



The News of *Sun City Center*

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CA SCHEDULE

JUNE

5 Board Workshop

Rollins Theater – 9 a.m.
Zoom ID: 833 7187 2444
Passcode: 697762

14 Board Meeting

Rollins Theater – 9 a.m.
Zoom ID: 832 4730 8700
Passcode: 091602

29 Supplemental Board Meeting

Board Room – 9:00 a.m.

Agendas for the monthly Board Meetings will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board in the Atrium the Friday before and on the CA website www.suncitycenter.org – under “Residents” – Upcoming Meeting Agendas. They will also be sent via “What’s New in the CA” email.

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Earth Day Tours

SCC’s Audubon Club gave guided tours of the Nature Trail on Earth Day 2023



Melanie Higgins shared her expertise on animal habitats found along the trail. We have birds who favor scrub areas, some prefer trees, and others cavities in trees.



Three walking tour guides. (L-R) John Lampkin, Melanie Higgins, Ray Webb.



Ray Webb guided us through the trail identifying a dozen or so different bird species by their songs. He advised us, accurately, that we would hear much more than we’d see.

SCC Lawn Bowlers Go To Nationals



L to R: Joe Mignogna, Eric Porr, Bob Fladung, Karen Cooper, Jim Casper, Ron Ridley

By Paula Lickfeldt

Bowls USA is divided into eight divisions. Each division sends six players to the Nationals. One Men’s Pairs, one Women’s Pairs, one Men’s Single and one Women’s Single. The teams must win the division playdown to qualify for the Nationals. In 2023, the Southeast playdown, the region that SCC is a part of, was in SCC. In 2022 and 2023 three of the six players to represent the Southeast Region were from SCC. Two years in a row, that had never happened before.

Jim Casper, who has been bowling for ten years and Ron Ridley, who has been bowling for nine years, won the

playdown and represented the Southeast Region in Men’s Pairs in Arizona in 2022. Karen Cooper, who has been bowling for five years, won the playdown and represented the Southeast Region in Women’s Singles in Arizona. Karen was the Women’s Singles champion of the Southeast Region.

In 2023, Eric Porr, who has been bowling for seven years and Joe Mignogna, who has been bowling for fourteen years won the playdown to represent the Southeast Region in Men’s Pairs. Bob Fladung, who has been bowling for nine years won the playdown and will represent the Southeast Region in Men’s Singles. This year the Nationals will be in Sun City Center from October 29 through November 4.

Sun City Center is a premier lawn bowling club in the USA thus tournaments tend to find their way here. In 2014 the Nationals were in SCC. Representing the Southeast Region was a Men’s Pairs and a Women’s Pairs team, and the 2018 Nationals were in SCC with no bowlers from SCC to represent the Southeast Region.



Jeff Hunton, Jim Hunton, Chic Cieslin, Steve Maddock, and Bill Stinchomb are The Six River Band. They play for the love of music.

Music on the Green

By Paula Lickfeldt

Music on the Green is a club made up of bands. David Lemley is the club president. Music on the Green is the newest club in Sun City Center. On the first and third Saturday of the months of October through May, Music on the Green will bring different bands to perform at the Gazebo.

Saturday, April 15, Carrie Blaylock, club liaison of SCCCA, introduced the Six River Band to an audience of over 500. This was the debut for Music on the Green concerts.

Carrie and David had worked together to get the new club organized. SCCCA and Seniors in Service signed an MOA (Memo of Agreement). Seniors in Service provides the insurance and the publicity for the bands and SCC provides a venue for the concerts.



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LRPC Update

Thank you to each SCCCA member who voted on the master plan. We are very excited that a high percentage of SCC CA members voted YES. The number of YES vs NO votes are as follows:

YES – 3,267
NO – 556

The LRPC will continue to work hard and persevere on the Master Plan. We need to discuss and decide our next steps. We will communicate our next steps and keep everyone up to date.



SAVE THE DATE:

July 4

Breakfast is Back

The July 4 Pancake Breakfast is back this year. Sun City Center neighbors will gather in Community Hall on South Pebble Beach Boulevard, to spend time with friends enjoying hot pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, orange juice and coffee, all for only \$7. This year, breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., and is open to the public. Tickets can be bought at the door. Interested in volunteering? Email Sam, Joanne, or Linda: (Sam) “Msudman@tampabay.rr.com”, (Joanne) “jsudman@tampabay.rr.com” and (Linda) at “oddo4356@gmail.com”.



President’s Report



By Ron Clark, CA President

Congratulations to the entire Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) under the leadership of Eric Porr (Chair) and Kim Roush (Vice Chair) for 17 months of hard work developing a master plan that received a resounding approval by the CA membership. Congratulations also to the 3,823 members who were engaged in the process and voted on the master plan. This voter turnout was much higher than the typical CA election, and the 85% approval shows the LRPC is on the right track to improve and modernize our central campus facilities to meet the changing needs of our community and to enhance our residential property values.

The next step will be for the Board of Directors to select a firm to provide a detailed design with member input for master plan Phases 1A and 1B. Then a membership vote on the proposed design and construction cost is anticipated this fall, probably in the November time frame.

The Central Campus Facilities upgrade project will be accomplished via a debt free process. Funding will primarily be from the Capital Fund financed by the \$3,000 Capital Fund fee for home purchases by new residents moving into our community. However, the BoD recently approved a new funding source. Nearby in this issue is information about the Sun City Center CA-Future Facilities Fund to be administered by the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay. This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to a 501(c)(3) fund that will be used 100% towards CA facilities.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the members for their approval of the master plan. This approval shows what we as a community can accomplish by working together. The LRPC/BoD will continue to seek member input and to provide detailed designs that meet the needs and desires of the CA community. We will keep the process transparent and provide the most accurate and current information that we have for members to review before upcoming votes.

Statement of Purpose

The Sun City Center Community Association serves the residents of Sun City Center by providing assistance for the elderly, assistance and essential services to tax exempt entities, and operates in lieu of a municipal government, thereby lessening the burdens of government (Hillsborough County, Florida).

Community Foundation Presents at CA Board Meeting

By Mike Lee

The May meeting of the Community Association Board of Directors was highlighted by a visit from Richard Rios of Community Foundation Tampa Bay. The Community Association stands to benefit from an alliance with the Foundation, both in the form of grants to be provided, and also from a higher return on investments from the Future Facilities Fund that will be administered by the Foundation. The CA Board will maintain governance of the funds, and will ensure that all funds will be utilized to benefit the community that is managed by the CA.



There was also an announcement of a potential ferry service that is being considered by Hillsborough County, with service potentially being provided from TECO to three locations, MacDill Air Force Base, downtown Tampa, and downtown St. Petersburg. The project would receive 90% of its funding from the federal government if approved. It would cut travel time to MacDill by as much as an hour, and would provide easy access to downtown restaurants, nightclubs and sporting events. It was recommended that residents contact their county commissioner, Michael Owen, or the at-large commissioners to express their opinion of this potential project.

Board President Ron Clark reminded residents that the lowering of the fees for Kings Point residents does not allow their residents to use the amenities of the Community Association, such as the pools, the physical fitness center or the library. It does allow Kings Point residents to join clubs, but individual clubs can determine if they will accept members from Kings Point or not. And in all cases, CA residents are not to be displaced by non-residents from any club activities. Since the fee has been reduced there has been increased participation from Kings Point, which is hoped to assist in making clubs within the CA more viable.

Community Manager Lyn Reitz provided an update on the pickleball and volleyball courts projects. The pickleball courts still have some additional work to be completed, but should be open for play by June. The permitting process for the volleyball courts is proceeding. There were two remaining concerns with the county, and those are being addressed. She also noted that there are upcoming projects with the indoor pools. Sometime in July or August, the lap pool and walking pool will be closed to replace all pavers, to acid wash the pools, and to acid wash and re-grout the changing rooms. The dates of the closures will be publicized when they are determined.

There will be a pool party on June 10 from 1 to 4 p.m., gazebo concerts are returning for the summer, and other activities will be planned for the summer months.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS		
CLUB/ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT	APPLIED TO
Model Railroad Club	\$500	Hardship Fund
Cat Lovers Club	\$45	FunFest
Men’s Club	\$150	FunFest
Shellcrafters Club	\$161	FunFest
Stained Glass Club	\$89	FunFest
Payant Wealth	\$500	Pancake Breakfast Sponsor
Scott Senior Services	\$250	Pancake Breakfast Sponsor

Newcomers

List prepared from CA staff data. Report corrections, additions to CA at 633-3500. 4/17, 2023 thru 5/16, 2023

Local Address	Name	Hometown	State/Country	Phone
1512 Arrowhead Drive	Laura Meyer	Alma	AR	504-717-6288
1024 Augusta Drive	Jack White	Spokane Valley	WA	509-990-9151
1623 Bentwood Drive	Gary & Jan Rounds	Grand Junction	CO	352-455-7224
418 Brockfield Drive S.	Andrea Wickham	Brandon	FL	813-310-4426
1008 Burbank Court	Paul Culling	Rochester	NH	603-674-6959
675 Chipper Drive	Waclaw Jurczyk	Krakow	POLAND	727-688-1799
380 Club Manor Drive	John & Cindy Brinson	Marion	IN	352-322-9157
233 Courtyards Blvd. Apt. 206	Mary Parker	Port St. Joe	FL	571-486-0234
265 Courtyards Blvd. Apt. 105.	Nitsa Oudijk	Wimauma	FL	813-922-6650
1623 Del Webb Blvd. E.	Steve Kiefer	Excelsior	MN	612-799-3087
1711 Del Webb Blvd. W.	Martin Corn/Patricia Matney	Muncie	IN	765-749-6946
2020 Del Webb Blvd. W.	Richard & Sandra Snyder	Toledo	OH	419-344-3029
803 El Rancho Drive	Scott & Carol Potter	Sterling Heights	MI	586-246-0842
2010 El Rancho Drive	Nancy Struman	Wirtz	VA	609-709-9051
1427 Emerald Dunes Drive	Laurence & Iris Hookway	New Port Richey	FL	813-633-5373
2411 Emerald Lake Dr. Apt. 208	Carol Conklin	Saratoga Springs	NY	518-542-8868
2429 Emerald Lake Dr. Apt. 108	Mary Trevouledes	Ozone Park	NY	813-938-5730
320 Faircross Circle	Brian & Jeanne Kieran	Rochelle Park	NJ	813-466-4213
1510 Fort Duquesna Drive	Joseph & Thea Longo	Cleveland	OH	941-740-0922
323 Green Manor Drive	Donald Kern	Carol Stream	IL	630-464-5613
302 La Jolla Avenue	Larry & Tami Burbules	Corfu	NY	716-560-3900
307 La Jolla Avenue	Steven Mulcahy	St. Augustine	FL	334-470-3009
303 Linger Lane	Joseph & Laurie Belden	Buffalo	NY	716-560-2356
304 Linger Lane	Kenneth & Rosemary Malone	Monroeville	PA	412-297-1507
1802 Milford Circle	Thomas & Debra Middleton	Riverview	FL	813-309-8814
1706 New Bedford Drive	Elizabeth Volk	Coupeville	WA	201-491-2206
2135 New Bedford Drive	David Lemley	Atlanta	GA	404-606-0543
1746 Pebble Beach Blvd. S.	Michael & Patricia Powell	Weatherford	TX	817-903-1504
1934 Sterling Glen Court	Rolland & Monica Heim	Howell	MI	810-923-2972
317 Stroll Lane	Elizabeth Congero	New York	NY	813-503-8639
	Bettina Kaufmann			

SCCCA Future Facilities Fund

Help For The Community Now And In The Future

This new and exciting fund, created after a recent Long Range Planning Committee presentation on the Master Plan was the result of hearing several members of Sun City Center voice the opinion that the “Master Plan” for development within our community was not moving fast enough. This forward-thinking fund was created with the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay. The Fund allows for tax deductible legacy donations on behalf of the future needs of the Sun City Center community.

It is the hope that this fund will help “The Community Association speed up the phases of the Master Plan based on the amount of donations and then utilize the unrestricted funds for future maintenance, improvements, design, technology, etc.” stated Debbie Caneen, Community Association Board Member. Over the years, the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay has been a trusted long-term donor to the Community Association in the form of grants to CA Clubs and to the Community Association in general. The

**LONG RANGE
MASTER PLAN
VOTING RESULTS**

May 17, 2023

Do you approve the Master Plan:

Yes = 3,267

No = 556

fund will help in the continuation of the Master Plan, keeping it DEBT FREE for the community.

Would you like to have a building named after your family? Sizable donations will be considered for this type of application and are strongly encouraged. You may make a donation from your IRA account and have it count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). A check or direct deposit can be sent from your IRA. This will reduce your federal income tax since you will not pay income tax on the amount donated to the Fund. Donations can even be made anonymously at your request. If you have questions about details regarding a donation to the fund, please contact the Community Association Office during the hours of Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at 813- 633-3500. Ask for a call back from the Grants Committee.

A very good reason to donate to the SCCCA Future Facilities Fund is your donation is invested, until needed, with the millions of dollars the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay administers thus getting a higher return on your donation. The Community Foundation of Tampa Bay’s total assets were reported as \$499 million dollars during 2022 and

the Foundation has earned a 96% for the Accountability & Finance beacon from Charity Navigator. The Community Foundation of Tampa Bay does charge a 1% fee for administering the donations. They have also promised to match the first \$5,000 donated to the SCCCA Fund.

All donations to this fund are tax-deductible and can be done conveniently online. Your donation can be a one-time or recurring donation. Your gifts can be made with a credit card or ACH/Direct Debit. Keep in mind that there is a processing fee for any donations made with a credit card – 2.798% + \$0.26 which is deducted from your gift. The ACH/Direct Debit gifts do not garner any fees. There is a minimum online donation of \$50. To make a donation for the SCCCA Fund online visit:“cftampabay.org/give_now/scccafutrefacilitiesfund”.

This fund does not limit the Sun City Center Community Association from searching for other grant opportunities to enhance the community further. If you would like to donate using a check, please make your check out to The Community Foundation of Tampa Bay with “SCCCA-FFF” on the memo line and mail to:

Community Foundation of Tampa Bay
4300 W. Cypress Street
Suite 700
Tampa, FL 33607
Phone: 813.282.1975

This SCCCA Future Facilities Fund will offer additional funding for the Sun City Center Community at large, helping to give us an updated, continually active place to live, play and thrive!

SCC Fitness and Family



The Fitness Center at SCC

By Gezil Andrews

Stop in the SCC Fitness Center and you will either be amazed at all of the equipment and people, or you will feel right at home.

I spent some time in the Center recently and spoke to Stan Serbin, a regular five-day-a-week workout member. As we walked and talked, he reached out to numerous other members remarking, “This is my family.” We know each other’s lives, activities and challenges. Stan helps many of his family members by observing their workouts and use of the equipment. Stan was a certified trainer in the Air Force, but he no longer keeps up his certification – no need when your family responds so perfectly.

Stan shared how his grown son has mirrored his dad all his life. Stan added that his son is still trying to get my “best.” He hasn’t done it yet, but he is still shooting for it!

Stan lived in California for over 40 years. First serving in the Navy and later the Air Force. The Navy closed bases around the country after Stan had served for six years so he moved over to the Air



Fitness Center Staff: Rosemary and Richie. Proud fans of all members of the Fitness Center.

Force for 17 years. The military was a part of Stan’s family circle for all these years. He moved to Sun City Center about three years ago. While visiting the center, I spoke with an array of military retirees: Navy, Army, Air Force, and Air National Guard.

Stan went from 141 pounds as a raw recruit and through his weight training, he filled out at 200 pounds. He works out to hold his weight recognizing that as we age, you start to lose lean body mass like muscle and bone density. In fact, as early as age 30, our lean body mass starts to drop by a little over half a pound each year.

There were several fit guys and gals at the Fitness Center during my visit with Stan. It’s a close-knit group.

Speaking with them, I learned that over 99% of us over-train. It’s a high that must be monitored to eliminate injury. There are three trainers at the center that will do basic classes, an orientation to the equipment and how a specific person should work out. We come in all shapes, sizes, and fitness levels. So, get to know your body, and work out smart!



Stan Serbin and Trent Smith “this is a religion here.” Stan uplifts and supports other members in their physical fitness journey.” Trent is a former 20 year Army Criminal Investigator.



Stan Serbin

Want to accelerate the SCCCA Master Plan?

SCCCA Future Facilities Fund

will provide the path to leave your legacy and accelerate the process!

For details, visit:

cftampabay.org/scccafutrefacilitiesfund



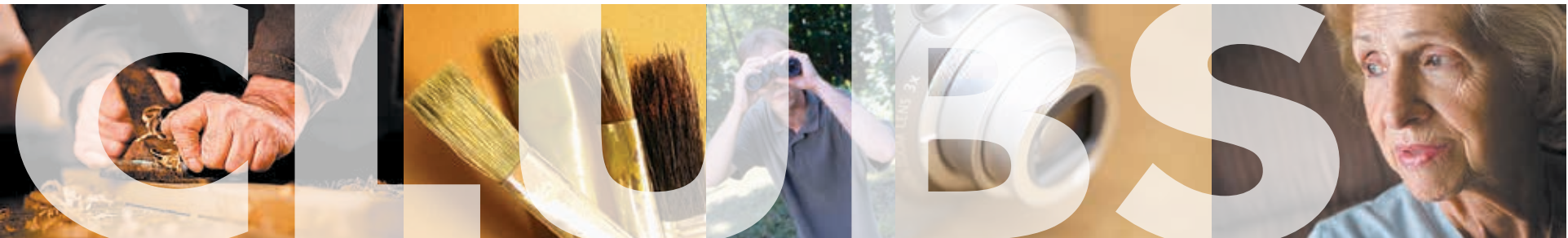
Questions?

Call the CA Office at 813-633-3500

and ask for the Grant Committee



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NOTICE: Each community and club in Sun City Center and Kings Point has specific rules about membership and attendance. Unless specifically stated or posted, most venues, meetings and events hosted on the Community Association campus and in Kings Point require attendees to bring their SCC CA or KP ID or come with a resident member. When in doubt, contact the club in question - not the venue or association - prior to arrival. Thanks.

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Metaphysical Society
Wednesdays, at 10 a.m.
Heritage Room, 951 N. Course Lane

June 7 • Dr. Louis Gates presents “What Is The Meaning Of Life?”
June 14 • Nemo presents “Foundations Of Tarot.” Afternoon Tarot readings \$25 for 20 minutes.
June 21 • Bud Hoshaw presents “First Nations Peoples.” This Red Hawk Ranch speaker/owner always brings wonderful history and information.
June 28 • Barbara McGillacuddy presents “Power Animals and Animal Communication.”

Info: Roger 813-326-3697, Ken 650-245-6979, Nancy 813-541-1945. The club thanks all who donate a “love” offering to help defray costs of programs and events.



SCC Swim Dancers
Swim dancer Maria Hodge is shown here with the bathing suit from the 1920s that her grandmother, Dorothy Wreckbecker, wore as a lifeguard in Pennsylvania. At that time the only option Dorothy had if she wanted to be a lifeguard was to wear a men’s wool swimsuit.
Fashion sure has changed since then. Anyone interested in Swim Dancing may call Barbara Reznor 860-841-3282.

SCC New England Club Cookout
Wednesday, June 21,
from 5 to 7 p.m.
Atrium, Florida Room
Cost: Members \$5, Guests \$10
annual membership fee and meal cost
RSVP required,
“nctickets@gmail.com”
Info: 508-240-4445.



History Society Computer
The History Society maintains a computer in the SCC Library for residents to have access to digital files of our historical archives. These files are for personal use of residents and not for any commercial use. Residents may copy files if desired. The History Society periodically updates the library computer with additional information that has been added to our archives. Info: 813-633-3038 or “scchistorysoc@gmail.com”.



Multicultural Heritage Club Presentation
June 9, at noon • Atrium, Caper Room
The Multicultural Heritage Club is a charitable group which celebrates the many and various cultures that make up our community. Come enjoy a presentation on the cultures of Ancient Egypt and Ancient Nubia. Everyone is welcome.

Monday Movies
Rollins Theater
Second and Fourth Monday, 1 p.m.

Attendees must present a current SCCCA ID Badge, a SCCCA Guest Card or a Kings Point Gold Card to attend. Dates and time may be changed if necessary. Theater capacity is limited to 145 attendees per the Hillsborough County Fire Code.

Japanese Embroidery Club Summer Hours
Mon. – Thurs., from 9 to noon
Arts and Crafts Building



Art Club June Gallery Opening
June 7, from 1 to 3 p.m. the artistic art and craft works of three talented artists. The works of Julia Macek, Anne Morton, and Shelly Karg will be on display in the club gallery. All are welcome and refreshments will be available.



June 12 • Champions
The hilarious and heartwarming journey of a former minor-league basketball coach who, after a series of mishaps, is ordered by court to coach a Special Olympics team. Initially skeptical of the team’s potential, he soon realizes the team can go further than they ever imagined.
Starring: Woody Harrelson, Kaitlin Olson, Ernie Hudson, Cheech Marin, Tom Sinclair
Genre: Comedy, Drama, Sports
Rating: PG13 - strong language, crude sexual references
Time: 2 hours, 4 minutes



June 26 • Dark Waters
Inspired by a shocking true story, a tenacious attorney uncovers a dark secret that connects a growing number of unexplained deaths to one of the world’s largest corporations. In the process, he risks everything - his future, his family and his own life - to expose the truth.
Starring: Mark Ruffalo, Anne Hathaway, Tim Robbins, Bill Pullman, Victor Garber
Genre: Drama, Mystery, Thriller
Rating: PG13 - strong language, some disturbing images, thematic content
Time: 2 hours, 7 minutes

HCC SouthShore Student Excellence Awards



Community Partner, Dee Kelly, President of Interfaith Social Action Council presents a \$10,000 check to Dr. China for HCC SouthShore mature scholarships.

Hillsborough Community College (HCC) SouthShore Campus held its fifteenth Annual Student Excellence Awards Program inside the Veterans Theater at Kings Point Main Clubhouse. Approximately 200 faculty, staff, students, and community members attended. The event, scheduled every



Hillsborough Community College (HCC) SouthShore Campus held its fifteenth Annual Student Excellence Awards Program inside the Veterans Theater at Kings Point.

year, is designed to support the campus's best and brightest student scholars and Dean's list students who exceeded a 3.95 grade point average (GPA) or better. Dr. Jennifer Wells China, Campus President, also invited members of her Presidential Advisory Council. The council is composed of community

members/leaders and partners who support the mission and vision of HCC.

Also awarded were Faculty of the Year, Dr. Craig Hardesty, Staff Person of the Year, Fauna Keppen, Servant Leader of the Year, Roxanna Palmer, and Student of the Year, Allen Chen.

Awards continued on page 8.

Rotary Club Community Food Drive



On Saturday, April 22, the Sun City Center Rotary Club partnered with Walmart to hold a community food drive for five of our local food pantries.

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Lead Rotarian, Jim Kelly, had identified the needs from the five pantries and generated a flier which was handed to shoppers as they entered the Wimauma Walmart store.

Twenty-six Rotarians and spouses worked across five shifts to hand out fliers, explain the importance of the activity, and collect donations as shoppers exited the store. Hundreds of generous Walmart shoppers donated a total of 2800 pounds of food and personal supplies. Additional cash

donations totaling \$350 will be converted to more food items. Several shoppers provided entire shopping cart contents, including at least one who purchased every item on the flier list. Our Lady of Guadalupe provided their pantry truck and one of their dedicated volunteer drivers, who helped Rotary personnel sort and box donations based upon what each of the pantries had requested.

At the end of the day 55 boxes were delivered to the



five pantries: Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Anne's Catholic Church, The Lord's Lighthouse Ministry, Beth-El Ministries, and Calvary Community Cupboard. This SCC Rotary project had been discontinued during the pandemic, but is expected to be an ongoing activity in the future. The SCC Rotary Club meets each Tuesday for a lunch meeting and topical presentation at Freedom Fairways. For more information call Connie at 813-957-6482.



The Editor's Corner

Stay or Go?

By E. Adam Porter
Editor, News of SCC & South County

Back in 1982, The Clash released one of their most enduring singles, "Should I Stay Or Should I Go." The track's crunchy jazz-punk guitars and staccato lyrical delivery made it an irresistible ear worm, and four decades after its release, it remains one of the band's top hits off an album that signaled a sea change in popular music that would dominate the next decade and influence a generation of artists.

The song might be about a guy asking his girl to commit or cut him loose; but, in honor of the kickoff of Hurricane Season 2023, it's also one of the most important questions people need to ask when a big storm is on the way: Should I stay or should I go? Either choice brings important considerations and consequences.

Here in our house on the river, we generally don't treat the question as a choice. As the folks said when I was growing up: when the Big Blow is comin', we "git high to stay dry" and "hunker down." And, if we had any doubts about the wisdom in that advice, the three feet of water Irma left in our yard for a week and the multiple trees Ian dropped on our power lines around our house became enduring reminders of the destructive power of these storms, even when they "miss."

Before Irma and Ian, a lifetime living in Florida has given me a healthy respect for the power and potential for devastation these storms bring. Every storm has a unique impact, and if you ask any Floridian, we can talk about them as if they are people we know on a first-name basis: Donna, Elena, Andrew, Frances, Charley, Wilma, Michael... Every storm has a story, and every storm leaves its mark.

If you have never experienced a hurricane, and you wonder

what all the fuss is about, a quick Google search of Ian's aftermath—or a day trip down to communities where they are still rebuilding, offers a stark lesson in the devastation wrought by these monster storms. In fact, there are communities from the southern tip of Florida along the Gulf Coast to Texas that still show scars of storms that passed decades ago. These scars highlight the importance of the question: Should I stay or should I go?

Recently, Hillsborough Sheriff's Office Community Resource Deputy Jeff Merry and Sun City Center Emergency Squad Chief Mike Bardell put together a Hurricane Season Disaster Preparedness PSA to help residents answer that question. It's worth a watch, whether this is your first Hurricane Season in Florida or your 61st. You can view the video on our website, www.SOCO.news. It's a quick, entertaining seven minutes chock full of important information to help you decide when to stay or go, and what to do once you decide.

If you stay...

If you decide to shelter in place, have enough supplies to be on your own for at least a week. That means food and water for your family and pets, as well as enough prescription drugs and other needs to make it through that span without any help from anyone else. Flashlights, batteries, a full first aid kit, toiletries, and fuel—all the essentials, including extra oxygen if you need it or prescription drugs. And don't wait to stock up. Start collecting supplies that will last now. Because, when the storms are only a few days out, water, medicine, and toilet paper are going to be scarce.

While most of Sun City Center is not in a flood evacuation zone, this does not mean the community is immune to storm damage. High winds also wreak havoc during a hurricane, dropping trees, cutting power, and causing emergency services to shut down. As Deputy Merry says in the video, once sustained winds reach 35 miles per hour, police and fire services are suspended for the safety of first responders. And, once the storm has passed, first responders will have their hands full clearing

roads and checking on folks, so if you can, stay put and wait a little longer. I know curiosity gets the better of us. We want to go out, tool around, see what there is to see... Unfortunately, that tends to complicate an already difficult situation. Last year, after Ian, there were ten different car crashes in SCC alone within two hours of the storm passing by. Most of these would not have happened if people chose to stay put and let police, fire, and county crews get the roads cleared.

If you go...

Prepare ahead of time and have a plan in place. Know where you're going and when you're going. Don't wait until the last minute. Far too many people wait until one or two days before a storm makes landfall to decide. By then, good luck finding food, water, or fuel. You don't want to be caught out on the highway in a storm—it happens, and it's awful. Waiting until the last minute, even if you can get out of town, there will

be no resources or places to go. After Hurricane Irma, it was all but impossible to find fuel or an available hotel room from Ocala to Atlanta, because of all the people who left at the last minute trying to get away.

And, if you're evacuating to a shelter, know ahead of time if it has all the amenities you need. Shelters are, while necessary, pretty bare bones. The people who operate them do their best, but it's up to the people coming to know what to bring and what to expect. If you are bringing pets, either to a motel or a shelter, there will be rules, and you don't want to be scrambling at the last minute to get everything done.

In the end, whether you choose to stay or go, the bottom line is prepare early, make sure you're self-sufficient for at least a week, and listen to first responders and emergency instructions. We cannot control hurricanes, but we can choose how we respond before, during, and after the storm.

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Day 1: Friday, May 10, 2024, Overnight Flight

An unforgettable journey of discovery and remembrance awaits you on the 80th Anniversary of D-Day.

Day 2: Saturday, May 11, 2024, London, England – Tour Begins

Welcome to London. Discover the city's rich historical relationship with World War II. This evening, get a taste of contemporary British fare as you meet your fellow travelers for a dinner highlighting London's culinary renaissance. (D)

Day 3: Sunday, May 12, 2024, London

Uncover London's myriad connections to WWII on an expert guided tour. Step back in time to September 1940 when the city was at the receiving end of the German "Blitz". London would be reduced to rubble, but not Londoners, who "Kept Calm and Carried On." View St. Paul's cathedral and take in iconic landmarks such as Big Ben, Westminster Abbey and the Houses of parliament. Retrace Sir Winston Churchill's steps on a walk by the Cenotaph and Downing Street, before returning to your hotel for an evening of leisure. (B)

Day 4: Monday, May 13, 2024, London – Portsmouth

This morning, journey through the English countryside to Portsmouth. This city played a critical role in the preparation efforts for Operation Overlord. Generals Eisenhower and Montgomery chose Portsmouth for their military headquarters and its dockyards now host The D-Day Story Museum, which you will visit this afternoon before checking into your hotel for a 1-night stay. (B,D)

Day 5: Tuesday, May 14, 2024, Portsmouth - English Channel Crossing – Caen, France.

In the early hours of the morning* board a ferry and cross the English Channel. As you breathe in the salted sea air during your 6-hour sailing, reflect upon the parallel journey nearly 16,000 courageous Allied troops took on June 6th, 1944, as they set out to liberate Europe from the Nazis. Your ferry docks in Ouistreham, which housed one of the biggest bunkers of the German "Atlantic Wall" defense system. A coastal drive takes you by Sword Beach, (British Landing Site) to Juno Beach, where Canadian soldiers sacrificed their lives among the deluge of air attacks, naval bombardments, and land offenses. Arrive in Caen in the early evening and settle into your hotel for a momentous 3-night stay.** (B,D)



Day 6: Wednesday, May 15, 2024, Caen – D-Day Landing Sites

This morning, explore The Caen Peace Memorial Museum dedicated to providing a comprehensive history of the D-day landings and Europe's post war transition. Then, set out for Arromanche-les-Bains to view the remains of the Mulberry Harbor, one of the greatest engineering feats of WWII, allowing the Allies to establish strategic bridgeheads on D-Day. Later this afternoon, stop at the German Artillery Battery of Longues-sur Mer, featured in The Longest Day. Then pause at a local farm for a stroll through their apple orchards and a taste of traditional cider. (B)

Day 7: Thursday, May 16, 2024, Caen – D-Day Landing

Today, immerse yourself in the history of Normandy's beaches – the site of the largest amphibious invasion in history. Pay your respects to the 9,386 servicemen and women who rest at the Normandy American cemetery, Visit two U.S. landing zones of the invasion of Normandy: Omaha Beach and this afternoon, Utah Beach. Discover Pointe du Hoc, a strategic German battery that claimed the ultimate sacrifice of 135 brave men from the 2nd and 5th Ranger Battalions and where craters from cataclysmic bombings occupy the landscape to this day. At the Airborne Museum, learn the unique history of paratroopers in Sainte-Mère-Église, the first French town liberated from the Nazis Return to Caen in the early evening (B)

Day 8: Friday, May 17, 2024, Caen – Giverny – Paris

Head south to Paris this morning. Your drive through the rich pasturelands of Normandy takes you to the village of Giverny. Here, let the art scene leave its impression on you with a visit to Monet's country home.*** Stroll through the colorful living work of art that is Monet's garden, where you will see the source for the artist's inspiration, including the setting for his iconic Waterlilies. Then, set off to Paris, the French capital that was under German occupation from 1940 to 1944. In the late afternoon, check into your hotel located in the suburban La Defense business district. As your day comes to a close, make the most of an evening of leisure. Or, enjoy an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis Latin**** for a champagne-flowing can-can kicking, music driven night at the cabaret. (B)

Day 9: Saturday, May 18, 2024, Paris

A local expert leads you on a journey back to the time of German occupation and the puppet government of Vichy. From the Vel d'Hiv, Hotel de Ville, Les Invalides, Pantheon and the Luxembourg Gardens to Le Marais, see the sites that tell the story of liberation of Paris and when life was under the Nazis. Tonight, bid au revoir to your fellow travelers and to the City of Light while gently floating down the Seine on a dinner cruise. (B,D)

Day 10: Sunday, May 19, 2024, Paris – Tour Ends

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Kindred Spirits June Meeting
June 7, at 3:30 p.m.
Banquet Room at Kings Point

Ladies, come meet other women to enjoy life with and build friendships. Our guest speaker is Beverly Murphy OTD from Nova Southeastern University. Dr. Murphy will be sharing exercises, tips and care around arthritis in the wrists and hands. Questions call Michelle Mason at "813-492-8920" or "mmason@seniorsinservice.org".



Woman's Club Flower Power

A few members of the SCC Woman's Club celebrated spring with 18 residents from Inspired Living in Ruskin by making floral crafts using tin pie plates, colored paper for the pedals, flower design inserts, and a hanging ribbon. The wall hanging can be used to decorate their rooms with a blooming flower. No watering required.



Free Summer Yoga Class
Saturday, June 24, at 9 a.m.
Community Hall,
1910 South Pebble Beach Blvd.

Bring your own yoga mat/props from home. The exercises will be gentle to moderate, including a chair option. The class is open to all members of the Community Association, including Freedom Plaza and Aston Gardens. Kings Point Gold Card holders are also welcome.

Sue Croley meditates in the lotus position.



Security Patrol Donation
By Mike Lee

A donation was received by the SCC Security Patrol recently, generously provided by Martha Finley. Finley is a former Chief of the Patrol, having served from 2002-2011, the longest tenure of any chief in the Patrol's history. Her tenure with the Patrol began in 1981, as she was one of the original 11 members. In addition to being the Chief of the Patrol, she has also served as a driver, dispatcher and team captain. She is still active in the Patrol, working as a dispatcher every Monday morning.

"We are a close-knit community," Martha said. "We like to keep our community safe. We like for them to see us on patrol, because we feel like that helps keep us safe."

Finley's niece, Dania Brooks, said "Why wait, until you're not there anymore to see them enjoy the donation that you have planned" when discussing the donation. "There's a feeling of peace of mind that you get, knowing that they're here for us," she said.

Bob Lochte, President of the Patrol's Board of Directors, added, "Martha's generosity is only exceeded by the countless hours she has worked as a volunteer at the Security Patrol."

The Security Patrol depends on the community to provide their support in any way possible, so they can continue to provide the services that help to make the Sun City Center area the safest area in Hillsborough County. Volunteers provide the backbone of that support.

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This 1934 Ford cabriolet shown by Ed Cressy of Palmetto is the Roamin' Oldies Car Club May cruiser of the month.

'34 Ford Cruiser of the Month

A bright red and meticulously restored 1934 Ford cabriolet shown by Ed Cressy of Palmetto has won top honors as cruiser of the month at the Roamin' Oldies show. He acquired the car about seven years ago, and embarked on an ongoing updating process, with a fresh many-coat paint job, a new 350 cubic inch V8 engine, automatic overdrive transmission and many other improvements.

The Roamin' Oldies host a cruise-in from 1 to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of every month, with a rain date the following Sunday, at the Mira Bay Village Shopping Center on US-41 in Apollo Beach. About 100 of the area's finest antique and collectible cars often take part, accompanied by classic oldies music played by DJ Joey Ferrante. Info: Frank at 856-373-8497.

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L to R: Bob Sullivan, President SCC Men’s Club, Craig Latimer, Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections, Elliot Bart, Asst. Treasurer, SCC Men’s Club.

Supervisor of Elections Visits SCC Men’s Club
By Jay Sparkman

Craig Latimer, Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections, was guest speaker at the April monthly members’ luncheon meeting of the Sun City Center Men’s Club. Mr. Latimer related his personal history as Supervisor and told of the workings of the Office of elections. The Men’s Club is open to residents of Sun City Center and Kings Point. Info: Bruce Fraser, Membership VP at 813-419-4013.



Rotary Supports Selah Freedom

The Sun City Center Rotary club has a continuing suitcase collection project in support of Selah Freedom. Selah Freedom is a non-profit organization dedicated to ending human sex trafficking while rescuing those who have already been exploited. Pictured are Ann Hammond, SCC Rotary Service Project Chair, and Jackie Corley, a recent Rotary member who is also the Awareness Coordinator for Selah Freedom. To provide related donations, please contact Ann on 770-548-8827. Rotary info: Connie at 813-957-6482.



Cookie Donation to Emergency Squad

The girls of Brownie Troop 33328 visited the Sun City Center Emergency Squad on May 8 and delivered a generous donation of 84 boxes of wonderful Girl Scout cookies. All the squad members enjoyed the cookies and wanted to say thank you. The girls took a tour of the squad building; took rides on the ambulance gurney; and practiced CPR on the training mannequins. The squad members enjoyed their energy and enthusiasm and look forward to the day when they may become volunteers on the squad.

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Tuesday, June 6, at 12: 30 p.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church on Valley Forge

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Jordan and Cîrciumaru Piano Concert

Sunday, June 4, at 3 p.m.

UMC of SCC, 1971 Haverford Avenue

The four-hand pieces they will present include Mozart's "Sonata in D Major," Debussy's "Petite Suite" and Brahms' "Hungarian Dance #6." Two-piano pieces will include Ravel's "Pavane Pour une Infante Défunte," Gershwin's "Embraceable You" and Rodgers' and Hart's "Blue Moon."

A \$10 donation at the door will be requested the day of the concert. Info: Larry Hirschak, Concert Series Coordinator, 646-831-4008. www.sccumc.com.



Senior Social Dance Group

RSVP Only - June 6 and June 20

St. John Divine, 1015 Del Webb Blvd East

These dances are always open to Sun City Center and Kings Point residents and their guests limited to a maximum of 72 guests. No walk-ins. Cost is \$6. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dancing from 6-9 p.m. Our entertainer is Thor Stevens and his sax. Dressy/casual attire, no shorts or jeans. RSVP or info: Judy Furman, 813-606-1233 or "judyannfurman@gmail.com".

Come Dance With Us – 2 Opportunities

Friday, June 16, and Thursday, June 29

From 6 to 9 p.m. Kings Point Clubhouse, Veteran Theater. Live music by LB & Chloe. All are welcome. Call to get your name on the visitors list: Rosemary 513-258-8238. More info: Ken 513-582-8449.

Do You Wanna Dance Club

Saturday, June 17, Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Community Hall, 1910 South Pebble Beach

"Classix", a crowd favorite, is returning for our entertainment with their rock sounds from the 60's thru today! Tickets will be available at the door the night of the dance, and prior to, at the Atrium kiosk on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, June 12, 14, and 16, from 10 to noon. The cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Remember to bring nonperishable food items to donate to Our Lady's Pantry. Info: "jkfunnsun@yahoo.com" "bgocek1@gmail.com" or "shellykarg@gmail.com".

Moonglow Dance Club June Dance

Thursday, June 22, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach

The theme will be "Fabulous 50s Night" with music by Kevin Brooks. This dance is open to all residents of Sun City Center and residents of Freedom Plaza (with Yellow Card access), and residents of Kings Point with Gold Card/Dance Card. Admission is free for Moonglow members and is \$6 for guests.

Social Ballroom And Latin Dance Lessons

Monday, June 5, 12, 19, 26

4 p.m. Intermediate Advanced Rumba

5 p.m. Beginning Intermediate Merengue & Salsa

6 p.m. Beginning Intermediate Hustle

7 p.m. Beginning Rumba

St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 1015 East Del Webb Blvd. Info: Bernice DuBro (dancewithbernice@gmail.com) 813-482-6784. Cost \$30 for a four-week month or \$8per lesson.

SCCCA

Entertainment News

By Tiffany Rivers, SCCCA Activities Director

Happy Summer SCCCA! This month you can enjoy a wonderful evening with The Bus Stop Band on Wednesday, June 21, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Gazebo. These events are limited to SCCCA members and their guests. Guest passes can be purchased at the SCCCA office. The schedule for concerts can be found on the SCC website "www.suncitycenter.org".

We are making plans for our 2023-2024 entertainment series and the time will be here before we know it. The show information and details will be released very soon and we know everyone is so excited. I can tell you that we will have season ticket sales again which is such a convenience. Just like last year we will have five Friday dances and five Sunday shows. Your Friday shows will allow you to have BYOB and ticket purchases will be open to SCCCA members and Kings Point. SCCCA members and Kings Point can purchase tickets for guests as well.

Just a reminder that we do understand that many of our snowbirds aren't local until after the season tickets have already gone on sale. Simply provide your neighbor/friend a copy of your membership badge and a check (in the purchaser's name) for the correct amount and you will be all set.

Keep a lookout for more information and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Tiffany Rivers, Activities Director at 813-641-2001 or "activities@suncitycenter.org".

Tiffany Rivers

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The Student of the Year Award went to Mr. Allen Chen, who will graduate with a GPA of 4.0. Mr. Chen is a stellar student who has also provided service and leadership excellence. He will be attending the University of South Florida in the fall.



Dean Nadia Kotula presenting award to Dr. Craig Hardesty.



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Grand Canyon *The Road Less Traveled*

By Kai Rambow

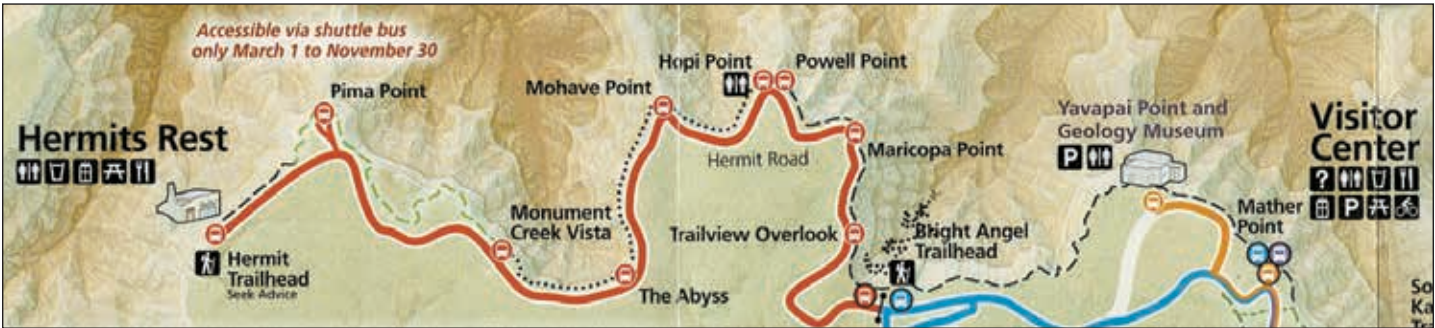
There is a section of the South Rim that has fewer visitors. You might be wondering, “How is that possible?” It’s restricted to a shuttle bus from March 1 to November 30. Some of the viewpoints in this western section of the South Rim are worthwhile.

If you’re visiting the Grand Canyon during busy times, start your trip with this section. When you arrive at the park, head for the Village, not the Visitor Center. If you’re early, you should be able to find parking near the train depot and hotels.

Look for the bus heading towards Hermits Rest. Tip: An early start ensures you can get on the buses. Every time you get off a stop is fine. It’s getting on the next bus that becomes challenging. Buses have a limit on the number of passengers they take. If a bus pulls up, is full, and no one gets off, you have to wait for the next bus. If you’ve started early, you probably won’t encounter this problem. I’m also going to give you recommended stops.

Trail Overlook: The views here are very similar to the ones from the hotels in the village. You can skip this stop and not miss anything.

Maricopa Point: There are some



This section of the Grand Canyon often gets missed because you need to take a bus. It’s worth the effort though.

very good views here. They are similar to views from viewpoints on the self-drive portion of the South Rim.

Powell Point and Hopi Point: These are close to each other with almost identical views. I’d skip Powell and get off at Hopi because there are restrooms here.

Mohave Point: Worth a stop. Hopi and Mohave have better views of the Colorado River than viewpoints east of the visitor center.

The Abyss and Monument Creek: You can skip stopping here and just enjoy the views from the bus. You’ll save some time without really missing anything.

Pima Point: If this is your first trip to the Grand Canyon, you probably think this is worthwhile for the slightly different views. If you’re tight on time, you can safely skip this stop.

Hermits Rest: This is the last stop for the bus. You’ll have

to change buses here to get back. Stretch your legs, use the restroom facilities and consider getting something to nosh on here.

Note: The bus only stops (revisits) in two or three places. It’s important to plan where you’d like to stop in advance. Hope this guide helps.

Mather and Yaki Point: Mather is a short walk from the visitor center with popular views. Yaki is only accessible by shuttle bus. I left this for last because at this point you lose some control. You’ll have to wait for the bus at both ends. Is it worth it? Yes.

Tips for a Great Trip

When to Go: You can visit the Grand Canyon all year round. May through August is the busiest – and hottest time to visit. During the winter months you’ll have the park almost all to yourself.

Where to Stay: There are quite a few hotels in the following locations. Cameron has one

hotel and is about one hour from the park. Tusayan has a half dozen hotels. It’s a 15-minute drive, however, depending on the time of year rooms can be very pricey.

The best options seem to be in Williams, Arizona. There are over 100 hotels with reasonable prices, and quite a few restaurants. It is only a one hour drive to the park. Remember peak season equals peak prices and possibly no rooms available.

Get a Map: When you enter the park, be sure to get a map. It’s easy to drive in the park, but a little clarity can be helpful. Plus you’ll be able to locate the nearest restrooms and places to eat.

Bring Snacks: Shop for your favorite snacks and drinks long before you get to the park. While there are some decent food options in the park, they are spread out. Snacks are your best solution for when you get hungry, but may have to wait a while for a meal.



There are more views of the Colorado River in this section. You get to look 5,000 feet down to the river.



In this less visited section, you’ll be able to look at 5 million years of erosion.

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Shuffleboard Spring Dance
By Mike Lee

The SCC Shuffleboard Club recently held its spring dinner dance. Members and their significant others enjoyed a catered dinner, and dinner and dance music provided by DJ Jim Peditto. The club has shifted to summer hours. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, with sign-in beginning at 8:30 and play starting at 8:45. Free lessons are given every Friday at 8:45.

The club encourages prospective members to visit and join the fun! In addition to regular play, the club also has special events and social events at various times during the year. They promote a social atmosphere, with an emphasis on fun! The club also participates in more competitions, for those with more of a competitive spirit.



Accomplished By: Bob Vellante

Bob Vellante hit a hole in one, May 1, on Scepter, Ibis #6 (112 yards) with a 9-iron. Witnessed by Bill Kuhn, Greg Franczyk, and Frank Nuewirth.

Accomplished By: Ray Sparks

Ray Sparks scored a hole in one, May 13, on Scepter (Osprey #5), 127 yards, with a 9-iron. Witnessed by Bill Salowitz.



Over 70 Softball Games Between Neighbors

The softball clubs of SCC and Valencia Lakes have a healthy reciprocal play series going on with their over 70 years of age players. The teams have played four games, so far, and are evenly split with two wins a piece. The first game was at SCC Don Senk Field won by SCC by one run in the last inning. The Valencia Lakes team won the second game by one run. Back to SCC for the third game. SCC prevailed in that one 19 to 15. Last game played in the series was at Valencia Lakes which Valencia won by one run. All close games which are popular with the players.

Bob Denton, SCC Softball Club President and Pete Liotta, Valencia Lakes Softball Club President, are credited for developing this series. The games will continue throughout the summer on the first Saturday of each month. Next game is June 3rd in Sun City Center.



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2023 Caloosa CWGA-18 Club Championship
By Aileen Engel

The Caloosa Women's Golf Association 18 Hole League (CWGA-18) held their 36-hole Club Championship on Monday, April 10 and Wednesday, April 12. Mary Ellen Laprade and Judy Tickle were co-chairs for the event.

Congratulations to Bobbie Cesarek, our CWGA-18 champion for 2023. She had an awesome 163 for the two-day tournament. The flight winners are Bobbie Cesarek, CWGA-18 Champion, 163; Joyce Stafford, Blue Flight 2, 186; Mary Lou Anderson, Green Flight, 190.

If you would like to join in the fun of playing golf with these ladies, please call our membership team at 813-634-6841 or email "engela60@gmail.com"



Bobbie Cesarek with her crystal prize for winning the Caloosa Women's Golf Association 18-hole league club championship.



Second half members are Mike Pond, Cheryl Sibillo, Marge Vaccaro, and Ray Vaccaro.

Mixed Bowling League Completes Season

The John Photinos Mixed Fall Bowling League completed its successful season and held an awards banquet at the Kings Point Veterans Theater. Shown in the pictures are the winning team members for the first and second half of the season. The new Season will begin Wednesday September 6, at 1 p.m. at the Alley at South Shore. Info: Ed Glowacki 216-407-5521.



First half team members shown are Kathy and Larry Campbell; Debbie Orlando and Renee Childs weren't present.



Sunsations ALOT C Team

The SCC ALOT C team, the SUNSATIIONS, finished 2nd in both seasons of this 2022-2023 year.

Back Row: Renee Hovden, Sheryl Doom, Christine Lansing, Mary Huntington, Sharon Woodruff, Jeanne Crofton, Lorraine Yaghoobian, Nancy Clark. Front Row: Jan Gurley Booker, Rolande Poulin, Kathy Norton, and Dee Kelly.

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Sports continued from page 10.

Christine Hits the Bullseye on Her First Lesson

Christine Lansing shot her first bullseye while receiving her first free archery lesson from SCC Archery instructor Jerry Anderson. If you are a CA member, or a Kings Point resident with a CA issued Gold Card, you can try archery for free. Call Jerry Anderson at 330-206-7048 to schedule your free lesson. Contact club president Mark Erickson at 813-634-0796 for questions about the club not instruction related.



Bring Home the Gold and Bronze

Congratulations to Karen Sellers and Mark Reingold who teamed to participate in the US Open Pickleball Tournament in Naples, Florida. There were 2800 participants. Karen and Mark won the Bronze in the 80+ age bracket, all skill levels on Tuesday, April 18, playing 3 sets. They also played on Saturday, April 22, and won gold in the 80+age bracket, 3.5 level. They won in just 2 sets, 11-0, 11-6.

SCC Archery "Skill & Luck" Shoot Winners

The "Luck" winners of the SCC Archery Club's 2023 "Skill & Luck" Shoot contest are: 1st place Mark Vietzke, 2nd place Joe Mealey, and 3rd place Rita Mealey. If you are a CA Member, or a Kings Point resident with a Gold Card you can try archery for free. Call Jerry Anderson 330-206-7048 to schedule your free lesson. Info: Mark Erickson 813-634-0796.



Archery Skill & Luck 1st Mark Vietzke, 2nd Joe Mealey, 3rd Rita Mealey.

BOOK REVIEW

Eight Teens Take a Stand Against Hitler

By Andrea L.T. Peterson

"I look for good stories that are fun to tell that could educate readers, tell them things they didn't know," says author Phillip Hoose. His book *The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club* fits the bill. In addition, though billed as a Young Adult title by the publisher, this book has universal appeal.

A little-known story about young Danish teens frustrated by King Christian X capitulating to Hitler and his thugs start a private club with other school mates to sabotage the Nazi's efforts in Denmark. "The whole story had never been told," says Hoose. "Knud [Pedersen, who was the founder of the club] wrote about it in 1945, just after the war ended. They had agreed to not name names, but they would say what they did."

Hoose found it difficult to call any one of the boys' endeavors more heroic than any other. "These boys," he said, formed a club—a sabotage unit—and determined to fight the Germans. They burned out German cars, stole Nazi soldiers' guns and other weapons, and made use of the explosives their "physicist" made—all using just their bicycles to get



Author with Knud Perersen photo credit: Sandra Ste. George. Permission from author, Phillip.

labor, including Knud, the action man, his brother, and Mogens Fellerjup, the smartest boy in their school, a physicist who wanted to sabotage and kill Nazis nicknamed "The Professor." He never gave up." Each failed attempt to create effective explosives was followed by another attempt and eventually success.

"They didn't do everything together." There were times when part of the group went one way to blow up Nazi cars while another broke into the soldiers' barracks and stole weapons and ammunition returning to their base on their bicycles or on foot with barely concealed rifles and avoiding Nazi soldiers patrolling the streets.

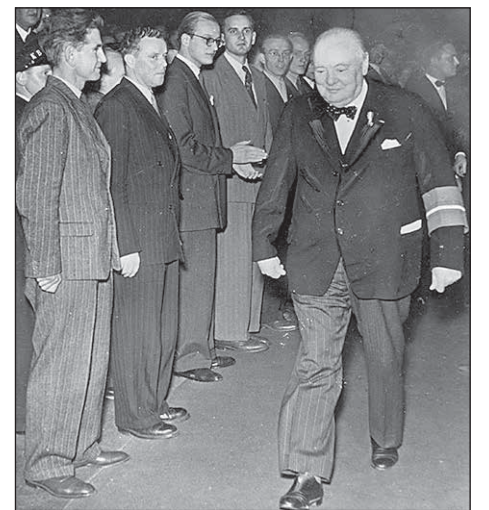
The father of daughters, Hoose says he "paid attention to what they read and what interested them. Kids respond to [stories about] people their own age."

Hoose also wrote "We Were There, Too," a collection of 66 stories of youth who contributed to our story, that took Hoose six years to write, and "Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice," the story of a young woman "who did what Rosa Parks did but was scorned instead of applauded." She was shunned by her classmates and her community but undaunted, she later challenged Jim Crow segregation again. "When it comes to justice, there is no easy way to get it. You can't sugarcoat it. You have to take a stand!," Colvin said.

"It's an inspiring story," says



Hoose of *The Boys Who Challenged Hitler*, and sad. The more they succeeded, the more they were in trouble. I dedicated the book "to young people everywhere who have the courage to make up their own minds. Lots of kids today are speaking out for justice. They come up against powerful people and



wealthy opponents "who don't care about the environment, about justice," he said. "Still, they stand up, determined to make a contribution to their world"—the world they will inherit.

"I wish the youth of America good luck and success," he added, "noting the eloquence and bravery they exhibit. "It's a shame," he said, "that they think it's up to them to save the world!"



around. When it became clear to the German occupiers that these anonymous saboteurs were using bicycles to carry out their attacks, bicycles were confiscated and the Churchill boys walked.

Before long, they were hunted. They were jailed twice! And upon their release, they continued their efforts right under the noses of their unsuspecting parents and the Nazis.

"There were eight of them [in the club] and they met every day after school," Hoose told me. "They had a good division of



Churchill Club reunion, 1950, identified by Knud: "Standing, from left: Helge Milo, Jens Pedersen, Eigil Astrup-Frederiksen, Knud Pedersen, Mogens Fjellerup. Seated, from left: Henning Jensen (from Denmark's Freedom League, whose members were arrested later than us but spent their prison time in the same section as the Churchill Club). Next to him is the only one whose name I have forgotten. He, too, was a member of the Freedom League. Continuing left, Mogens Thomsen, Vagn Jensen (brother to Henning and also member of the Freedom League), Uffe Darket. The photo is taken in the garden of the monastery in 1950."



Dr. Dennis Swanberg, “A Night Of Laughter”
Friday, June 30, at 7 p.m.
UMC of SCC, 1971 Haverford Avenue

If laughter is truly the best medicine, then Dennis “The Swan” Swanberg is just what the doctor ordered. With his down-home charm and heaping helping of hospitality, this Austin, Texas born pastor-turned-comedian has won the hearts of audiences across the country. Advance tickets \$15 or \$20 at the door. Info: 646-831-4008 “www.sccumc.com”.



Interfaith Council Gifts
Our Lady’s Pantry with \$10,000

“For so many years already, the Interfaith Council has been feeding thousands upon thousands of men, women, and children by means of their generous donations to Our Lady’s Pantry,” says director Tom Bullaro. “And now, once again, they have gifted us with \$10,000 to buy food.”

According to Bullaro, this gift of \$10,000 is more important than ever, today. This is because the Pantry used to get most of its food from Feeding Tampa Bay (FTB) at reduced prices. But now FTB is sharing food with 400 other pantries in surrounding counties. This means there is less food to go around. Our Lady’s Pantry now purchases most of its food from vendors at regular retail prices.



Replays is a fun, new place to grab a meal right in the heart of SCC.

Now Open

Keke’s, the breakfast place, located at 737 Cortaro Drive, next to Freddy’s Pizza is ready to serve.
Replays Family Sports Grill, in the Sun City Plaza, has also recently opened. If you’ve been waiting for those tasty burgers promised in an earlier issue of *The News of SCC & South County*, it’s time.

Community Indoor Garage Sale

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 701 Valley Forge Blvd. in Sun City Center on Saturday, June 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you are interested in being a vendor, email “rlceventsscc@gmail.com” for an application or more information.

Beth Israel Congregation
New and Prospective Member Luncheon
Sunday, August 20, from noon to 2:30 p.m.
1115 Del Webb East

Resources for educational, spiritual, ritual and other personal needs that can benefit members will be discussed. This is an open invitation being extended to anyone considering joining Beth Israel. There is limited seating and food to be ordered, so please respond at your earliest opportunity to Barry Ross, at “1007barrybi@gmail.com”. Final reservations are due by Monday, July 31.

Middle Eastern Adventure



This was my first trip to the buffet with some lamb stew and a fresh salad.

By Kai Rambow

With thousands of years of history, Iran is a place many would like to visit. Political tensions make that unlikely. You can still experience some outstanding aspects of Persian culture.

The Mirage is a Persian restaurant which has a very good buffet and, on Saturday nights, a belly dancer. If you’ve never tasted Persian food, then you’re in for a treat. It is delicious. All the foods you’re used to, chicken, beef, lamb, prepared in a yummy way.

There are also new dishes to try. There’s a parsley salad. I’m not in love with it, but I do like having a little bit. Most of the regular food items have spices and herbs without being spicy.

I’d recommend the buffet for first time eaters. Foods are labeled, and if you want to know more the staff is very helpful. I did the buffet just to check out everything for you. And once again put myself at risk for you.

A lovely surprise was a belly dancer. Apparently only on Saturdays at 7 p.m. She was very good. Through a set of circumstances too long to explain, we ended up seeing her perform twice.

The first group was enchanted but polite. The second group stood up, danced, and tipped well. This was no intoxicated



A tasteful belly dance is a bonus on Saturday nights.

activity. People just were feeling good and expressing it through joyful dancing. It made for a most enjoyable evening. And this is one advantage we have, even if we can’t visit Iran: Belly dancing is currently banned in that country.

Recommend making reservations. Not only were we assured a spot, but we also had a wonderful view of the belly dancer. Calculate one hour to drive to location. It’s easy to find, right on the main road.

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South

County Events

Provided by Debbie Caneen,
Director Admissions, Sun Towers

WEDNESDAYS - DIVINE JEWELRY THRIFT SHOP A BIG HIT 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at St John Divine Episcopal Church, 1015 E Del Webb Blvd. The shop has recently included purses and invites you to come check out pre-owned inventory much of which appears brand new. Info: Call Barbara Gentry 813-367-7184.

WED. JUN 7, 14, 21, 28 - THERAPEUTIC TAI CHI FOR HEALTH 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. at Sun Towers Retirement Community, 101 Trinity Lakes Drive, Sun City Center. Our therapists have advanced training in therapeutic Tai Chi for Seniors and will provide guidance in this healthy exercise. Info: Debbie Caneen at 813-892-2990.

THU. JUN 8, 15, 22, 29 - PARTNERS IN NETWORK Every Thursday 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. at Sun Towers Retirement Community, 101 Trinity Lakes Dr. Sun City Center. Partners in Network links professionals together to facilitate referral-based business growth. Our members develop

strong long-term working relationships based on trust and proven results. Info: Debbie Caneen 813-892-2990.

THU. JUN 8 - FREE BALANCE SCREENING 1:00 – 3:00 pm - Kings Point 2020 Building. Did you know one in four adults aged 65 and older falls each year? Are you at risk? Have your fall risk screened at no cost to you! This simple screening takes less than ten minutes. Call to schedule today 813-331-3035.

FRI. JUN 9 - LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. at Sun Towers Retirement Community, 101 Trinity Lakes Dr. SCC. Join Seniors in Service for this monthly group which mixes Support Group with Community resources to improve the lives of blind and low vision individuals. This month we have TMC Magnifiers presenting. Info: Michelle Mason 813-492-8920.

WED. JUN 14 - VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. by appointment only at Sun Towers Retirement Community, 101 Trinity Lakes Drive, SCC. The program captures through a video interview, firsthand account of Veterans who served in any branch of the US military in any capacity, from World War I through the present, and are no longer serving are eligible to participate. Civilians who served in support of a US war effort in a professional capacity are also welcome to participate. If you are a Veteran or know

Veterans who would like to share their stories, please call Chris Clermont at Sun Towers to schedule your interview time at 813-634-3347.

THU. JUN 15 - FREE BALANCE SCREENING 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Sun Towers Outpatient Therapy Dept. Did you know one in four adults aged 65 and older falls each year? Are you at risk? Have your fall risk screened at no cost to you! This simple screening takes less than ten minutes. Call to schedule today 813-331-3035.

THU. JUN 15 - HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE OPEN FORUM 11:00 a.m. at Sun Towers Retirement Community 101 Trinity Lakes Drive, Sun City Center. In this climate of abundant internet scams, Deputy Jeff Merry will take us through steps to prevent becoming a victim. Info: Debbie Caneen 813-892-2990.

THU. JUN 15 - VETERANS CLUB VALOR CAFE 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Sun Towers Retirement Community, 101 Trinity Lakes Drive, Sun City Center. Are you a veteran or first responder? Valor Cafes are social hours during which veterans and first responders find camaraderie. We provide refreshments, coffee, soft drinks or adult beverages and you provide the conversation. Questions contact

Michelle Mason 813-492-8920 or “mmason@seniorsinservice.org”.

MON. JUN 19 - PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP OF SUN CITY CENTER 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at Sun Towers Retirement Community 101 Trinity Lakes Drive, Sun City Center in the theater. Our Speaker this month will be Caroline Futch, of Southshore PD Fitness & Rock Steady Boxing Southshore. If you have had success with any treatment you have tried, please come to share! If you have Parkinson’s, or are caring for someone with this disease. Complimentary valet parking available at entrance. Info: Debbie Caneen 813-892-2990.

TUE. JUNE 20 - INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ESSENTIAL TREMORS 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. at Sun Towers Retirement Community, 101 Trinity Lakes Dr, Sun City Center, FL 33573. Essential Tremor (ET) affects more than 10 million Americans. Typically diagnosed by a Neurologist (Movement Disorder Specialist), Essential Tremor causes rhythmic tremors of the hands, legs, head and voice. While ET is not fatal, it can severely affect a person’s quality of life. Info: Gezil Andrews at 309-660-1091. Gezil also has a blog for all who deal with Essential Tremors: “awomanandherstories.com”.

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Family Connection: Betty Giles and Angie Martino

By Paula Lickfeldt

Betty and Angie are two of the eight children in their family. They were born and raised in Rhode Island.

Angie taught school for 32 years in Coventry, Rhode Island. When she retired, she and her husband began looking at places to live in Florida. Angie’s husband had a family member who lived in Florida so they decided to do some research. They were tired of the cold and snow! They looked at several different communities and finally decided on Sun City Center. They are snowbirds and go north for four months each year. Angie has five children and eight grandchildren that she likes to spend time with.

While in SCC, Angie line dances, she has been line dancing for 25 years and is now in her second year as president of the Sun City Line Dance Club. She belongs to Sew’n Sews where she does machine embroidery, she makes cards, and has taught classes and belonged to the Gone Stampin’ Club and she is on the board of her HOA. Her husband, Don, belongs to the Organ Club, Woodworking Club and golfs several times a week.

Betty and her husband, Tim, came to visit Angie and her husband in 2010. Betty did not know it, but Tim had been looking at homes in SCC on the internet. Betty always thought he would want to live by



Betty Giles and Angie Martino

water or in the mountains. They lived in Virginia Beach and they bought a home in SCC in 2011. As soon as Betty retired from 25 years of teaching they moved south. Betty and Tim are in SCC year round but travel to visit their four sons and three grandchildren. Betty is the secretary of the Audubon Club, she makes greeting cards and sings in the Women’s Chorus. Tim gardens and loves that he can ride his bike year round. They are both active in their church in Parrish.

Betty and Tim are responsible for bringing three couples from their church in Virginia Beach to SCC, along with a friend who worked with Tim. When I met Betty and Angie, they were playing cards with a friend from Washington state who was visiting. They were talking fast and furious to get her to move to SCC. They all love it here.

Writers In Our Midst

By Gezil Andrews

Serious writers can put aeiou and abcdefghijklmn, into a sentence or a paragraph and tell me about themselves. We have people in our community who can do this faster than planting a new plant. They could be members of the Writers Clubs, the Writers' Roundtable, or Adult Writers at Beth Shields Library. All



Linda and her new puppy cooking up a new story? One of Linda's original books "Search for the Fountain of Youth" is a favorite.

three are Sun City Center clubs. I am told there are likely smaller groups of writers meeting in their homes, but they aren't in our SCC organization and Clubs Listing. The listing is where writing life becomes official!

Linda Faulkner of the SCC Writers' Roundtable shares, "We are a working group with a goal to improve writing skills. I go home with pages of my work full of red correction marks instead of applause!" We are looking for people who want serious critique to improve their writing and are willing to critique others. Even beginners can do this. "

Marion Stockwell is another published writer from the Writers' Roundtable. She is a snowbird who says she keeps up with her writing while spending time in cooler climes.

The Writers' Roundtable
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We also have the Creative Writers' Club. Jim Marino is the

President. There are about 10 to 12 members at any given time with membership dropping down to about seven during the winter season. Most of the members write fiction and poetry. When I asked Jim how long he has been writing, he said "forever" – my only down time was I couldn't write in the womb." Jim's son, Jim Marino, an adjunct Professor at Cleveland State University is also a writer.

Jim said that the group of members meet to share ideas, review drafts, and encourage each other. New members are



always welcome. He mentioned I could sit in on a meeting but be open to sharing a written word or too. I don't think he meant I could bring my grocery list.

Jim's many months of research resulted in his book "Asgard Solution" published by Avon Books 1989. The book is about the demise of Nazi Germany. The book is mostly out of print and is now selling as a collectible on the internet. Suave and debonair while in Europe writing and comfortable at home in Sun City Center. Mary Ellen Ouvis, a member of the club, is also a published author, and her genre is poetry.

Creative Writers' Club
Tuesdays, Armstrong Room
SCCCA, KP, and FP welcome
Dues \$5 per year

I stopped into the Beth Shields Branch Library to scope out the Adult Writers Group. I learned they meet every second and fourth Monday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Beth Shield branch of the HC Library. No contact person's name is on file. Sounds like a mystery novel!

MILITARY NEWS



Military Benefits Forum

By Mike Lee

A full house attended a forum for available military benefits for veterans and their surviving spouses at the Community Hall recently. The forum was sponsored by the Surviving Spouse Committee of the Sun City Center chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, and was moderated by Larry Rivera.

Attendees were updated on benefits available to them, including benefits for those exposed to Agent Orange that were approved last year by Congress and were effective at the beginning of this year. The services provided by the Military Officers Association of America are available to all veterans, active military, and reservists, and surviving spouses, regardless of rank. The association can be contacted via email at "moaasccsurvivors@gmail.com". There will be additional forums in the future, which will be publicized in advance.



Larry Rivera moderated the Military Benefits Forum.

Community Service Award

The CGMB Chapter of the DAR is very proud to present to Walter Cawein the 2022 Community Service Award for his continual work and support of the Sun City Center Community. Of the many services that Walt Cawein has provided, one of the largest undertakings is the Veterans' Memorial located at the South Community Hall. His involvement began with an idea and continued to the completion of the Memorial. This Memorial is a reminder to all of the service and sacrifice of all Veterans.



Walt Cawein, Recipient of the Community Service Award.

Walt's involvement hasn't stopped with the different veterans organizations that he is involved with but he has made quite an impact on the Community Association as a past president and a director. His presence has been felt in many aspects of our retired lifestyle from FunFest to a Golf Cart Crossing to our age restricted area. He also is involved in the Community Foundation and Charitable Foundation.

On behalf of the Colonel George Mercer Brooke Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, we are pleased to present this award to Walter Cawein for his continued service to Sun City Center.

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Visit to Freedom Plaza's Women's Book Club

By Andrea L.T. Peterson

I must have been on exceptionally good behavior when I visited Freedom Plaza's Women's Book Club last fall. To make a long story short, just after a neighbor, Ann Fenimore, and I installed our mini libraries in front of our houses on Fordham Dr., I (okay, it) started to get quite a few visitors. Among them, a number of whom were, most of whom still are, members of the Freedom Plaza Book Club, was Dorothy Wagasky. She and I had many occasions to talk about books and share favorites.

At some point she invited me to visit her book club in Freedom Plaza as a guest speaker. Of course, I would never pass up an opportunity to talk books with anyone who will listen. The club meets the last Tuesday of the month on site at Freedom Plaza. It was a most enjoyable visit. The format is basically who ever cares to, shows up on the last Tuesday at 11 a.m. It's not an official Freedom Plaza club, so there's no membership, no dues, and no formal commitment.

There is an equally informal Men's Book Club led by Cobe's husband. "Now some," says Cobe, "might ask why there are two gender particular book groups." Indeed, some might!



Reading Regulars: Front L to R: Cyrille Cobe, and Sooz Ensslin. Back L to R: Sharon Ehrenfeld, Martha Hassard, Carla Nankervis, Jane Keegan, and Marianne Mott.

Cobe adds, "I suppose old habits are hard to shake. No one has asked me that question so far, but I do wonder if it is time to shake things up a bit."

Fast forward to early 2023. I ran into club coordinator Cyrille Cobe not once, but twice—and she asked me to visit again and share with her club. So, last month on the last Tuesday, I joined a handful of enthusiastic book enthusiasts!

Among the books discussed were "Lucy Shimmers and the Prince of Peace" (member Jan Ulics didn't read the book. She actually saw the movie); Sharon Ehrenfeld found "The Book of

Joy" by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu inspiring. Martha Hassard has a list of to-read books, but I think she enjoys discussing books and hearing what others have read. Sandy Braddy read John Grisham's latest, "Sparring Partners" (a collection of three short stories).

Jane Keegan read Elizabeth Strout's "Lucy by the Sea." Lucy is divorced and has a premonition that something terrible is coming. It will make everyone sick. Not unlike COVID-19, with illness, losses, and deaths, it's about what's important and what the future will look like.

Sheila Martin, a fan of WWII

historical fiction, read "The Winemaker's Wife." I am a huge fan of Holocaust historical fiction and I suspect that someday soon, Holocaust literature will be its own genre.

Marianne Mott is awaiting the healing of her detached retina, so she's not reading anything right now. Carla Nankervis sticks with audiobooks. She recently enjoyed a modern retelling of "Pride and Prejudice," "Eligible" by Curtis Sittenfeld. It's an NPR and Times in UK best book. She says it's a fun read.

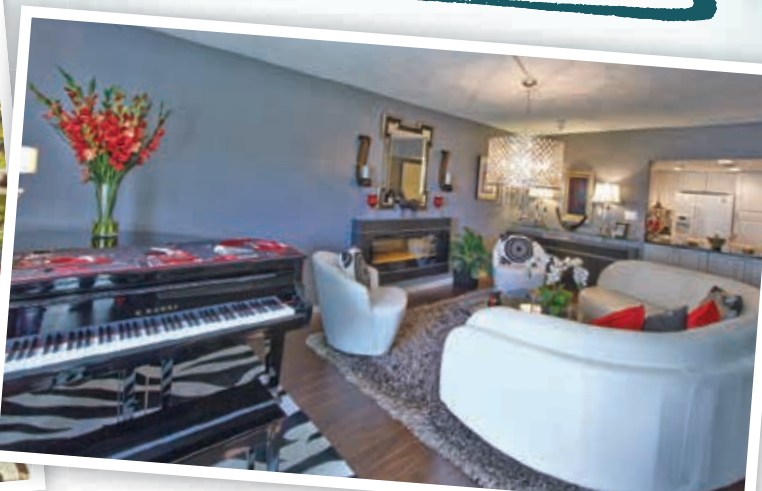
Sooz Ensslin spoke about a book addressing Ireland's "famine, starvation, and English landowners," titled "The Irishman's Daughter."

Cyrille Cobe talked about "Shanda" (Yiddish for shame). Its themes are very universal—we all have secrets. It isn't always safe to reveal these closely held secrets to friends or family. When it comes to heart and soul, she says, "we're all alike."

It's hard to believe so much was crammed into one short hour, but it was! The club is open to all Freedom Plaza residents, however visitors are always welcome. Regular attendees are women who love to read and talk about books and enjoy each other's company.

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Answers to Puzzles on Pages 18 and 19

CryptoQuote
answer

Don't let the fear of
losing be greater than
the excitement of winning.
— Robert Kiyosaki

CryptoQuip
answer

When you populate an empty
meadow with lots of male
sheep, I'd consider that
ram-ification.

Super Crossword

Answers

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Secret 2. Speech;
3. Custom; 4. Clamor

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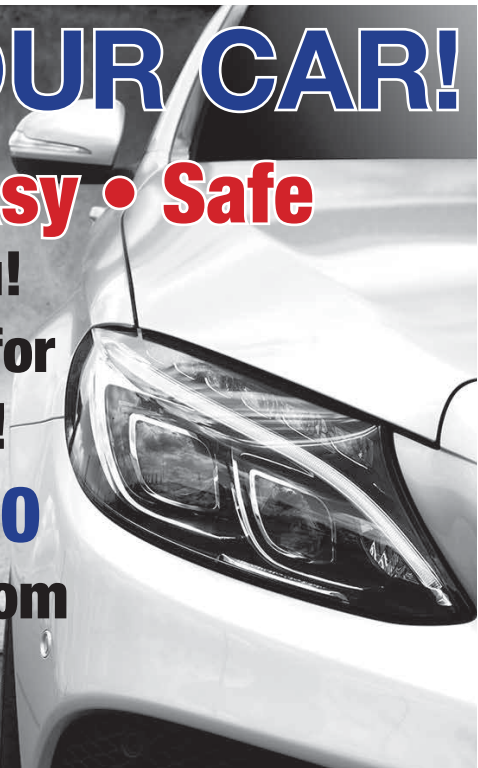
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Rays vs. Yankees

By Mike Lee

The SCC Security Patrol and the Men's Club recently co-sponsored a bus trip to Tropicana Field to see the Rays play the New York Yankees. Two buses were filled with Rays and Yankees fans, and the Rays fans were treated to a victory by the hometown team. Both

organizations frequently sponsor events such as this one.



News of Freedom Plaza



Freedom Plaza bluebird house builders: L-R Carolyn Deming, Sam Montana, Richard Meredith, Bob Cobe, Cor Snoeren, Merve Rohwer and Chusak Chaven.

By Peggy Burgess

In the year 1945 Jan Peerce, a Metropolitan Opera star of the past, had a hit record in the popular song genre. It was titled "Bluebird of Happiness" and its inspiring message resonated with people weary from coping with WWII. The war ended later that year and our nation did make a happy—in fact an astounding— recovery. So, if bluebirds do, indeed , portend happiness, then Freedom Plaza residents should soon have a mega dose of it infused into their already happy lifestyle. It started when resident Carolyn Deming moved in. A dedicated "birder" (aka bird watcher), she had enjoyed having a bluebird house in the yard of her former Sun City Center home and wanted to share that experience with her new Freedom Plaza neighbors. She broached the subject to fellow members of the Sun City Center Audubon Club and they were amenable to sponsoring the endeavor. She then got permission from Freedom Plaza Administration to pursue the project and approached resident Bob Cobe of the Freedom Plaza Woodworkers about that group building birdhouses. A birder himself, Cobe readily agreed to help and Freedom Plaza was set on the course of inclusion on the Bluebird Trail.

According to Melanie Higgins, Conservation Chairperson of the S.C.C. Audubon Club, the Bluebird Trail is an unmarked pathway through Sun City Center encompassing places where bluebird houses have been erected and where the colorful tenants lay their eggs and raise their young. The SCC Audubon Club undertakes the responsibility of getting the special birdhouses built and erected, then oversees their maintenance. Maintaining a bluebird house is not so much cleaning or repairing it as making sure that unwanted tenants do not move in when the bluebirds are away on their annual migratory vacation. This includes other birds, like sparrows—habitual "squatters"—and, especially in Florida, unwelcome house guests like snakes and frogs. Overall, the SCC Audubon Club has erected some 25 bluebird houses locally, and now five more will be included on the Bluebird Trail as Freedom Plaza joins the fan club of these small wonders of nature with their striking colors and melodious song. When observing them one fully understands why they might be called "Bluebirds of Happiness". We are delighted to welcome these fine-feathered residents to Freedom Plaza!



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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**
One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

LPW'M KHM MOH EHTN PE
KPIAWU SH UNHTMHN MOTW
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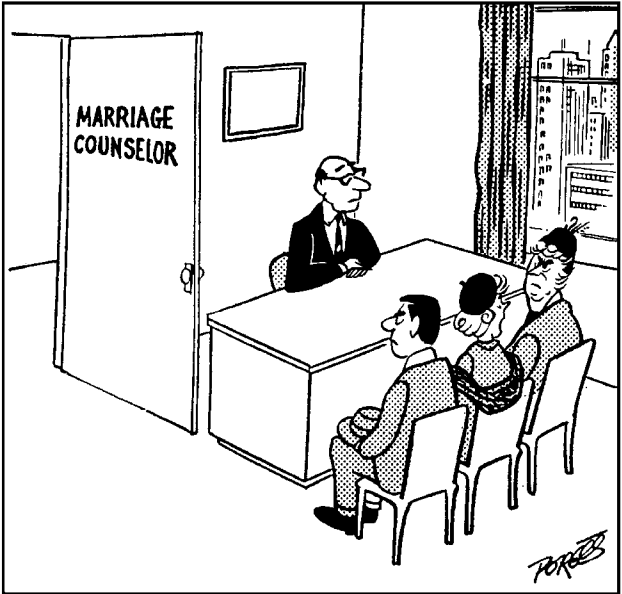
CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **A** equals **P**

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IXWQKH HNED FKEL KT IWFX
LDXXA, N'Q BKCLNQXU EDWE
UWI-NTNBWENKC.

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"He wants you to wait outside,
_____!"

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Covert
CRESTE _____

Talk
SCHEEP _____

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MUSCOT _____

Noise
CARMOL _____

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

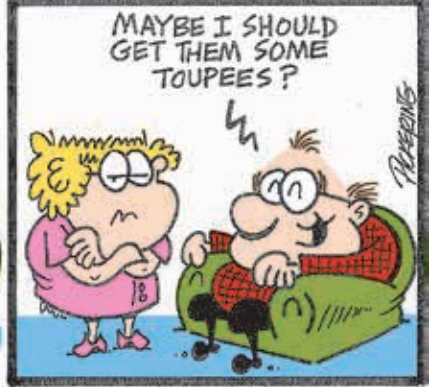


LAFF - A - DAY



"They were out of frozen apple pies, so I bought you a do-it-yourself kit."

The Spats



by Jeff Pickering



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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Super Crossword

“OH GEEZ!”

ACROSS

1 Gets married again

7 Playmate for Spot

11 Fed. loan agency

14 The — & the Papas

19 Greek Muse of astronomy

20 Take way too much of, for short

21 That lady

22 Scarlett of Tara

23 Equipping a ranch with light, horse-drawn vehicles?

26 Anatomical sacs

27 Playa — Rey

28 Qatari capital

29 Brie exposed to heat?

31 Cooing bird wearing fancy duds?

34 Port in Iraq

35 “I’m — loss”

36 Dark film style

37 Forest cats

41 Bar brew

43 Months before Octs.

45 Pre-Q queue

47 Prez Lincoln

48 Furrier John Jacob —

50 Safe sword

52 Question about one’s relentless following skills?

56 Thinks alike

59 Sch. in the Nutmeg State

60 Saturated

61 Royal daughter who always moves with short, quick motions?

66 Berlin article

69 Effortless

70 Prefix with chic or tourist

71 Love-letter “hugs”

72 Cab

73 Indigo, e.g.

74 Goose flocks making people chuckle?

81 Suffix with event or context

82 Wove rattan into

83 Tire marks

84 Big brown beast seeking handouts of salmon?

90 Steak or ham

91 — Claire (magazine)

92 Berlin article

93 Cellar, in ads

95 Makes accused

99 Tooth doctor’s org.

100 Expectant father

103 Latin I verb

105 Fore and —

106 Way to pack fresh fish

109 Heroic American spy’s petty bargaining?

112 Whopper dropped in water?

116 — about (around)

117 British islet

118 City in central Florida

119 Dancing woman’s moves?

123 Suppressed

124 Lyric poem

125 Discontinues

126 Money, informally

127 Filled cookies

128 Abel, to Eve

129 Sing like Ella

130 Neighbor of Colombia

DOWN

1 Wipe

2 Very learned

3 Disparity in work pay

4 Children’s author Madeleine L’—

5 Abbr. for a handyperson

6 Refused the request

7 Blast from a lighthouse

8 Pet collar attachment

9 Homer Simpson cry

10 “Be right there”

11 Carpet style

12 Big icy chunk

13 Gls’ force

14 Coffee flavor

15 “Now I remember”

16 Italian sports car

17 Cultural exhibition hall

18 Encl. with a manuscript

24 “Can’t, I’m already late”

25 Diminish

30 “MacGyver” network

31 Faux — (slip)

32 Without assurance of payment

33 Disappear as if by magic

38 On the — (hiding out)

39 Kobe sash

40 Rock singer Nugent

42 Bit of work

44 Itty-bitty

46 “Wow, neat!”

48 Gets mature

49 Cpl.’s boss

51 Austin-to-Houston dir.

53 Dir. opposite 51-Down

54 Santa — winds

55 Be a debtor

56 Impersonated

57 Silver-haired

58 Increase

59 Gp. patrolling shores

62 Division: Abbr.

63 Errand runners

64 Top Olympic medal

65 Mauna —

66 Info to input

67 Chopped down

68 Knights, e.g.

72 Eta-iota link

74 Look intently

75 Wholly

76 Faux chart, in brief

77 — AFTRA (showbiz union)

78 Due to wagering

79 Sport — (off-roader)

80 Good egg rating

81 Israeli weapon

84 ABC a.m. show, for short

85 Police vehicle

86 Reagan-era scandal

87 Positive vote

88 Auction offer

89 Doc treating sinusitis

90 Ski resort in S. Vermont

94 Most ogreish

96 Cartoon gorilla of 1960s TV

97 Lions, 49ers or Steelers

98 Canonized Fr. woman

100 Cotillion gal

101 “That’s — haven’t heard!”

102 — & Noble

104 Scampi food

107 Inuit dwelling

108 Greenish-blue colors

110 Accord maker

111 Be choked by

112 Merely OK

113 Sci-fi vehicles

114 Overhaul

115 Fed. agents

120 U.S. “Ltd.”

121 — long way

122 — Na Na

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