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FLAGLER BEACH IS A-CHANGIN’

By Dana Matlock



Jo Kegel provided an insightful overview of the renourishment project in last month’s issue of the POP. After more than 22 years of witnessing our beloved beach, pier, and roadways battered by storms, I’m genuinely excited about this initiative. While I’m no engineer, I trust that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers knows what they’re doing. The renourishment project began on July 5, 2024, just months before construction of the new pier is set to start.

During the construction of these two major projects, the Florida Department of Transportation will also begin building the secant wall. Meanwhile, the Margaritaville Hotel, located on State Road 100 between South Central and South Daytona Avenues, will be under construction until late 2024.

According to Jason Harrah, the project manager for Flagler’s Army Corps renourishment, the goal is to maintain a 3-mile section of shoreline in Flagler Beach with a 60-foot berm (essentially the “towel space” for beachgoers). To achieve this, the Army Corps is over-filling the berm to 140 feet. Currently, the berm width varies from nonexistent to minimal, depending on the section of Flagler’s shoreline. The extra sand added will serve as an additional layer of protection offshore during storms. The three-mile section is contracted to undergo renourishment every 11 years within the 50-year contract or when the berm width falls below 60 feet. For those of us who’ve experienced disappointingly narrow beaches, this project offers hope. The work is progressing well, and the project is expected to be completed by September. An exciting bonus right now is that the fresh sand being deposited on the beach is turning into a shell haven.

During a mid-July visit, our four children and I explored Gamble Rodgers State Park. Our daughter, Stephanie, couldn’t contain her excitement when she



Stephanie is not only a great “sheller”, but she is also our awesome volunteer proofreader for The POP. On behalf of all of us, thank you Stephanie!

discovered that the new sand contained so many shells! (And as we all know; Flagler Beach isn’t exactly famous for its shelling.) Stephanie’s haul for the day (a mere sampling shown in the picture) included some beautiful small conch shells. If you’re a fan of shelling, it’s definitely worth checking out that new sand!

PIER CONSTRUCTION

The new pier will be a total of 800 feet in length, with the first 100 feet to be preserved and restored as the historic wood section. The new pier will be raised 10 feet — from 18 feet high to 28 feet — with an ADA-compliant ramp connecting the two heights. The reconstructed pier will be built on precast, concrete pilings spaced 40 feet apart. The design is meant to protect against both 100- and 500-year storms and also accounts for an increase in sea levels by raising the height of the pier completely.

A conservative timeline places construction taking from November 2024 to April 2026 per the project manager, Gabriel Perdomo.



BEACH CLEANUP

By Dana Matlock



Friends of A1A Scenic and Historic Coastal Byway invites you to bring your family, friends, and groups out for a morning of serving the community by participating in the International Coastal Cleanup Day.

Saturday, September 21, 2024, 8-10 AM

It is only for two hours, but you will be amazed at the amount of trash that will be gathered in those two hours.

Check-in locations along Flagler beaches are Gamble Rogers State Park-check in at Ranger Station; Flagler Beach-Check in at the Flagler Beach pier.; Bings Landing-check in at Captains BBQ.

You will be given bags and gloves at check-in. You are encouraged to bring hats and a reusable water bottle.



SPAVING

Submitted by Joanne Kegel



Do you spend money just to save some? I am guilty. BOGO (buy one get one free) at the grocery store is a perfect example. When there's something I already use and would purchase anyway, and there's



a BOGO offer, I consider it a great deal—even if the price for one item is higher than usual. The math works out in my favor. I'm spaving when I have a pantry full of a product, I don't need it right now, and I have no space for it. Gotta do it!

Same with cosmetics. I am a regular at CVS and buy drugstore make-up, lotions, household stuff, etc. You should see my home pharmacy. I have a rewards card which gives me great coupons each month. Recently, I got sucked into joining their "Extra" program. I pay \$5 a month, *conveniently* deducted on my credit card automatically. I receive a credit of \$10 each month, so I get my 5 bucks back, plus \$5 more, **IF** I spend. If you don't use it, you lose it. Plus you get 20% off on their own brand of health products. I go to CVS once a month, after the day that the account is credited for the \$10. Surely we all need something at CVS during the month, right? Then off I go to buy things that I use, but I don't immediately need, and I have limited storage space for... but who can pass up such deals?!

I also get a lot of percent-off and rewards coupons each month, good only on non-sale items. Suddenly it seems that prices are a lot higher and most everything is on sale. Ugh! But they are good on most of what I buy, so I take advantage. I really do save. So far so good.

In addition, our insurance offers both of us a \$95 per quarter allowance on OTC (over the counter) items that are only in their limited catalogue. They are mostly non-brand items, but with free shipping (got to love free shipping). Tylenol is available as well as some medical appliances, like blood pressure monitors. Not that I need a new monitor every quarter, but we do have a lot of aches and pains.



Help! My storage capacity is dwindling. But it works for me!

Use Empty toilet paper roll to store appliance cords. It keeps them neat, and you can write on the roll what appliance it belongs to.

To remove permanent marker on appliances / counter tops (like store receipt BLUE!): use rubbing alcohol on paper towel.

TRIVIA

By Rich Bencal



Welcome back to the world of trivia. I hope you are enjoying the summer. I have, once again, thoroughly researched information that is guaranteed to make you say, "I didn't know that". This month's questions are all about things that occurred for the first time. Good luck and stay cool.

QUESTIONS:

1. When and where was the first Walmart store?
2. When was the first spacewalk?
3. When and where was the first CVS Pharmacy?
4. Where was the first airport car rental location?
5. When and where was the first long distance phone call made?
6. What was the first Medical School in the US?
7. When and where was the first toll road in the US?
8. When was the first Jeep Wrangler introduced?
9. What year was the first Barbie doll released?
10. When and where was the first YMCA founded?

DEAD PENGUINS - I NEVER KNEW THIS!

Submitted by Keith Mowling



Did you ever wonder why there are no dead penguins on the ice in Antarctica? Where do they go? Wonder no more! It is a known fact that the penguin is a very ritualistic bird which lives an extremely ordered and complex life. The penguin is very committed to its family and will mate for life, as well as maintain a form of compassionate contact with its offspring throughout its life.

If a penguin is found dead on the ice surface, other members of the family and social circle have been known to dig holes in the ice, using their vestigial wings and beaks, until the hole is deep enough for the dead bird to be rolled into, and buried. The male penguins then gather in a circle around the fresh grave and sing:

"Freeze a jolly good fellow."

"Freeze a jolly good fellow."

You really didn't believe that I know anything about

penguins, did you? It's so easy to fool seniors. I am sorry, an urge came over me that made me do it!!! Oh, quit whining, I fell for it, too!



AMERICANS WILL NEVER FORGET

Submitted by Dana Matlock



Steve Kelley aka mudpig/Getty Images

On Tuesday morning, September 11, 2001, members of the Islamic terrorist group al-Qaeda hijacked four airliners as part of a series of coordinated attacks against targets in the United States. The Twin Towers in New York City were hit by one plane each, American Airlines Flight 11 and Flight 175, while American Airlines Flight 77 was crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. The fourth plane, United Airlines Flight 93, is thought to have been headed for the White House, but passengers overtook the hijackers, and the plane crashed into a field in rural Pennsylvania.

More than 3,000 people lost their lives during what the deadliest terror attack on US soil to date. Property and infrastructure damage amounted to over \$10 billion. The attack is thought to have been ordered by Osama bin Laden, who was finally located and killed in Pakistan by U.S. Navy SEAL Team Six in May 2011. The 9/11 Memorial Museum occupies the sites where the Twin Towers once stood.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001—NEVER FORGET

By George Byrne



In the morning of 9/11/01 I was assigned to a courtroom on the eighth floor of the Bronx County Courthouse when another court officer came in saying that a plane had crashed into the World Trade Center. Our windows faced south, and we could see heavy smoke rising from WTC. While we speculated as to how such a thing could happen, to my disbelief, I watched as the second plane struck. I knew then that we were under attack.

Security was tightened city wide; public buildings were shut down, all law enforcement put on alert, and we

watched as the horrors of the day unfolded. I listened to the NYPD radio channel as rescuers responded to the WTC. My gut tightened as the buildings fell. I could hear the frantic cries of trapped officers and then silence. Later that night we learned that three of our own were missing. Although I didn't know then; I had the sad honor to attend their funerals in the weeks that followed.

As a Court Officer Sergeant and an EMT I was able to put together a rescue team of 6 Officers/EMTs the next morning. We secured a ride with other rescuers to the command center at Chelsea Pier and were greatly moved as crowds cheered us when we drove by.

Ground zero was a surreal site. The WTC was gone! Utter destruction! The fire still raged, heavy smoke all around, and the smell - Oh, the smell - nothing I can describe and nothing I will ever forget. We joined other rescuers; crawled through openings in the rubble and made our way underground. Unbelievably much of the sublevels were untouched and anyone caught here was able to get out. Moving topside we joined others digging in the rubble. All held out hope that survivors would be found, but, as day turned to night to day, after untold buckets of debris, I came to realize that this was a recover only effort.

I remained at ground zero until Saturday afternoon. The city was much more organized by now and many more volunteers had arrived to continue searching for remains. It was about this time that it hit me; up to now I suppressed my emotions, as I knew other rescuers had done. How else could we do what had to be done? But now I stood back and appreciated all the other rescuers' - the people who had our backs - the donations of food, clothing, supplies, and equipment. In the middle of all this destruction and loss of life I cried tears of joy for this tremendous show of good and support. I am honored to be able to thank all those who gave, even if only in their thoughts, as we came together to heal our nation.

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MY GRANDMA JENNY

By Jeanie Scionti



Grandparents' Day falls on September 8, which just happens to be my grandmother's birthday. What follows is an essay about Grandma Jenny.

I can still hear her voice all these years later. I can see her pure white hair swept up into two thick braids, like a crown of

glory; I see her beautiful huge brown eyes and beguiling smile.

My grandmother was a storyteller. While I was growing up, there was never a day when I saw her that she didn't have something of interest to relate to me.

Grandma once told me that her beaux used to say that



she had 'Theda Bara' eyes. I had no idea who this Theda Bara was, but I was captivated as she smiled while speaking of this person. I looked up Theda Bara: "Theda was a popular silent screen actress. She was known for her eyes. Often framed in smoky,

thick makeup, her large brown eyes could look innocent one moment and alluring the next." I did see those Bara eyes in my grandmother's face.

Jenny also loved talking about Rudolph Valentino, an Italian actor nicknamed 'The Latin Lover!' Hands over her heart she would say, "Oh Jeanie, how I cried when he died. He was so young, and so handsome." I was just a child and yet the way she spoke, well, it was as though I was experiencing her life as it unfolded all those years ago.

There were also stories about her growing up in Queens, NY, in the early 1900s. She was fourteen when she met her first boyfriend. She was home babysitting her younger siblings when, as she put it, "This brash young fellow came to visit and tried to kiss me!" I was wearing a beautiful white dress, and I had the prettiest of white ribbons in my hair. He was totally in love with me." She then added, "Of course I had to tell him to leave immediately, he was making me feel very uncomfortable."

Grandma Jenny was a seamstress, as were many in our Italian family. As a teenager, she worked in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in Manhattan, New York. In my later years, she told me about the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire. It happened on a Saturday, and she was going to work the extra shift at the factory, but her mother needed her at home. She didn't go into detail



but said, "If fate had not stepped in, I would not have been around to tell you what happened that day."

March 25, 1911: "The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire was one of the deadliest workplace catastrophes in U.S. history, claiming the lives of 146 workers, most of them women immigrants in their teens and twenties. The fire awakened a nation to the dangerous and deplorable conditions that many workers faced on a daily basis."

Shortly before she died, I took my two young children to visit her. I had my tape recorder and asked her to talk to them about her life. My children sat on the floor by her chair totally fascinated by their great-grandmother and her stories. I am thankful that I still have that recording.

On this Grandparents Day, I wish my grandmother a very happy 'heavenly' birthday, but also want to thank her for being... my 'Grandma Jenny.'



THE IMPORTANCE OF WALKING

Submitted by John Mercurio



My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we don't know where he is.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

The only reason I would take up walking is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I'm doing...

I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. I haven't lost a pound. Apparently, you have to go there.

Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise', I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

The advantage of exercising every day is so when you die, they'll say, 'Well, he looks good doesn't he.'

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years, just getting over the hill.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it. AND

Every time I start thinking too much about how I look, I just find a Happy Hour and by the time I leave, I look just fine.

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By Chef Kevin Gallagher, MS, CEC



September celebrates the most-consumed meat in the United States: chicken. Two-thirds of U.S. chickens are raised in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Texas.



U.S. chicken meat is also a top agricultural export accounting for \$4.4 billion in exports and 16 percent of global production in 2022. The United States is the world's second-largest exporter, with more than 145 countries importing U.S. frozen chicken leg quarters, legs, and thighs last year. Whether you like dark or white meat chicken, fried or grilled chicken, or chicken cooked in soup or casseroles, there are lots of recipes out there for you. Here are a couple of my favorite and simple French recipes (in honor of the Olympics!). Let me know if you made them and what you think!

Chicken with Vinegar (Sauté de Poulet au Vinaigre)

Servings: 4

3 1/2 pounds chicken, cut in 8 pieces

Salt and pepper

3 tablespoons cold butter, divided

1 large head of garlic, separated

1 cup red wine vinegar

1 can petite diced tomatoes

1 tablespoon tomato paste

1 bay leaf

3 sprigs fresh thyme

3 sprigs of fresh parsley

1 cup chicken stock

1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped, for garnish



Instructions

1. Season the chicken with salt and pepper. Melt half the butter over medium heat in a sauté pan with lid, and heat until it stops foaming. Add the chicken, skin-side down, starting with the legs and thighs. When they begin to brown, add the wing pieces and finally the breasts. After about 10 minutes, when all the pieces are brown on one side, turn them over and brown the other side for 1 or 2 minutes.
2. Add the garlic cloves, unpeeled, to the pan. Cover and cook over low heat for 10 minutes. Add the vinegar, and simmer, uncovered, until very well reduced, 10 to 15 minutes. Add the diced tomatoes, tomato paste and bay leaf, thyme and parsley to the chicken. Cover and simmer again until the chicken is tender, 10 to 15 minutes more. The pieces should

fall easily from the bone. If some pieces are cooked through and tender before others, remove them.

3. Transfer the chicken pieces to a serving dish and keep them warm. Add the stock to the pan and simmer the sauce, uncovered, until it is concentrated and lightly thickened, 5 to 8 minutes. Strain the sauce through a fine strainer into a saucepan, pressing hard to extract the garlic pulp. Bring the sauce to a boil, take it off the heat, and whisk in the remaining cold butter in small pieces. Adjust the seasoning with salt and pepper then spoon the sauce over the chicken, garnishing with chopped parsley.

Chicken Marengo

Known as Poulet Marengo, this simple dish, according to Larousse Gastronomique, was created by Napoleon's chef after he defeated the Austrians in the battle of Marengo in 1800. The original dish was garnished with crawfish and fried eggs.

½ cup flour

1 teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon black pepper

1 teaspoon dried tarragon (or 1 Tbsp. fresh tarragon)

3 pounds chicken (your choice: of legs, thighs, breasts and wings)

¼ cup olive oil

¼ cup butter

1 cup dry white wine

2 cans diced tomatoes

2 cloves garlic, minced

½ cup mushrooms, sliced

Chopped parsley for garnish

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Mix the flour, salt, pepper and tarragon in bowl. Dredge the chicken in the flour mixture. Reserve the remaining flour.
3. Heat the olive oil and butter in a Dutch oven, add the chicken and brown on all sides then remove to a plate.
4. Add the reserved flour to the remaining fat and, using a wire whisk, gradually stir in the wine. When the sauce is thickened and smooth, add the chicken back to the Dutch oven along with the tomatoes, garlic and mushrooms. Cover with its lid and bake until the chicken is tender, about 45-60 minutes. Serve with chopped parsley.



To clean artificial flowers, pour some salt into a paper bag and add the flowers. Shake vigorously as the salt will absorb all the dust and dirt and leave your artificial flowers looking like new! Works like a charm! Corn meal works too.



'ONE RING' PHONE SCAM

Submitted by Dana Matlock



I had two of these phone calls tonight so thought I would share what I found on the internet.

For illegal robocallers, the goal isn't always getting you to answer. Sometimes, it's getting you to call back. Every so often, your phone may ring once and then stop. If that happens to you, and you do not recognize the number, do not return the call. You may be the target of a "one-ring" phone scam.

One-ring calls may appear to be from phone numbers somewhere in the United States, including three initial digits that resemble U.S. area codes. But savvy scammers often use international numbers from regions that also begin with three-digit codes – for example, "232" goes to Sierra Leone and "809" goes to the Dominican Republic. Scammers may also use spoofing techniques to further mask the number in your caller ID display.

If you call back, you risk being connected to a phone number outside the U.S. As a result, you may wind up being charged a fee for connecting, along with significant per-minute fees for as long as they can keep you on the phone. These charges may show up on your bill as premium services, international calling, or toll-calling.

Variations of this scam rely on phony voice-mail messages urging you to call a number with an unfamiliar area code to "schedule a delivery" or to notify you about a "sick" relative.

How to avoid this scam

- Don't answer or return any calls from numbers you don't recognize.
- Before calling unfamiliar numbers, check to see if the area code is international.
- If you do not make international calls, ask your phone company to block outgoing international calls on your line.
- Always be cautious, even if a number appears authentic.

Filing a complaint with the FCC - If you are billed for a call you made as a result of this scam, first try to resolve the matter with your telephone company. If you are unable to resolve it directly, you can file a complaint with the FCC at no cost.

Filing a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission - If you feel that you are a victim of an international phone scam, you can file a complaint with the FTC.

PARAPROSDOKIANS - COMEDIANS

Submitted by Dana Matlock

Paraproisdokian (noun) A figure of speech for an unexpected shift in meaning at the end of a sentence, stanza, or short passage. It is often used for comic relief.

Henny Youngman's famous joke "Take my wife – please!" is perhaps the most well-known example of a paraproisdokian in comedy. You expect that he's using his wife as an example for a joke, but then indicates he wants you to literally take her away by adding the punchline "please!"

Check out these additional comedic paraproisdokian

- I've had a perfectly wonderful evening, but this wasn't it. –Groucho Marx
- He taught me housekeeping; when I divorce, I keep the house. –Zsa Zsa Gabor
- I haven't slept for 10 days, because that would be too long. –Mitch Hedberg
- Standing in the park today, I was wondering why a frisbee looks larger the closer it gets...then it hit me. –Stewart Francis
- When I was a kid my parents moved a lot, but I always found them. –Rodney Dangerfield
- My husband can't stand to see trash and garbage lying around the house – he can't stand the competition. –Phyllis Diller
- Death is caused by swallowing small amounts of saliva over a long period of time. –George Carlin
- There are three kinds of people in the world – those who can count, and those who can't. –Unknown
- I can picture in my mind a world without war, a world without hate. And I can picture us attacking that world because they'd never expect it. –Jack Handey
- The company accountant is shy and retiring. He's shy a quarter of a million dollars. That's why he's retiring. –Milton Berle
- I'm a very tolerant man, except when it comes to holding a grudge. –Robin Williams
- I saw a bank that said, "24 Hour Banking," "but I don't have that much time. –Stephen Wright
- Always remember my grandfather's last words: "A truck!" –Emo Phillips
- Half of all marriages end in divorce—and then there are the really unhappy ones. –Joan Rivers





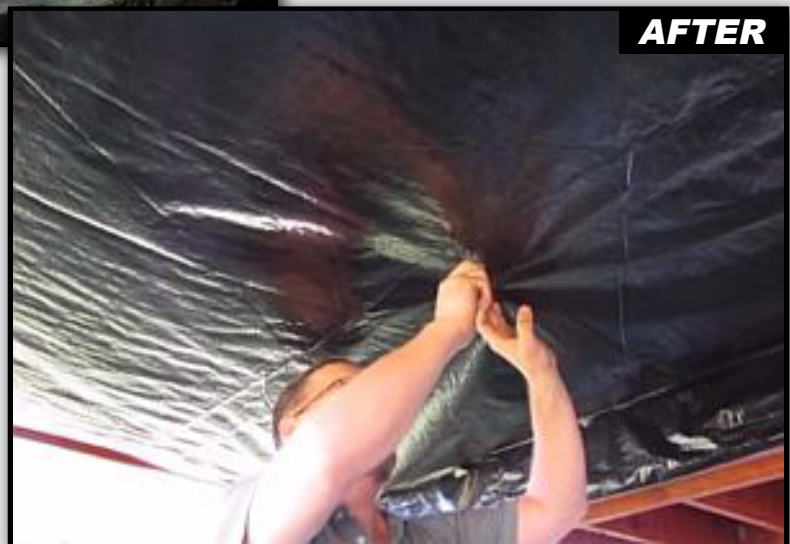
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If we missed your birthday or anniversary, or have the dates wrong or name misspelled, please contact the editors, Dana or Jo at dbmatlock@live.com or jokegel@comcast.com.



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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Jim Schroeder & Rosie

27 Beaumont Lane

Jim and his springer spaniel companion, Rosie, are now permanent residents of Plantation Oaks. Jim is excited to contribute to the community and is already involved in some projects. Jim originates from Chico, California and a few of his favorite pastime activities are sailing, cooking and playing bridge. Jim would like to organize a Veterans Group here at PO. He is hoping there is interest from Vets to gather and chat. Welcome Jim.



TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Rogers, Arkansas on July 2, 1962
2. March 18, 1965
3. Lowell, Mass. May 8, 1963
4. Hertz at Midway Airport, 1932
5. Lyceum Hall, Salem, Mass. on February 12, 1887
6. College of Philadelphia in 1765
7. Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike in Pennsylvania was established in 1792
8. 1986 at the Chicago Auto Show
9. 1959
10. London, England on June 6, 1844



BEAUTY TIPS *By Terry Johnson*



Pick A Skin-Specific Concealer

To get optimal results, consider your main eye-area concerns when choosing a cover-up. For puffiness, try a matte formula and avoid anything creamy or luminous, which can exacerbate bags. If you have dark circles, look for a brightening or peach-tinted concealer to counteract shadows. For lines, choose a lightweight cream that won't settle into and emphasize creases.

By Rosie Reese, PORA President



When we were kids, September always meant “back to school.” Now that we are older it usually means that Christmas is just around the corner. It seems the older we get the faster time goes.

Even though we may never go back to school, it doesn’t mean we need to stop learning. I remember the saying “Every day you learn something new.” For the most part, that is true, but you must interact with others to learn something new.

Living in a community like ours, Plantation Oaks offers us many opportunities to learn new things while interacting with your neighbors. There are various card games to keep your mind active, various sports, water aerobics and even rock painting. There’s a saying “if you don’t use it you’ll lose it” and “a mind is a terrible thing to lose” So if you think you’re losing your mind or just want to get more involved, plan to attend our PORA Board Meeting on Sunday, September 8 at 7:00 pm and find out what’s happening in the community where you live. Hope to see you there, all are welcome.

FEDERATION OF MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS (FMO)

By James Pursley, Plantation Oaks FMO Rep



Hello, hope everyone is surviving the heat. It’s me, your friendly FMO Representative, Federation of Manufactured Homeowners. Apart from the widespread heat, as I’ve mentioned previously, my son lives in Michigan. During our recent

conversation, he mentioned that the temperature there was in the nineties. Although I’m not familiar with Michigan, it does seem quite warm. Last month I told you about my good friends Al and Joyce and their parrot Buckaroo. The article brought back memories of them. Another incident that I still remember was Al developed a form of cancer that was a rare form. Joyce, being a nurse, did her research and found that Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida was the best for Al’s treatment. They packed everything up, sold their house and moved from Brownsville Texas to sunny Florida. Joyce has a son that lives in Jacksonville, so it made the move a little less stressful. Al had to go into the hospital for several days at a time. He progressively got better so he got to stay home for a while, then the inevitable happened, Al got worse so back to the hospital he went.

After a while Joyce wanted to surprise Al and take Buckaroo to the hospital. She got permission. She said it wasn’t the easiest thing to do but she accomplished the feat. So, to the hospital Buckaroo went. Not as a patient but a visitor. Joyce said you should have seen Al when he saw Buckaroo. It was something like she had never seen. She said that the crazy bird looked around, waited about 15 minutes then she said that the bird would not shut up. Buckaroo was whistling at the nurses, asking when does Al eat. He wanted to see around the room to see what kind of view Al had from his room. Then it happened. It was late afternoon and Buckaroo started, “hey Al, it’s Beer Thirty”, and he started asking all the nurses where Al’s beer was. They could not believe what they were hearing from that bird. Needless to say, Buckaroo was asked to leave the hospital and not come back. I kid you not about these stories I am telling you; they are all true - so true.

Another truth is the FMO. This is something that you won’t be sorry that you purchased. FMO is the only 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. So, for the price of \$30.00/year or \$75.00/3 years, you cannot go wrong with this service. Really, think about the benefits you will receive. To get this protection contact me, James Pursley. Call or text 386-986-9632, email jpinvest129@gmail.com or better yet go to fmo.org to sign up and you can pay with a credit card. You will be updated on all happenings to do with the FMO. Tell your friends that you joined the FMO – maybe they will too. Going to go for now, please watch the storms, be safe. Until next time.

NEXUS CENTER



Artist Rendering

Flagler County broke ground in August for its “Nexus Center” – a multi-purpose facility to house both a new library and the county’s Health and Human Services Department – and services like congregate meals for seniors and community rooms. The location is off Central Commerce Parkway (near Wendy’s), across from the Flagler County Sheriff’s Operations Center, a short walk down from the future Bunnell City Hall now under construction.

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, September 9, 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. For any questions or suggestions, you may have regarding social committee or cook's team, please contact:

John Clabaugh 570-772-2499 jclabaugh7@yahoo.com

Christine Davis 508-901-3628 c.davis16@comcast.net

SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

September 2 – Labor Day Picnic - \$7, includes Hamburg or 2 Hot Dogs plus 2 sides TBD.

September 10 – 10 AM Coffee & Doughnuts. Monthly Guest Speakers are back! This month is the Bulow Park Ranger.

September 20 – Dinner, 5 PM, Menu TBD

September 28 – Casino Night at the Oaks, 6:30-9 PM, \$20. **Games:** Poker, Blackjack, Texas Hold'em, Craps, Roulette, Horserace, Food, Drink, (BYOB) Photo Booth (Dress your Best), Dice game and more. First, second and third place prizes. Also having an Auction to win prizes. Need Dealers and Helpers. Finger foods and dessert to be served. Patti Watkins - 386-986-6245.

FUTURE EVENTS:

October 18 - Monthly Dinner – An Authentic Polish Dinner by Resident Stan Niedzwieki 5 PM. \$15 PORA members, \$17 non-PORA members. Ticket sales begin Monday, September 16.

We have requested The Palm Coast Jazz Band to play this evening from 6 to 7 PM. More details to follow.

October 31st - Halloween Golf Cart Parade. Get together at the firepit after parade (weather permitting) otherwise inside the clubhouse POC – Cindy Easter (618-558-9976)

November 8 - Murder Mystery by the C. Deb Pate. Spaghetti Dinner at 5 PM. \$15 PORA Members, \$17 Non-Members. Will open show for next day if necessary. All actors have been selected.

November 22 - Thanksgiving Dinner and possibly The Palm Coast Jazz Band. Will update once confirmed.

December 6 - Christmas House Tour – Pam Wiggins

December 6 - Gingerbread Making Session – Terry Johnson

December 7 – (Change from previous announced date) Christmas Party –Patty Watkins, Pyramid DJ 6:30-9:30 PM. Menu TBA.

December 31 - New Year's Eve Celebration - Pyramid DJ will perform. More details to follow.

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



Bingo: Wednesdays 5:45-9:00 PM
Doors open at 5:45 Bingo begins promptly at 6:30 PM.



Chair Volleyball: 2nd and 4th Thursdays
1 PM in clubhouse.



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



Water Aerobics: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10:00-11:15 AM.



HOLIDAYS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS



Only September and we are thinking about the holidays! Yes, 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. You will have more details later this fall.

Terry Johnson and Pam Wiggins Co-Chairmen

PLANTATION OAKS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 4:00-5:30 AT THE CLUBHOUSE



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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. If you have any questions call Terry at 609-876-0837.

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Quarterly meetings will be the first Sunday of the month: **September 8** (due to Labor Day), and December 1, 2024.

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