as the number one decision to play and continue with the sport. The same sentiments were expressed by Dawn Sciarappa, George Niedhammer, and Bill and Phyllis Holdsworth. First and foremost, good court shoes are your most important Pickleball equipment. Diane Williams has witnessed several players fall onto the court because the running shoes they brought stuck to the court. Your equipment for Pickleball can run into the hundreds of dollars. Your paddle, the most significant investment, can cost upwards of \$300 depending on its size, weight, and material. Most newcomers purchase a beginner's paddle. This more affordable option can run around \$30. Jack and

Lynn, who started playing pickleball two months ago, found most of their equipment at a yard sale here at Plantation Oaks.

The sport's popularity has skyrocketed in the last 10 years among people of all ages. Join us on the clubhouse courts at 8 AM on Mondays or Thursdays to discover pickleball, make new friends, and stay active. *References: (1) Play Pickleball.com & (2) Pickleball Magazine*



Back Row: George Niedhammer, Ben Cerney, Carol Cerney, Lynn Ceman, Jack Delvecchio, Diane Williams. **Front Row:** Bob Gucciardo, Deb Pate.

HERE'S WHY YOU SHOULD NEVER SHOWER OR DO DISHES DURING THUNDERSTORMS



Submitted by John Mercurio



Trees begin to sway; the sky darkens and suddenly you hear it — the distant sound of thunder. That’s your cue that potential danger is on the way. In fact, it’s likely within 10 miles of you, according to the National Weather Service.

Don’t ignore that sound, because where there is thunder there is lightning, and lightning can kill or maim in ways you would least expect it. This includes activities like showering, bathing, or washing dishes.

Since lightning can travel through plumbing, “it is best to avoid all water during a thunderstorm. Do not shower, bathe, wash dishes, or wash your hands,” the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noted. “The risk of lightning traveling through plumbing might be less with plastic pipes than with metal pipes,” the CDC added. “However, it is best to avoid any contact with plumbing and running water during a lightning storm to reduce your risk of being struck.”

That’s not the only danger when you’re inside. “Stay off porches and balconies; don’t go near windows and doors; and do **not** lie down on concrete floors or lean against concrete walls,” the agency said.

Also, “do **not** use anything connected to an electrical outlet, such as computers or other electronic equipment,” the CDC said. “Stay off corded phones. Cell phones and cordless phones are safe ... if they are not connected to an outlet through a charger.”

A thunderclap happens when lightning strikes, heating the air around the bolt to as high “as 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit, 5 times hotter than the surface of the sun,” the National Weather Service said. “Immediately after the flash, the air cools and contracts quickly. This rapid expansion and contraction creates the sound wave that we hear as thunder.”

Lightning can kill in many ways. A direct strike is most often fatal, the CDC said, but injuries such as blunt trauma, skin lesions and burns as well as brain, muscle and eye injuries can occur from touching a car or metal object struck by lightning. The current can also travel through the ground, bounce off a person or object, or even stream up from objects near the ground.

You can calculate the distance between you and the lightning but do it from a safe place, so you won’t be struck, the weather service advised.

“To estimate the distance, count the seconds between the flash of lightning and the sound of thunder. Divide this number by five. For example, if it takes 10 seconds, the lightning is about 2 miles away.

The CDC asserts that most deaths and injuries occur when people are outside, especially during summer months in the afternoon and evening. About 180 people per year are injured by lightning, and 10% of people struck by lightning die each year. Those who work outside, especially in the Southeast, are at highest risk. Florida and Texas have the highest number of lightning related deaths, the CDC added. If you are caught outside, do “NOT lie on the ground. The CDC emphasizes that: lightning causes electric currents along the top of the ground that can be deadly, even if you are not directly struck. Get inside a safe location; no place outside is safe. Avoid anything that will increase your risk of being struck by lightning, such as being near or under tall trees. If there are no safe shelters in sight, crouch down in a ball-like position: put your feet together, squat low, tuck your head, and cover your ears. But remember, this is a last resort. Seek safe shelter first.

American Geography Trivia Answers



1. Wyoming
2. California
3. Alaska
4. Alaska (trick question as part of the Aleutian Islands are over the International Date Line.
5. Sitka, Alaska 2,870.3 square miles
6. Jacksonville 747 square miles
7. Florida 1,197 statute miles
8. Key West, FL
9. Maine only borders 1, New Hampshire
10. Both Tennessee and Missouri

JOHN MOLLICA MEMORIAL FALL CO-ED DOUBLES TENNIS TOURNAMENT

By Tom Greene

To be held at Plantation Oaks on Saturday, October 19, 2024, 9AM - 11AM. **Rain date: Sunday, October 20, 9AM - 11AM.**



The sign-up sheet will be posted in the clubhouse and players may begin signing up on Thursday, October 10. For questions, contact Tom Greene: 386-517-6725 or 330-904-8749.

OLD COOT TAKES A DIVE

By Merlin Lessler

Submitted by Daniel Behanick



I wrote this article 20 years ago. The other day, my cousin, Pat Martin, sent me a framed copy of her favorite “Old Coot” article. I decided it was time to give it another airing.

We closed our pool this week. The water temperature slipped below 70 and was headed downhill fast. My wife stops going in when it drops to 80; my limit is 72. Our son will swim when it's in the 60's. If his pals are around, he'll even go in when it's in the 50's. I miss the pool already. It's kind of a magic device that tells you things about people. Their approach to the water reveals a lot about their personality. It will even tell you what they do for a living, if you know the code.

For instance, some people dive right in. They don't test the water; they don't ask, "How is it?" They walk to the edge, lean over and take the plunge. This group is primarily made up of cops,



firemen and nurses. Doctors don't make the cut; they can't get in without asking questions about the temperature, the chemical composition, the depth, the texture of the bottom, etc.

People who dive-in, but then break the surface with a loud scream are in sales. They have to let everyone know how it felt; they can't help themselves.

Some people ask a lot of questions about the temperature before they go in: "Is it cold? Do you get used to it? Does it feel OK after you've been in a while?" They can't go in until they know exactly how they might react to it. People in this group are teachers, lawyers and bank loan officers. Another personality group enters the water in a calculated and conservative manner. They start by sticking in a toe, and then the foot. Eventually they bend over and get their hands wet and carefully splash water on their bodies. When they've completed their “bird bath” they're ready to take the plunge. This group finds work as engineers or librarians, unless they go through the process with their backs to the water or with their eyes closed. Then you can find them working in administrative jobs: in schools, government bureaucracies or with accounting firms.

People who manage to keep their hair dry when they swim are in a special category altogether. They are the titans of business, the corporate “front office” crowd.



They get wet but strive to maintain a businesslike image. Dry, combed and styled hair is their substitute for the business suit.

People who stick in a toe, wave to everyone and then go back and sit in a lounge chair make up the last group that I've been able to identify. When they get home, they tell everyone how great the water was, what fun. These people run the government; they're the politicians.



It's sad to acknowledge that the pool season is over. I won't be able to finish my analysis of pool personalities. Oh well, maybe next year.



PS. In case you're wondering how old coots enter a swimming pool, we hop right in, no matter the temperature. In fact, the colder the water the better. It's not because we're fearless or brave; it's because we love the rush our systems get from the shock of lowering our body temperature so fast. It speeds up the flow of blood to our entire body. We feel like teenagers, if only for a minute. It's a nice trip down memory lane.

BEAUTY TIPS

By Terry Johnson



Orange Juice Strengthens Strands

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Jerry & Susan Spangster
88 Habersham Drive

Let's welcome new residents and future friends, Jerry and Susan Spangster. After many fun years on the road in their RV, the couple chose Plantation Oaks in which to settle down. They are looking forward to getting involved in our community life.

THE PURPOSE OF PORA

By Rosi Reese, President PORA

According to the by-laws of PORA, Article II, The purpose of PORA:

- a) To promote the welfare and safety of its members, facilitate communications as well as promote social activities for the enjoyment of all.
- b) To maintain an active liaison with community management through the board of directors.
- c) To create a legal entity that shall have the power to negotiate, acquire, operate and maintain the community and/or personal property for the members of the corporation in compliance with Florida Statutes.
- d) To provide for the conversion of the community, if acquired, to a cooperative or condominium form of ownership.

This is the general purpose of PORA and includes the oversight of various PORA committees and events but does not have control over all the activities that our residents partake in at the clubhouse or on its grounds. We are currently looking for applicants to join the Board of Directors, so if you have an interest or a skill that you can contribute, please let us know. To learn more about PORA, please go to our website, ourpora.org. Contact Rosi Reese at ccwrose@gmail.com.

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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, October 7, at 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. Contacts for the social committee or cook's team are John Clabaugh 570-772-2499 jclabaugh7@yahoo.com, or Christine Davis 508-901-3628 c.davis16@comcast.net

OCTOBER EVENTS:

October 5 – Monthly Brunch 10-11am. Scrambled Eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, croissants & fruit. Ticket Sales Monday Sept. 30 12-1pm, Wednesday Oct. 2 ,10-11am, and Thursday, Oct.,3, 6-7pm.

October 18 - Monthly Dinner – An Authentic Polish Dinner by Resident Stan Niedzwieki, 5 PM. Jazz quartet to play 6-7:30pm. We will donate \$1 per ticket to the Jazz quartet. \$15 PORA members, \$17 non-PORA. Tickets required. Call Diane Williams 912-660-0423 for ticket information.

October 31st – Halloween Party, Scavenger Hunt Golf Cart Parade & costume contest. Get together at the fire pit, weather permitting. (See notice on this page.) Contact: Cindy Easter (618-558-9976)

FUTURE EVENTS

November 8 - Murder Mystery by the C. Deb Pate. Spaghetti Dinner 5-9 PM. \$15 PORA Members, \$17 Non-Members. Will open show for next day if necessary. **Ticket Sales Monday 10/21, 12-1pm, Wednesday 10/23, 10-11am, Thursday eve. 10/24, 6-7pm.** (See poster on another page in this POP.) Contact: Deb Pate (386-986-7987)

November 11-Veterans Day service at 11am then lunch. Lunch is free for all Veterans, \$5.00 all others.

November 22 - Thanksgiving Dinner. Working on menu and details. Info to follow.

December-NO monthly breakfast or dinner

December 1-Christmas Tree decorating

December 6 - Christmas House Tour – 5:15-9PM. Details to follow. Co-Chairs: Pam Wiggins and Terry Johnson. (See info on next page.)

December 6 – Gingerbread House Making (See info on next page.) Bring your own kit, & something to put your house on. Contact Terry Johnson 609-876-0837

December 7 – (Change from previous announced date) **Christmas Pajama Party–**Pyramid DJ 7:00-9:00 PM. Menu TBA. Betty Vandermyn and Patty Watkins.

December 31 - New Year's Eve Celebration - Pyramid DJ will perform. \$30 per ticket. More details to follow.



HALLOWEEN PARTY

DATE: October 31, 2024

TIME: 5pm... at Clubhouse

Scavenger Hunt followed by Golf Cart Parade and costume contest. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Weather permitting, we will enjoy a gathering out at the fire pit area.

COST: \$6.00, \$8.00 Non-PORA Members

Ticket Sales: Monday Oct 21, 12-1pm,

Wednesday Oct. 23, 10-11am, Thursday

Oct 24, 6-7pm. Contact: Cyndi Easter

618-558-9976. Cyn91354@gmail.com.



Check out the calendar of events on ourpora.org website for additional activities.

ANNOUNCING NEW CO-CHAIRS FOR THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE 2025



Cyndi Easter and Terry Johnson look forward to the New Year and new events for our community, welcoming all residents to attend the meetings. **Starting in January 2025,** they will be meeting at a **new time - at 1:00 PM** and meetings will remain on the first Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. They are also going to have an evening meeting on February 3, 2025, at 6:30 PM, in lieu of that month's afternoon meeting. January and February activities will be listed in the November POP and on our Facebook page. Questions, please call Cyndi at 618-558-9976, or Terry at 609-876-0837. Let's welcome them in and thank them both for volunteering their services.

**PLANTATION OAKS
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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 4:00-5:30PM
AT THE CLUBHOUSE**

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The Plantation Oaks Christian Fellowship is a non-denominational group, and everyone is welcome. Contact: Carol Cerney 507-213-0121

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SAVE THE DATE!!!

December 6, 10 AM - 12 Noon.



Gingerbread House making party at the clubhouse. It has become a yearly event sponsored by Terry Johnson. All you need is a house to build and a plate to put it on. Last year houses were left in the clubhouse to be used as a display for all to see. I know it's early but start thinking and looking for your house. More info to follow. Contact: call Terry at 609-876-0837.



**HOLIDAYS
WITH OUR NEIGHBORS**



We will be having another home tour in December. It will be Friday, December 6 from 5:15 till 9PM. Many of you have already expressed an interest in having your home open and we appreciate your hospitality. The actual sign-up sheet for homes to be included will be posted at the clubhouse the beginning of October. Last year we had nearly 60% response to our questionnaire as the event was so well received. We thank all the participants and have made a few changes in the format based on your answers. Details to follow. Terry Johnson and Pam Wiggin Co-Chairmen

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Quarterly meetings will be the first Sunday of the month: Next scheduled for **December 1, 2024.**

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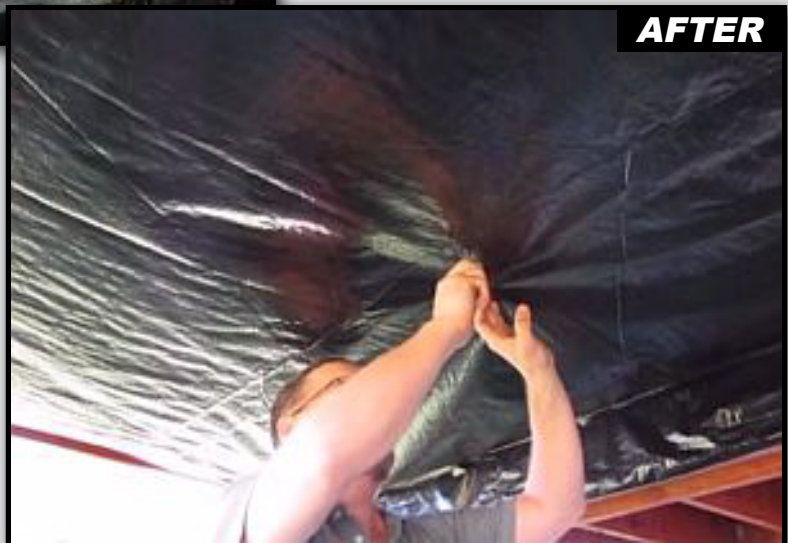
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