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Happy Thanksgiving
November 25

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“DIA DE MUERTOS” CELEBRATION OF LIFE

By Irma Reed



Is a Mexican holiday focuses on gatherings of family and friend to pray and remember those who have died. It is particularly celebrated in Mexico, and it takes place in connection with the Catholic celebration of All Saints’ Day Nov. 1 and All Souls’ Day Nov. 2.



Traditions connected with the holiday includes building private altars, honoring the deceased using sugar skulls, marigolds, the favorite foods and beverages of the departed and visiting graves with these as

gifts. Parades take place with colorful icons represented by the way that people dress, sing and dance. The origins of the modern Mexican holiday dates back hundreds of years to indigenous observances of an Aztec harvest festival. And the celebration holds great significance in the life of Mexico’s indigenous communities. The fusion of pre-Hispanic religious rites and Catholic feasts brings together two universes, one marked by indigenous belief systems, the other by worldviews introduced by the Europeans in the sixteenth century.



After the independence war of 1810– 1823, Mexico was born as a new country and customs were added to the celebration transforming some of the original pre-Hispanic elements and enriched the new Mexican identity.



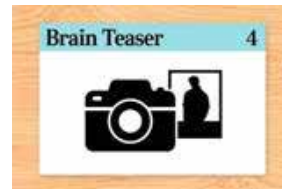
Jose Guadalupe Posada later on in 1875 created cartoon skulls: Calaveras as a satirical portrait of events, politicians and nobles from the time. His illustrations were a great way to communicate

with the working people. Posada created a skull woman wearing only a fancy hat as a criticism of the aristocratic women and the European influence on wearing make-up, feathers, and denying their Indian origin.

Diego Rivera in 1948 rescued Posada’s work and concept and named her Catrina. He introduced her as a fancy dressed lady, from the burges and painted on his mural “Sueño de un Domingo en la Alameda” This famous mural represents 400 years of history of México, and Diego Rivera included, among important figures; portraits of José Guadalupe Posada, Frida Kahlo, and a portrait of himself as child.



In 2000 this Mexican celebration and icons have been nominated intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO and part of the traditions have been adopted worldwide.



A man is looking at a photograph of someone. His friend asks who it is. The man replies, “Brothers and sisters, I have none. But that man’s father is my father’s son.”

Who was in the photograph?

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THE UNEXPECTED GIFT

By Joe Cortese



I wrote a version of this poem some years back for a Christmas play at my Church, but I did a little wordsmithing with this copy. Christmas is an interesting season because for some it brings good, for some it brings bad, for some it is happy and for some it is sad, but for me I always think of this ragged man and remember all the blessings God has given me (not alone, Salvation). As we enter the season of giving and Thanksgiving, I encourage you to remember those who have less.

The Unexpected Gift

I hate Christmas shopping; I just don't have the time!

That was the thought that was most on my mind.

The holiday traffic, find a spot in the lot,
the pushing, the shoving, I'd rather be shot!

Well, I finally finished and was thinking of home,
but as I walked from the last store, I wasn't alone.

That's when I saw the ragged man and I knew he saw me,

I looked down at the ground and attempted to flee.
But he limped after calling, "sir I have to see you"!
So I gave up the chase, well, what else could I do?

I reached for my wallet, I'd give him a buck,
then get home to my warm bed, with no more bad luck.
And that's when my heart fell right through my shoes!

My wallet was gone, of all the things I could lose!
My credit cards, all my money, why they could steal
my identity,

and then the voice of the ragged man, "excuse me sir,
pardon me,

but I believe that you dropped this as you left the last
store",

and in his hand was my wallet, but in his eyes
something more.

It was the joy of just giving, and he wished me, "a good
day".

I've never seen the gift of giving in the same way.
It was the unexpected gift.

THE OAKS ROCK PAINTERS

By JoAnn Larkin

The rock painting group has finished the rocks for the Halloween 🎃 party on the 30th. There will also be Halloween and Thanksgivings rocks in the rock garden and so don't forget to visit. Take one to a friend. Participation is down but we can regroup.



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ATTENTION: CALLING ALL MEN

By John Popp



Hello, my name is John Popp, and this is my first article for The POP.

I would like to invite and encourage all men to consider attending the Water Aerobics that we have in the pool Monday, Wednesday and Friday; from 10AM to 11AM. The sessions usually last about an hour. We generally have a crowd of 20 to 30 people. Of those numbers the majority by far is made up of women. We usually have somewhere between 4 to 7 men per session.

First off, I would like to tell you this is a great way to meet and socialize with your neighbors. We always have a good time and in addition to the water aerobics we almost always have a good laugh over things that happen. For example, today one of our participants decided to take his iPhone for a swim. He had it in his pocket and simply forgot to remove it. Well as you might imagine it got wet and although we all hope he gets it functioning it provided some levity during our session. It is also a good way to find out from your neighbors what is going on in the community.

Exercising in the water is far easier than working out on machines and devices in our gym. Your body is more buoyant in the water and because of this there is much less strain on your muscles and tendons, but they still get a good workout. If you follow sports, you know that a lot of time when players get injured many times their rehabilitation includes working out in the water because it helps with the recovery.

Now let's face it none of us are getting any younger and one of the easiest things to do when you are retired is to do nothing. We all realize that is not the answer. The Aerobics are fun, and you can push yourself, take a break or just do a workout for part of the hour. We have people that do a little of all these things.

So bottom-line is join in with me and lots of lovely ladies and give water aerobics a try. Come on guys this is not hard and once you get in the swing of things, I promise you will feel much better. If you need to skip sessions or are traveling or whatever no problem, we do not take attendance. So, I'm asking please give this a try I'm sure you will be surprised as to how you feel. Even though



this is directly aimed at increasing our male attendance; if you are a lady and haven't been please come and give it a try. I promise a good time will be had by all.

THE WORLD IS MINE

Submitted by Keith Mowling



Today, upon a bus, I saw a very beautiful woman and wished I were as beautiful. When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle.

She had one leg and used a crutch. But as she passed, she passed a smile.

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two legs; the world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy. The lad who sold it had such charm. I talked with him, he seemed so glad. If I were late, it'd do no harm. And as I left, he said to me, "I thank you; you've been so kind. It's nice to talk with folks like you. You see," he said, "I'm blind." Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two eyes; the world is mine.

Later while walking down the street, I saw a child I knew. He stood and watched the others play, but he did not know what to do. I stopped a moment and then I said, "Why don't you join them dear?" He looked ahead without a word. I realized; he couldn't hear. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two ears; the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go. With eyes to see the sunset's glow. With ears to hear what I would know. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I've been blessed; indeed, the world is mine

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FEDERATION OF MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS (FMO)

By James Pursley, Plantation Oaks FMO Rep



Hello neighbors, it's me again. As in last month's article I said something took me back to my childhood. Wow, you are talking about a long time ago. As I was growing up in Atlanta, Georgia my mom and dad and myself lived with my mom's parents for the first five years of my life. I was close to my grandparents. As time went on my grandparents got very interested in antique furniture, especially clocks. Antiques were a hobby for them. We would go on weekend trips to the North Georgia and Tennessee Mountains looking for antiques. My grandparent's dream was to have an antique store in the mountains after my grandfather retired. That dream did not happen. They had taken an overnight trip to buy a clock that they had looked at several weeks before. They were traveling north of a town in Georgia on a two-lane road. There was a bridge on a curve, there was a dump truck heading their way, the driver lost control and hit my grandparents head-on, on the bridge, they died instantly. At a young age, I had already learned a lot about antiques. As many of you may know I went into the construction business as my lifelong occupation, but I knew I wanted to carry on my grandparents' dream. I bought a new home on 5 acres in the North Georgia Mountains. I kept my construction business going. I failed to mention that the town I moved to was the town where my grandparents died.

One day I was going to a job site, and I saw this older home that needed work. I ended up buying the property and with the help of my crew, remodeled the property. I turned it into an antique store while keeping my other company going. The store was doing pretty good and through God I talked to my grandparents every day while I was at the store. I would sit on the front porch and look about 300 ft. down the road and show them that the dream had come through. You see my antique shop was approximately 300 feet from that dreaded bridge.

Back to what brought me to this article, I grew up with cedar wardrobes I had several over the years and that was our closet back then. I haven't had or seen one in years. Well, when we went to the lady's home that her son was clearing out the home, I went into one room and there it stood in all of its beautiful workmanship. A

cedar wardrobe! I was like Griswald when he found the perfect Christmas Tree. The gentleman said he could see it meant a lot to me, he said it's yours. It's in our home. One thing that is solid like a good antique is the FMO. (Federation of Manufactured Homeowners). The FMO is just as good as its members. For what all you get for the price it's a no-brainer. For just \$25.00 per year or \$65.00 for 3 years, you will be a member, plus for \$35.00 per year you can join Elite Cross County Premium Roadside Service. From personal experience they are great. To join FMO you can use a credit card by going to the FMO website, fmo.org or you can contact me, your friendly FMO Park Representative at jpinvest129@gmail.com, or call or text 386-986-9632. Supporting the FMO is the only way to make a difference in Tallahassee for all manufactured home park residents whose home sits on leased land. Think about it. Until next time, stay safe.



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WELCOME COMMITTEE

By Bob Matlock



The name November is derived from the Latin root meaning nine. You guessed it. I have mentioned in past P.O.P.s there were only ten months in the Roman calendar and November happened to be the ninth month. Its name was never changed to reflect its current eleventh position in the modern calendar. Now you know. We also know that November holds some important times of the year: Thanksgiving, elections in the U.S.A., daylight savings time.... Black Friday. Well not all dates are important to all of us but if you have a birthday or anniversary in November then it becomes an important occasion for you. So, thinking about big occasions what about Thanksgiving? I can smell the turkey roasting now and taste the gravy and all the fixin's. In 1777 George Washington proclaimed a day of thanksgiving as a victory celebration of the defeat of the British at Saratoga. There are several countries that celebrate some form of thanksgiving as an expression of gratitude and respect for hard work, family, ancestors, crop successes etc. Celebrations include foods and festivities particular to that country and its history. With all that said, hopefully all of us are thankful to be Americans where we are all just people, free to celebrate wherever our roots are and whatever heritage, religion, or political affiliation we

might have been raised in or we discovered on our own journey through our complex lives. Please show our new residents how thankful we are that their journey has brought them to our community. Please welcome:



Welcome!

We are glad you are here!

NEW NEIGHBORS

Welcome Back!

Capuano, Guy and Linda, 59 Claremount Dr. Previous residents. Family & friends in NJ & FL
No picture available.



Love, Robin, 32 Tobias Lane
Moving from Ohio in the near future.



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WILD HOGS

By Betty Vandermyn



Well, living in Plantation Oaks many of us are familiar with the wild hogs or wild boar. Mostly because they dig up our property and are not the nicest and most attractive of our wildlife we encounter living here. I thought I would give a little history of this creature, so we are more aware.

Wild hogs (*Sus Scrofa*), also called wild pigs, swine wild boars or feral pigs, are not native to Florida. They were introduced to the state as early as 1539 by Spanish explorers, and today wild hogs occur in all of Florida's 67 counties across a wide variety of habitats. Wild hogs breed year-round, producing up to two litters and as many as 26 young each year. They can roam for miles and often travel in groups called "sounders" consisting of several adult females and their offspring. These traits make it extremely difficult to completely remove wild



hogs from large tracts of land.

Wild hogs are omnivores that use their broad snouts to "root" for food below the soil's surface. Rooting by just a few individuals can turn over large areas of soil in just one night, resulting in resource impacts and property damage including:

- Competition for food with native wildlife such as deer, squirrels, and turkeys.
- Destruction of native vegetation in sensitive wetland habitats.
- Consumption of agricultural crops, livestock feed, tree seeds and saplings.
- Damage to lawns and landscaping on private property.
- Predation of nests and young of ground nesting birds, turtles, and mammals, as well as young domestic livestock.

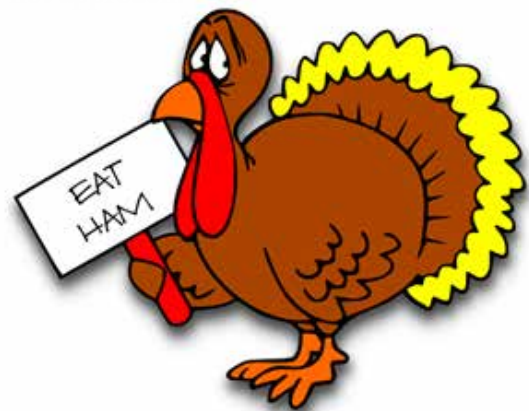
Wild hogs can carry parasites and diseases including but not limited to pseudorabies and brucellosis, which can be transmitted to livestock, pets, and people. For more information about precautions to take, please visit the FWC Wildlife Health web page.

A wild hog, a species that is popular to hunt, is defined in FWC as a hog that is free roaming, and which cannot be legally claimed as a



domestic hog in private ownership. On private property with written landowner permission, wild hogs may be hunted year-round with no fees, licenses or permits required. Wild hogs may be shot during the day and night with a gun. Hunters may use dogs and any legal rifle, shotgun, crossbow, bow, or pistol and there is no size or bag limit.

We do have a few hunters who come on a regular basis helping to regulate the number of wild boar and the damage to our community. One of our regular hunters here is Brian Pugsley. You can call or text him at 407-782-4991 and notify him of any wild boar problem you may be having. He's usually here several times a week especially in the back on Galemont Drive. One of the recommendations to prevent the rooting of our yards is to treat our yards for grubs and don't leave any food out. We usually use a chemical called triazoline which you can purchase at Lowe's or Home Depot and has prevented the destruction of our yard many times. Triazoline is a chemical so you should use caution with your pets. Please remember these piggies are not tame and do not approach



ALLERGIES OR NOT???

By Mary Ann Rabuazzo



As a transplanted easterner who's lived in Florida nine years, I have suffered several times with sinus infections. This past summer I had a dental issue which resulted in needing to have the tooth pulled and decisions to be made. Since I also had a sinus infection, I first had to see my ENT doctor. After three weeks of antibiotics and a CT scan, I was cleared for the surgery. All went well until two or so weeks later. I was convinced that I had another sinus infection so back to my ENT doctor I went. My doctor informed me that I didn't have another infection but had allergies. So, he referred me to an allergist. I had all the skin tests and was informed that I didn't have allergies but had Nonallergic Rhinitis. Seems 50% of Floridians have the same. NAR is a very common condition. NAR persons complain of runny nose, post-nasal drip, sneezing, ear, or sinus congestion. The symptoms can be debilitating and can occur day or night. Instead of reacting to classic allergic triggers like pollen, dust, mold, or pets, they react to non-allergic environmental factors such as weather changes, humidity, barometric pressure changes or irritants like perfumes, colognes, cleaners, chemicals, smoke, exhaust fumes, paint, etc. Some persons can have "mixed rhinitis" and react to both allergic and non-allergic triggers. So, what is the treatment for NAR? Well, of course see your doctor and avoid any obvious triggers. Easier said than done. There are other types of NAR, but this article is simply to share my experience and hope some of you will learn something from it.

I accidentally swallowed some Scrabble tiles and now I'm experiencing constant vowel movements. The next trip to the bathroom could spell disaster.

AUTUMN COOKING

by Chef Kevin Gallagher, MS, CEC



I love this time of year when the weather turns cooler, and the days are shorter. It inspires me to find fun new recipes to try or bring out tried and true recipes for a repeat performance! This recipe is one from my tried-and-true collection that is delicious and easy.

We love to make this with baked butternut squash and sautéed garlic green beans. I know you will enjoy it as much as Kathy and I!

Pork Chops in Cider Sage Cream Sauce

Servings: 4

Ingredients

- 4 (1-inch-thick) pork chops
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh sage
- 1 1/2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley

Instructions

1. Pat chops dry and season with salt and pepper. Heat oil in large heavy skillet over medium high heat until hot but not smoking, then brown chops, turning over once, 5 to 6 minutes total. Transfer to a plate.
2. Reduce heat to medium, then add onion, cooking until softened and golden brown, 2 to 4 minutes. Add vinegar and boil until liquid is mostly evaporated, about 3 minutes.
3. Return chops to skillet along with any juices accumulated on plate, then add broth, cream, and sage. Simmer, covered, without turning, until thermometer inserted horizontally into center of chop (avoid bone) registers 145°F, 5 to 6 minutes. Transfer chops to clean plate, then simmer sauce, uncovered, stirring, until liquid is reduced to about 1/2 cup, 3 to 4 minutes. Correct seasonings with salt and pepper. Spoon sauce over chops. Sprinkle the chopped parsley over the top and serve.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

By Terry Johnson



We have been working hard to plan fun events for our community and we hope you will all participate. We managed to clean and rearrange the storage room to alleviate the clutter. All we ask now is to maintain the area and if you have something to donate

to the social committee as far as decorations please contact me, Terry Johnson, before leaving anything in the storage area.

September events completed were coffee and donuts on the 12th; Meatloaf Dinner on the 17th; Ice Cream Social on the 19th.

October events included Breakfast on the 2nd, Yard Sale on the 9th, Activities Day on the 12th, Lunch on the 20th, Halloween costume party on the 30th, Halloween golf cart parade and ice cream social on the 31st.

November events scheduled are Veterans Day on the 11th with a Golf Cart Parade starting at 10am with service at 11am, Craft Fair on the 13th (setup at 8am starts at 9am till 2pm) contact Jan Nichols for information, Fall Festival dinner dance on the 20th from 7 to 10pm with Tony and Debbie entertaining, tickets will be \$15 each, dinner will be served at 5:30pm, Ice cream social on the 28th.

December: So far, we will be having a New Year's Eve celebration with Michael K starting at 8pm till midnight. Cooks have planned some high-end appetizers. Tickets will be \$20 per person. We haven't picked a date for the gingerbread house making gathering nor the Christmas golf cart parade.

We will be selling tickets for all breakfast and lunches. If you are a new resident and received a coupon for a free breakfast, you still need to turn it in at the ticket sale and get a regular ticket. Tickets sales will be on the same days and times for all events with possible extra day added if needed: Mondays 12-1:30pm; Wednesdays 10 -12 pm; Thursdays 6-7:30pm.

Please make note and be sure to check your email. If we add another day, it will be posted.

Save the Date

- January 15th Snowball dinner dance
- Chili cook off January 29th. (?)
- February 12th Valentine's Day Dinner Dance
- March 19th St. Patrick's Day dinner

Events/Cooks Schedule

November 2021-March 2022

- **Nov 6:** Saturday, 8-9:30 breakfast, scrambled eggs, sausages, home fries, drinks.
- **Nov 17:** Wed 12-1:30 lunch Monte Christo sandwich, French fries, drinks.
- **Nov 20** Fall festival- Lasagna or Ham salad, succotash, garlic bread, dinner roll, dessert, drinks.
- **Dec 4:** Saturday 8-9:30 breakfast, Farmers Casserole, hash browns, desert, drinks.
- **Dec 15:** Wednesday lunch cancelled due to holidays.
- **Dec 31:** end of year celebration finger food. Entertainment Mike Kohn, \$20 per person.
- **Jan 15:** Snowball dance, Chicken Marsala, dinner roll, red baked potatoes, salad, desert, drinks. Entertainment Mike Kohn.
- **Feb 5:** Saturday 8-9:30: breakfast, Waffles, hash browns, toast, drinks.
- **Feb 12:** Valentine Day dance. Chicken parmigiana, Ziti, garlic bread, salad, drinks. Entertainment Carl Monte. \$12 per person.
- **Mar 5:** breakfast, Biscuits and gravy, hash browns, drinks.
- **March 19:** St Patrick's day, Corned beef cabbage dinner. \$10 per person.

Ticket sales for all events: Mon 12-1:30; Wed 10-12; Thurs 7-7:30. All pricing will be determined by market pricing as soon as possible to be published in newsletter.

BEAUTY TIPS

By Terry Johnson

You need a quick fix for oily roots before going out, but you're not keen on chemical-laden dry shampoos that leave a white cast in your hair. To the rescue: hand sanitizer! Simply dot a few dollops along your part line and massage it in with your fingertips. Alcohol breaks down oils to restore freshness without residue.

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OUR FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR JOAN HAUGHT, PART 2 OF 3

By Bob Matlock



This article is the 2nd part of 3 articles, a synopsis, about the life of one of our interesting residents - Joan Haught. The 3rd and final article of this series will appear in the December 2021 P.O.P. Here again is Joan.



In 1959 I graduated from S.U.N.Y., in Albany, N.Y., with an AB degree in Mathematics and I immediately went to work teaching at the West Islip Jr. High on Long Island and volunteering at the USO on weekends. Two years later I returned to upstate NY to teach at Shaker High School, where I met my future husband, JM, and continued post-graduate studies in preparing for an MA in Advanced Classroom Teaching in Mathematics. Every summer I would travel with college friends and meet new people in new places. In 1960 four of us followed Route 66, in two cars, with the windows wide open singing "Dayo, Dayo...". We were always ready to fill the car batteries with water or change a flat tire. I developed a lifelong love and pursuit of the Rocky Mountain region. The next summer, in 1961, three of us became Princesses of the Pink Palace in San Francisco where we met world travelers in coffee houses and taverns and walked the streets sharing tales till the wee hours in the morning. International travel followed in the summer of '63 as thirteen NY teachers organized a trip to South America to visit Columbia, Ecuador and Peru for six weeks, \$650 all inclusive! Initially we flew into the walled city of Cartagena, gambled at the hotel casino, and shouted "TIBOURONES", (sharks) as the whales swam by! In Bogota, accommodations were in simple inns where rats sometimes scurried under the beds and scotch flowed in the dining room as no drinking water was available. Fairs and theater productions in Spanish and street dancing were popular. Locals in the city drove their old US cars with windows closed to avoid pick pocketers practicing how to steal wrist watches from drivers' arms as they were getting ready for the World's Fair. One day, running of the bulls occurred in a village near Popyan where we were staying, and we had to protect ourselves by running into local huts of mud. When traveling by train with chickens

clucking in our rail cars, we were heavily guarded by Policia, who were there to protect us from the banditos in the hills. I also retain an image when we were flying in a two-engine plane, through a mountain divide, of a pilot reading a newspaper as we descended through "pea soup". (The steward had invited me into the cockpit to "relax" but pills worked better). Just after JM and I were married in 1964, we honeymooned through Paris, Rome and Beirut enroute to Delhi, India (during the monsoon season) to teach for two years at an American International School. School vacations provided time for travel into the mountains and rivers of Kashmir to experience life on a houseboat where we watched towed vegetable gardens float by. We purchased Indian rubies and opals from Wallas in dories and devoured spicy dahl beans and tandori chicken. A two-week first anniversary trip into the Himalayas found us riding burros while nine Sherpas carried our camping supplies and made sure our journey over snow bridges would be safe. Sometimes we rode in taxis to hill stations to escape the heat or accompanied boarding students in buses as we visited national parks. Here we would ride elephants and look from safe platforms in trees to see if a tiger was hungry enough at 5am to eat a staked young buffalo. When we no longer bothered to ask the waiters to exchange our insect-laden drinks, we decided it was time to spend our rupees and head home to the USA. (Rupees represented 60% of our salaries and had no value outside of India). We flew in a 3-tiered Aeroflot to communist Russia (JM was a teacher of Russian Studies) and we traveled to Nordic countries to explore my heritage, before heading stateside. JM was accepted by Syracuse University into their Doctoral program, in educational administration, and our three children, Jim, Jessica and Joanna were born in Syracuse during the late 60s and early 70s. In 1972 we relocated to the Buffalo area where I helped start and played doubles in 4.0 USTA competitive tennis in the east. The children were educated in the Sweet Home school system outside of Buffalo, NY where their father Dr. JM was high school principal over 2000 students per year for 25 years. Occasionally I taught seminars until the youngest of our children entered first grade and then I accepted a full-time position at Villa Maria College for seven years developing and teaching pre-college basic math courses. I finally retired in 1994 after helping to develop and teach, with four other teachers, in a BOCES alternative education program for socially maladjusted junior high school students. Eventually JM and I parted

ways as our children headed off to follow their dreams. We are proud that each of them has chosen advanced education as a tool in their future as adults and parents.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1-Nov Dennis Tull
 2-Nov Fran Irizarry
 2-Nov Toni Stearns
 4-Nov Elise Berry
 5-Nov Joan Edwards
 6-Nov Joan McElhinney
 6-Nov Richard Schmidt
 9-Nov Sam Miller
 10-Nov Karyl Ferguson
 10-Nov George Niedhammer
 11-Nov Fred Mason
 12-Nov Willis Card
 12-Nov Bill Hepworth
 13-Nov Jerry Meek
 18-Nov Judith Behanick
 19-Nov Susan Bataille
 20-Nov Kathy Krug
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 21-Nov Anna Glauda
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 25-Nov Paul Przybysz
 27-Nov Marilyn Campbell
 27-Nov Norm Wendorf
 28-Nov Pat Hamer
 30-Nov Al Knopf



We try hard to get it right. However, if we have missed your birthday or anniversary, or have the dates wrong, please contact Betty Vandermyn at elzbthvnd@att.net or Dana Matlock at dbmatlock@live.com so we can correct our information for the newsletter. Thank you!

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

6-Nov Fred & Sue Fix
 9-Nov John & Diane Pires
 9-Nov Roy & Joan Salthouse
 9-Nov Mike & Chris Amodio
 11-Nov Keith & Anne Mowling
 11-Nov Fred & Carol Mason
 11-Nov Sam & Nena Miller
 17-Nov Tom & Enza Lee
 22-Nov Bob & Sharon Avery
 25-Nov Bob & Elise Berry
 25-Nov Glenn & Deborah Woodall
 27-Nov Robert & Susan Maxwell



Ladies' Christmas Luncheon

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Thursday, December 9 at Noon - \$23.00

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 Tues. Nov. 9: 11 AM – Noon
 Fri. Nov. 19: 1 PM – 2 PM

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A STORY TOLD...IS A LIFE LIVED

By Jean Scionti



The holidays are upon us, and I am thinking of what to give my children for Christmas. I am sure, like me, most of you are at a loss as to what your own children would like.

Both my girls are married. They have good jobs, and it seems that their lives are going well. What can I give them that they don't already have?

I have finally come up with the answer...for me at least. We will be giving my family memories of us. Our gift to them will be a few written "life" stories. One thing you and I have in common...we have lived a long life and we all have a story. As an example, a few months ago, I met a fellow here in Plantation Oaks. My husband and I were sitting on a bench by a mailbox station. The man walked by us to get to his mailbox. No mail for him that day, but I guess he was in the mood to chat. Our conversation went from talking about the weather and park benches to where he lived before retiring here. The gentleman began to tell us his story. He started with where he grew up and then went back over how he progressed from a very minor position in a small startup company as a boy, to becoming a CEO in that same now nationally known firm! It may not sound fascinating in this description, but it was really interesting how he climbed up the ladder of success before finally retiring and moving to Florida.

Since coming here to Plantation Oaks, I've listened to life stories from someone who grew up in a small town in Italy during World War II, to an elder store clerk in Publix who talked of some Franciscan friars, from St. Bonaventure University that she and her husband occasionally entertained while living on a farm in upstate New York.

I found all their accounts very enjoyable to hear.

Imagine the stories you can tell your own children about your lives.

Write your stories down on paper, type them or video record them ... whatever. Give those memories to them this Christmas. If you have no children pass these stories on to those in your extended family. Even better, include some photographs of you and your husband from "the good old days!" This I have done because my children have asked us to. I've already sent them a few and they are really enjoying my tales!

That's because..."a story told, is a life lived!"

One last note: The holidays are already here. So, if this seems like a daunting task right now, there is an online program called "Storyworth." You can subscribe to it. They will send to you a weekly email with a question about different times in your life. At the end of a year, they will create a book for you. Actually, your children might want to get the subscription for you. Check it out: storyworth.com

ONLY IN AMERICA

Submitted by John Mercurio



Only in America do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

Only in America do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.

Only in America do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.

Only in America do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

Only in America do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

Only in America do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

Why is abbreviated such a long word?

Why is it that doctors call what they do 'practice'?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

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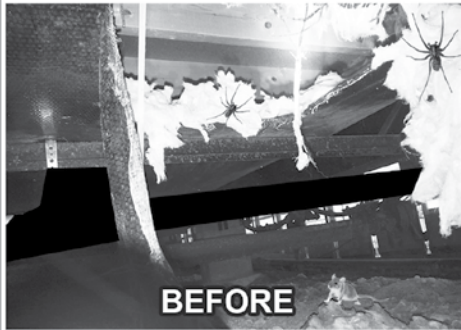
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