



Poinciana Today

FEBRUARY 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT by PAT SULLIVAN

Let's start with the good news. PCG has reached a settlement with the Townhomes. They have also agreed to remain a member as long as PCG exists. Welcome back to our neighbors and friends. Now, let's all enjoy our Clubhouse's wonderful amenities.

We have several things happening at the Clubhouse this month: Valentine's Day at Mel's Way, Grab-n-Go at the golf course, the Ladies Club card party, a Health Fair at the Poinciana Room, and our third Showcase featuring comedian Stu Moss and singer Iris Revson. Please see inside for further information.

More good news – Sheri Blaney has agreed to edit the Newsletter. Sheri is a second-generation owner living in the Townhomes. Before moving full-time to Florida, in 2015, Sheri lived in Boston working in the field of publishing for over 40 years. Thank you Sheri! We still need volunteers to help with proofreading and selling ads. If you are interested, please contact Sheri at 617-909-0030.

A huge thank-you to Joyce Graham for editing the newsletter for the last four years. Joyce moved to NJ a year and a half ago and continued to edit from afar! Thank you for a wonderful job and for stepping in when we needed you!

We have called a halt to the work on the additional parking lot near the tennis and pickleball courts. The board has been torn between creating more parking spots or providing more pickleball courts. Mike Glen has generously offered to set up a committee to determine how our residents feel about these issues. If asked, please give us your feedback.

Getting the lift fixed has proven to be an almost impossible task. We have only one company that is confident they can fix the lift, but their fee is a little less than the quote we received from the lift company. We are looking to get another bid. We will keep you posted about any developments. Thank you for your patience.

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**The AMBASSADOR
by Sandi Wolf**

Inclement weather continues, but we are hopeful the warm, sunny days will return!

In the meantime, Monique continues to happily grill on Monday nights. More and more of our residents, snowbirds, and guests are joining us.

In January, we had our Sprinkler Inspection. Some very important reminders:

1. Make sure no paint gets on the sprinklers.
2. Do not decorate or hang anything on them.
3. Keep the area around the sprinklers clear, especially in the closets.

Thank you all for cooperating.

We had a problem with “bulk pick-up” last month. It seems it is incumbent upon the resident to call and arrange pick-up the Monday before the contracted Wednesday bulk pick-up. The number is listed in our lobby. Please be sure to put your items out only on Tuesday night. I hope things will run smoothly now.

Our new President Gessie, is acclimating to her responsibilities, as is Kerry, who will be in charge of the building issues. Annette will be responsible for elevator matters, and Sandi will be involved with anything related to the pool. We will all keep our new president apprised of all issues. In addition, we have great expectations that our new management company “Associa” will alleviate the pressures and guide us starting in March. February will be a transition, during which we will learn how things will be handled.

I hope to see everyone at the barbecues, the pool, pickleball and tennis courts, Mel's Bistro, the golf course, the gym, and all the wonderful activities that our life here offers. Oh- and Happy Valentine's Day!

President's Message continues

May this Valentine's Day find you in the company of loved ones, your heart filled with joy, and your month filled with chocolate! Enjoy this day dedicated to everyone we love.

We at the Poinciana Newsletter are approached by many companies and individuals looking to advertise in our Newsletter.

***Please note the following:**

Allowing these companies and individuals to advertise in our newsletter does not constitute an endorsement of them or their products.

NEW LOBBY OFFICE HOURS

Monday	10am to 1pm
Tuesday	10am to 1pm
Wednesday	10am to 1pm
Thursday	10am to 1pm
Friday	10am to 1pm

The people who volunteer in the office are there to assist you, answer any questions you may have about the Clubhouse and tell you about the many activities that are available. They also handle room rentals for the Community Room, and sign people up for events.

BARCLAY BITS

by Ina Baron

Reading the Palm Beach Post can be enlightening at times. There was an article on Iguanas and how their feces are loaded with bacterial salmonella. So, if you walk your pets on the golf course, where they do roam, your pet can pick it up on their paws and bring it into your home. They can get very sick if they happen to lick and clean their paws and ultimately transmit it to you, especially if they happen to sleep on the bed with you. Enough said.

FYI - We are the smallest building here at Poinciana. We also have a large amount of residents who have Handicapped Stickers. If you are a two-car unit and both cars have handicapped stickers, only one car may use a handicapped spot at a time.

Our sympathies go out to Sheila Binder on the passing of her brother. We welcome Fausto and Pina back to the Florida weather. I bet it is a bit warmer than Massachusetts, and there is no snow.

If you are a DIYer painting your unit or fixing things, please remember that you must not leave construction material on Tuesdays for pick up unless you make prior arrangements. If you don't, you can take the material to the dump yourself. If you use a contractor, they must remove the debris. You can leave a toilet or sink on Tuesday for Wednesday pick-up. If you have any questions about where to leave items, please contact CMC Management at 561-641-1016, extension 107.

If you have a wallboard installed, please make sure that you place the paper down on the walkways to and from your unit and elevator. Someone did not, and then someone stepped in wallboard dust, and their footprints left a mess on the pavement. You will be billed for the repair.

There was a Budget Meeting, and this was one of the items discussed. There will be a bump in the monthly maintenance fees to cover things that must be done. Items discussed were redoing the walkways and the Atrium and repairing damaged walls on the building.

I hope everyone has a Happy and Sweet Valentine's Day.

THE DORCHESTER

by Marilyn Siegel

Even as Florida has started the new year with unusually cool weather, we warmly welcome back snowbirds Laura and David, MaryEllen and Frank, and new residents Cora and Craig Wooten. Chuck Reinhardt has moved away. We wish him well in his new home. The Social Committee has met and lined up a calendar of monthly events. Soup Night will be on Saturday, February 10. Residents should be on the lookout for the sign-up sheets usually posted near each elevator.

Having completed so many structural projects on our building in these past two years, the Board has moved on to getting the landscaping done. Shabby bushes, hanging palm fronds, and overgrown hedges have all been pruned. The grass is being coaxed back to being lush and greener. As a finishing touch, the trenches around the plants and walkways are being cleaned and then filled with either mulch or stones. This improvement will make our home so much more attractive and welcoming. Meanwhile, the needed parts for the South Elevator upgrade have been received. The work is scheduled for February 19.

As this report goes to print, the election of the Board of Directors remains a few days away. The results will be reported in next month's article.

On other business, please be mindful of the recycling containers limitations. To allow enough room for everyone's paper refuse, cardboard boxes must be broken down and folded before being placed in the yellow containers. Plastic bags, like Styrofoam, are not recycled and do not go into either the yellow or blue containers. Therefore, treat them as garbage. And speaking of garbage, it must be carried down to the first-floor dumpsters if it is too large to go down the chutes. All your neighbors appreciate the attention to these details.

February is filled with various national holidays celebrating the Presidents, Chinese New Year, and Mardi Gras. This newsletter will probably come out on Groundhog Day. What? Again? And with all of that, everyone is wished a Happy Valentine's Day. May love, happiness, and sweet treats fill your day.

CARLISLE CHATTER

by Lynn Sands

Is it really February? January just slipped away! On January 1st, Carlisle residents enjoyed our Annual Poolside New Year's Brunch and Grab Bag. We pigged out on bagels, spreads, noodle pudding, and so much more! Opening our chosen grab bag gift is always exciting as we decide to keep it or exchange it for another's open gift. Thanks to Susan, Lenny, Walter, Laura, Phyllis, Norma, and Barbara for bringing out the food, setting up and breaking down tables, and decorating the party. A special thank you to Eileen, whose generous donation of paper goods helped keep the party expenses down.

Our February event is being worked on; it will be posted shortly. Look for the poster and signup sheet by the mailboxes. Your Social Committee works hard to make these events as affordable as possible. Your participation ensures their continuation.

Happy Birthday to our February babies: Terrie Charles, Susan Genovese, Rocco Barresi, and Kevin Hicks. Have a good one, guys! Again, if anyone wishes to be included in our birthday announcements, just knock on my door #105. Your name and birthday month are needed; the year is not necessary.

On January 29th, the Carlisle will welcome our 2024 Condo Board—many thanks to our 2023 Board for their service. As our building matures, many issues occur. We appreciate those individuals who are willing to undertake the task of addressing these issues while keeping our costs as low as possible.

It appears that many of our new owners are unaware of where their garbage belongs. The red recycle bins are for paper and cartons that must be broken up to accommodate Waste Management's trucks. The blue recycling bins are for plastics, glass, and metal cans. Please! When placing items into the recycle bins, remove the plastic or paper bags these items are in. Just open the bags and deposit the items only! All vegetation needs to go into your sink garbage disposals. Any other items must be placed in bags and dropped into our garbage room bins. All bulk items must be taken away or placed alongside our recycle bins on either side of the Carlisle. For bulk items pickup, you need to call Waste Management two days in advance so they can bring a large enough truck. Their number is clearly listed on the doors of our garbage rooms. These rules are made so that Waste

Management has an easier job sorting the garbage. These rules not only help keep the Carlisle clean but also keep our Condo costs down. Please do not get cited for fines!

Wishing everyone a good 2024 and a Happy Valentine's Day!

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## THE GRAMERCY

by Phyllis Elrich

Brrr... cold January! Hello, warm-hearted February! Glad to see ya!

Each time I put on my vest or a light jacket last month, I tried to remember the summer's heat, heat, heat! It all balances out, and what's some cool weather amongst friends? I have January pictures of my New York Book Club visitors a few years back, where we were sitting on the pool lounges wrapped in coats and towels! Funny, they haven't been down here in a while!

But, with the addition of our snowbirds, we have been enjoying libations and laughter at the pool gatherings. We tell stories and jokes and find silly memories with each other, and the air is enlivened with humorous warmth. February is the month of love and friendship. We will have two gatherings, and our building residents may sign up on the clipboard by the mailboxes. These get-togethers are a great way to meet your neighbors.

Speaking of neighbors, this writer has been helped so many times over this last month that it wouldn't be fair not to mention it. It is comforting to know that people care and show it by helping. Gramercy friends, you are the best. Thank you so much.

Back to January for a moment. We had our poolside meeting to elect a new board on January 11. Congratulations to Paul, Eduardo, Norman, Silvana, Delia, Richard, and welcome to Laura. Our gratitude and thanks to Jeanette for her good work over the last two years. Our board has always tried to do the best for the residents here. The behind-the-scenes work is fantastic. Thank you all.

Please be sure to keep our rules and regulations in mind when recycling or placing bulk items out for collection. Permanent notices are in the glass cases on both sides of the first-floor hall, so if you need answers, they most likely will be found there.

Hearts, smiles, love, and laughter for February. Enjoy each minute. Florida is glorious now.

### Hamlet by Russell Donnelly

Our annual meeting was held on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Our returning and new Board Members are Russ Donnelly, Joe Malka, Allen Zinn, Barbara Crespy, Shelda Bannon, Arturo Matiz, and volunteer member Ronda Borean, who completed our seven-member board.

The main news is that we secured financing for our roof, and the replacement is now underway. Planet Roofing is doing the work; your cooperation may sometimes be required. All labor and installation are covered in the contract except for the cost of the necessary new electrical boxes in approximately 46 units. The cost was kept separate because many units have previously been upgraded. The cost is about \$106.00 per box, per unit; Joe Malka will notify you if yours must be upgraded. After the roof is completed, we will be looking to have our parking lots redone. We should have enough money in our reserve to complete this project without any future assessments.

As requested, our onsite office has been closed. Please remember that all inquiries and requests for information should now go through C.M.C. Management and NOT to Unit 118. Their office is behind CVS on Jog and 10th Ave N. Inquiries should be submitted to Eduardo. The C.M.C. office number is 561-641-1016.



### DID YOU KNOW ...

**G**IRAFFES ARE 30 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO GET HIT BY LIGHTNING THAN PEOPLE. THERE ARE FIVE DOCUMENTED FATAL LIGHTNING STRIKES ON GIRAFFES BETWEEN 1996 AND 2010. A GIRAFFE'S HEART IS 2 FEET LONG AND WEIGHS ABOUT 25 POUNDS. TAKE SOME TIME TO SEE THESE MAGNIFICENT ANIMALS AT THE LOCAL SAFARI PARK.

### PATIO HOMES by Ruth Ruttkay

Our annual Board Meeting was held in January, and the officers will continue in their previous roles for the 2024-2025 term. After John Pierrel resigned, the Board appointed Norm King as a member at large.

We welcome Norm and wish him the best. Therefore, the current Board consists of:

- MaryAnne Pirozzi, President**
- Edna Keenan, Vice President**
- Paul Ferretti, Treasurer**
- Judith Wollins, Secretary**
- Norman King, Member at Large**

Also, no one else came forward for the PCG Board. I will continue in this role for the next year.

Remember, Presidents Day and Valentine's Day are celebrated this month.

With all the rain we experienced in December and January, Carlos and his team hope for some drier weather so they can get back to daily operations. Looking forward to welcoming our "normal" South Florida weather this month!



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## IMPERIAL BUILDINGS 8 & 9

by Dorothy Coutsakis

Happily, most snowbirds have now returned. Unfortunately, the weather has not been wonderful!

We anxiously await the warmer and sunnier weather to begin our Tuesday night BBQ. Please check our website for updates as to when the BBQ will begin.

If you have any questions or complaints regarding our buildings or services, please do not gossip and complain to neighbors or individual Board members. If you have a legitimate complaint, we are more than happy to listen and correct whatever is in our power to do so. Our management company is also available Monday through Friday. The hours and phone number are listed on our bulletin board by the condo office at the 3951 building.

We have sent out the notices for anyone who intends to run for the Board of Directors. No one other than the Board members already on the Board responded. Therefore, there was no voting at our Annual Meeting. If you think you would do better by serving on the Board, please notify the Board, and we will be more than happy to welcome you. Let us know if you have a special committee you would like to start. We are still looking for new people to serve on the Fine Committee.

This month, we have lost two of our residents. Ms. Beverly Knapp in Building 8 passed in January. She will be missed and remembered by her neighbors for her sweetness and smile. We also lost Lorraine Linarez in Building 9. Her neighbors will miss her sense of humor and her smile.

We also want to welcome our new neighbors. You may notice them at the pool or walking on our pathways. Stop and say hello.

Please remember that we live here, and keeping our areas clean is up to us. Do not throw trash in our elevators or on our pathways. Ask your guests to respect our rules and to help keep our areas free of debris.

When you have guests, please inform the office. They can issue guest parking passes for the length of their stay. This will ensure they will not get stickered, towed, or booted.

If you see someone who does not belong here, please notify the police. Please be aware of your surroundings and don't wait till the next morning to notify the Board or the Management Company. By then, it is too late to try to find the person.

Safety is the main concern. That is why it is important to notify us when you have a guest. We need to be aware of who is on our property.

We will be issuing a rules and regulations handbook for all owners. This will let new owners know when the bulk pickup is, along with other facts. It is a good refresher for all of us long-time owners. We are constantly getting questioned about certain issues. The Board feels this would be a great guideline for all of us.

Hopefully, we will have a wonderful winter in sunny Poinciana IV.

Stay safe, healthy, and happy.

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POINCIANA PLACE CONDOMINIUM 3 A, B and C

by Ira Beckoff

Hi again,
It's hard to believe this is the February 2024 newsletter. Time flies at P3.

Social Committee

Let's thank Stephanie Lewis, Louise O'Rourke, and Norm Dolch for showing the way to a successful party. There were many volunteers. About 50 people showed up at 5 pm with their contributions of hors d'oeuvres, drinks, salads, cookies, and finger foods. We met old friends and welcomed the new.

By the time you read this, our Hotdog Chili Cook-off will have taken place in January and you can read our review in the March newsletter.

Elevators and Pool Update

The elevators are almost back to full service. The board stays on top of TKE elevator and pushes them along until the system is up to our expected service. Now, they are talking about reprogramming the elevator system in the A building.

The pool heater and filter pump system are back to full service. We are waiting for the weather to warm up so we can check the system under more normal day and night temperatures. Every time it rains, gallons of cold water are added to the pool, and the rain cools off the pool water. The water temperature will rise when Florida's sun is at full strength. Then, more accurate tests can be used to check the system.

So that's it for today!

Current Events by Harvey Grodensky

We invite Republicans, Democrats, and Independents to join us very Tuesday morning at 10:30 am in the Card Room on the second floor of the Clubhouse. We continue to have lively discussions about current events in our state, nation, and around the world.

For further information call:
Harvey at (561) 596-6769



By Pat Sullivan

"A book is a gift you open again and again."
Garrison Keillor

More and more people are taking advantage of the many offerings at our Library. For new residents, the Library is located on the second floor of the Clubhouse, opposite the card rooms. Please return your books when you have finished reading them so that others can enjoy our selection.

Remember, we are not accepting any more donations of books of any kind. Your unwanted reading material may be donated to Goodwill. Happy Valentine's Day to all our book lovers!

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COPS by Deb Lingenfelter

Did you know that your local Poinciana COPS Unit 39 patrols not only the Poinciana grounds but other neighborhood areas as well? We patrol both North and South Okeehelie parks and the Greenacres Community Park. PBSO has also recently requested that we drive through church and other religious building parking lots. We report any suspicious activity to PBSO. OUR VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Join us by calling for more information.

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Note: The Terrace Room is accessible by elevator

February 1st – “Force of Nature”

Action Thriller, starring: Mel Gibson, Emile Hirsch & Kate Bosworth

February 8th – “The Girl Who Got Away”

Horror, Thriller, starring: Kaye Tuckerman, Timothy J. Alex & Beau Berman

February 15th – “The Equalizer”

Action, Thriller, starring: Denzel Washington, Dakota Fanning, Eugenio Mastrandrea, Devid Denman, Gaia Scodellaro & Remo Girone

February 22nd – “Meg2: The Trench”

Science Fiction Action, starring: Jason Statham, Wu Jing, Sophia Cai, Cliff Curtis & Page Kennedy

February 29th – “Society of the Snow”

Survival Thriller, starring: Enzo Vogrincic, Matías Recalt, Agustin Pardella & Tomas Wolf



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* Wine and Beer

* Sandwiches , Salads , and Snacks

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Russ Donnelly at 561-963-8252

Poinciana Front Office at 561-439-4733

PLEASE PURCHASE HORSES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO ALLOW
ADEQUATE PROCESSING TIME FOR FILM AND PROGRAMS.



Poinciana Community Group

BINGO * BINGO

2024 Schedule

Bingo will be held in the Terrace Room
accessible by stairs or elevator

Wednesday, February 14th @7:00PM

Wednesday, March 13th @7:00PM

Wednesday, April 17th @7:00PM

\$10 4 CARDS \$10

Seven Games Plus Coverall

Guaranteed **\$15** Payoff per Game

Coverall Pays Guaranteed **\$150**

Halftime Refreshments Served



BUNCO SCHEDULE FOR JAN 2024 – MAY 2024

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8th 2024

THURSDAY, MARCH 14th 2024

THURSDAY, APRIL 11th 2024

THURSDAY, MAY 9th 2024

Time, 7 P.M. in the Community Room.

Admission Fee \$ 5.00

Bring A Small Unwrapped gift for the
loser bag prize.

Refreshments, Prizes

Please RSVP, Mindy Dorffman

954-778-2212



Poinciana Ladies Social Club By Mindy Dorfman

The Poinciana Ladies Social Club started the year off with a fun filled afternoon in January. Attendees met the board members, got acquainted with neighbors and met new friends, answered trivia questions, and enjoyed refreshments, and prizes. New events are posted in the Clubhouse Lobby.

CARD PARTY AND GAMES Tuesday February 6th, 2024

Poinciana Ladies Social Club invites you to a Card Party February 6, 2024, in the Poinciana Ballroom at 12 noon. Bring your games, mah-jongg, card games, RummyKub or any game you enjoy playing with friends. The cost is \$ 25, and the menu choices are a Crispy BLT Salad with dressing (bacon on the side), Penne Primavera, or Lox Platter, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee and Tea. Platters of cookies will be at the coffee and hot tea station served after lunch. Please call Phyllis Slavin 561- 642-3342 for reservation. The cutoff date is January 30, 2024 for all checks. Please write on the back of the check the names of table mates, entree' choices for each person and game. Chairpersons are Phyllis Slavin, Myrna Teitelbaum and Marcia Sarbone.

FASHION SHOW Tuesday, March 12th, 2024

Poinciana Ladies Social Club will have the annual fashion show by Chico's fashions. The clothing will be modeled by our members. Full lunch menu with a choice of Haddock, Chicken Franchise and Penne Primavera, Coffee, Hot Tea, and dessert. Chairpersons are Marcia Sarbone, and Carol Cohen. Please call Carol Cohen for reservations 516-376-2007. The cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. Please put choice of entree and table mates on back of check.

Poinciana Ladies Social Club has lots of activities so come out and enjoy. Friends and neighbors are always welcomed to enjoy our planned events. Hope to see everyone soon!



by Russ Donnelly

We hope you are enjoying the 2024-2025 season at the Poinciana Clubhouse. Our Showtime productions will run through March. This year, we have held our prices at the same level as last year.

Again, this year, BINGO is being held in the Community Room and runs through April. Dates are in the Clubhouse Lobby. Lastly, our annual "Night at the Races," initially planned for February 25, 2024, has been rescheduled for March 3, 2024. Horses and tickets have been on sale since November in the Lobby Office. Be sure to get your horses purchased ASAP; last year, we had a tremendous response and had to add an 11th race. Don't wait until the last minute and be disappointed. We are fortunate that the yearly event gets bigger every year. The festivities are a great value.

Due to health issues, I would like to get some new volunteers for ushers at Showtime and for "Night at the Races" because we lost a few of our regulars last year. Interested parties should call Russ Donnelly at 561-963-8252. Thanks for your responses in advance. Volunteers are essential for us to keep our Clubhouse functions going.

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ART GROUP

A PLACE FOR CREATIVE EXPRESSION

By Ruth Cassell

Our Canadian snowbirds (and cleaning fairies) continued cleaning up the art room we have begun using this year. The ceramics that had been fired are still available for pickup. The remainder of the materials that were left are gone. The room looks lovely, and having uncluttered spaces certainly aids to the possibility for creativity. Thank you, Rhonda and Miles. Some of us need all the help we can get.

We have a few new additions to the group, yet we still have room for other adventurous artists. Please come by and see what we are doing. I'm going to give the diamond painting a rest and am going back to acrylics. A few painters use paint pens and or watercolors to a lovely end. If you have not seen our work, we are located next to the pool room up the back stairs.

We meet on Mondays from 1:00 pm to about 4:00 pm. We have collected extra paints, brushes, canvases, and anything you need. There are no excuses for beginners not to come. Hope to see you soon.



SIT AND STITCH

by Kathy Jordan

This month is Valentine's Day, with all the sweets and flowers that make people feel special. Show kindness by knitting your own special heart to give to others. Join us to learn how!

We meet each Wednesday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Terrace Room on the second floor of the clubhouse.

For further information, call:

Leanne **561 670-2334**

Kathy **917 854-1544**



The Happy Bookers by Sandi Wolf

Believe it or not, when we picked the last book, we had no idea it would be Barnes and Noble's Book of the Year! It was difficult to find. I am still on the library's list for regular and large print. So, I bought the book. Our Poinciana Library has a copy if you are still interested.

A few of us did meet to discuss *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. As always, some of us loved it, and some of us ran into difficulties. Too many characters - hard to keep track of them all - was one complaint. Another was that the book started with a mysterious murder. But you don't hear about the murder until the very end. In fact, when it was finally mentioned, I asked myself, "What murder!?" and returned to the first chapter to reread. All in all, McBride's writing gave us an up close and personal look at the thoughts and actions of two different groups sharing a place called Chicken Hill in rural Pennsylvania in the 1930s. If you could not read it with us, I encourage you to read it on your own.

Our next book is "The Secret Life of Sunflowers" by Marta Molnar, a gripping novel based on the true story of Johanna Bonner, Vincent Van Gogh's sister-in-law. In the 1800's, she inherited Van Gogh's paintings and was responsible for introducing this renowned artist to the world. Her story was found in a forgotten diary and leads us to a connection of two passionate and creative women across time.

Please join us on Wednesday, February 14th, at 11 am in the Terrace Room - and let us know what you think. I hope you have an easier time finding this one!

Please join us if you know of any interesting books to read. We are open to all suggestions.

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POINCIANA PLATES

by Toni Mirobelli

It is a well-known fact that zero calories are consumed in snacks during the Super Bowl. (I checked on the internet to be sure this is correct! 😊) So try this easy recipe for

SWEET BACON CRACKERS



INGREDIENTS

54 buttery crackers, like club crackers, about 1 ½ sleeves

16 ounces thinly sliced bacon, cut into thirds

¼ cup brown sugar

INSTRUCTIONS:

Take bacon out of the refrigerator and allow to soften slightly.

Preheat oven to 275 degrees.

Line a baking sheet WITH SIDES with non-stick foil or parchment paper and spray with baking spray.

Wrap one bacon piece around each cracker.

Lay on a baking sheet with the seam side down. These can be placed close together but not touching.

Sprinkle the top of each wrapped cracker with brown sugar. Do not use too much, or it will run off and create a hard caramel layer.

Place tray into preheated oven and cook for 30 to 45 minutes. Longer may be required for crisper bacon. (The crackers will shrink somewhat where the bacon is wrapped).

Remove from tray when at your desired crispness, allow to cool for a few minutes, move the crackers to a serving tray, and ENJOY!

TIPS:

...Square or rectangle crackers are easier to wrap than round crackers.

...Try using parmesan cheese in place of the brown sugar for a savory cracker.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Community Board Meeting February 19th @7:00PM Poinciana Room</p>				<p>1 9A— Pickleball Lessons 12:30PM— Duplicate Bridge 2P-Movie "Force of Nature"</p>	<p>2 7:30A-Men's Golf 8A - Ladies Golf 8A - Tennis 8A—Pilates 9A—Yoga 10A-Chair Yoga</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5 7:30A-Men's Golf 8A - Ladies Golf 8A - Tennis 9A—Pilates 10A Yoga 11A-Chair Yoga 1P—Art NO Pickleball Lessons</p>	<p>6 10:30A—Current Events Noon—Ladies Social Club Lunch, Games & Cards</p>	<p>7 7:30A-Men's Golf 8A - Tennis 9A—Pilates 10A Yoga 11A—Mel's Way Charity Bingo 1P—Sit & Stitch</p>	<p>8 9A— Pickleball Lessons 12:30PM— Duplicate Bridge 2P-Movie "The Girl Who Got Away" 7P—Bunco</p>	<p>9 7:30A-Men's Golf 8A - Ladies Golf 8A - Tennis 8A—Pilates 9A—Yoga 10A-Chair Yoga</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12 7:30A-Men's Golf 8A - Ladies Golf 8A - Tennis 8:45AM—AARP Driving Class 9A—Pilates 10A -Yoga 11A-Chair Yoga 1P—Art 5:30PM - Pickleball Lesson</p>	<p>13 10:30A—Current Events</p>	<p>14 7:30A-Men's Golf 8A - Tennis 9A—Pilates 10A Yoga 11A—Happy Bookers 1P—Sit & Stitch 7P—PCG Bingo</p>	<p>15 9A— Pickleball Lessons 12:30PM— Duplicate Bridge 2P—Movie "The Equalizer"</p>	<p>16 7:30A-Men's Golf 8A - Ladies Golf 8A - Tennis 8A—Pilates 9A—Yoga 10A-Chair Yoga</p>	<p>17</p>
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The Poinciana Golf Course by Paul Grillo

OFF TO A WET START!

The onset of the season in sunny South Florida has taken an unexpected turn as the weather embraces a wet disposition. Despite the uncharacteristic lack of sunshine, enthusiasts and golf aficionados continue to flock to the Poinciana Golf Club, undeterred by the inclement conditions.

In a region known for its perpetual sunshine and warm climate, the recent shift in weather patterns has caught many by surprise. Raindrops have replaced the usual rays of the sun, creating a damp ambiance that contrasts with the typical dry and sunny conditions associated with South Florida.

However, the golfing spirit remains unbroken as players take on the challenges presented by the wet start of the season. Poinciana Golf Club, nestled amidst the vibrant landscapes of South Florida, becomes a haven for those eager to pursue their passion for golf, even in less-than-ideal weather.

The lush greenery of the golf course is accentuated by rain-kissed leaves, providing a picturesque backdrop for golfers navigating the fairways and greens. The wet conditions add an extra layer of complexity to the game, testing the skills and adaptability of players accustomed to a more predictable climate.

As umbrellas replace sun hats and golf carts navigate through rain-dappled paths, the Poinciana Golf Club remains a hub of activity. The camaraderie among golfers persists, creating a sense of unity in the face of unexpected weather challenges.

In conclusion, South Florida's typically sunny disposition may be temporarily obscured by rain clouds, but the resilient spirit of golfers at Poinciana Golf Club shines through. The wet start of the season adds a unique twist to the golfing experience, turning each round into an adventurous journey amidst the refreshing rain showers. The Sunshine is right around the corner!



LADIES GOLF By Pat Murray

Hello again from Ladies Golf!

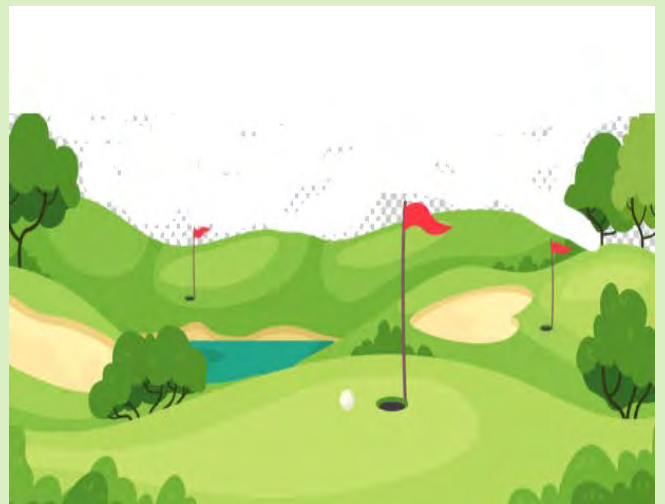
The weather has been good for the lady's golf league, with only one rain-out so far. Attendance has been great, and we had to expand from two flights to three. The GHIN system is working, and the ladies diligently record their scores. Plenty of chip-ins and birdies are also being recorded, and those winners will be richer in April when those prizes are awarded at the end-of-the-year banquet to be held at the Fountains - details to follow.

The competition is exciting, and some of the girls making their mark in December are Bonnie St. Dennis, Suzanne Swartz, Joy Finer, Nora Cain, Jean Arthur, Diane Kling, Rose Guerro, Alice Smith, Rita Minton, Diana Baker, Joann King, and Chrissy Hamilton. Our Welcome Back brunch will have taken place when you read this, and I'll tell you all about it next month. See you out on the course!

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POINCIANA PICKLEBALL

By Pam Hilligoss

Pickleball is easy to learn, a great way to get some exercise, allows you to meet new people and is a sport you can take up at any age and succeed.

The number of Pickleball players continues to grow. If you'd like to learn how to play, you have two options: Greg and Pam Hilligoss have a Learn to Play class on Monday evenings from 5:30-7:00 pm. Paddles and balls are supplied. Participants should bring water—a minimum of 4 players for a class and a maximum of 8. You must register for class by calling (765) 914-7460. Another Learn to Play class is taught by Jim Donnelly and is offered on Thursday at 9 am. The number to register for this class is (561) 281-8906.

Players are encouraged to join the Poinciana Pickleball Facebook page. This page is for residents to be able to communicate with other residents about setting “play dates” outside of Open Play days and to learn about upcoming events. If the Learn to Play classes don't have the required number of participants (minimum 4) or there is a weather cancellation, it will be posted on Sunday evening for the Monday evening class and Wednesday for the Thursday morning class on our Facebook Page.

Open Play days are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, starting at 8 am. The courts are unavailable on Thursday at 9 am due to the Learn to Play class until class is over. You may play at other times. You will need to schedule your partners.

A paddle “saddle” is now on the fence to the left of the courts. This should be used to allow players to rotate in. When the courts are full, and people are waiting, players should exit the court when their game is over to allow others to play. If no one is waiting, players can stay on the court.

The Poinciana Pickleball group is fun, very social, and very inclusive. They are always looking for more players. Most players are just learning, so come on out and give it a try.

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YOGA AND PILATES by Shannon Alviar

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Chair Yoga – Appropriate for all skill and ability levels. Trouble tying your shoes? Want to improve your balance? Got chronic pain? Wrist, Neck or Low-Back Injuries? This is the class for you! If you think it will be too easy, think again. This class will definitely get your blood pumping, while still being accessible to those of us with mobility issues. Balance exercises in EVERY class!! Mondays @ 11 AM and Fridays @ 10 AM in the Community Room. *Note – Friday class is 1 hour EARLIER.

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2024 Seasonal Exercise Schedule:

Monday - 9 AM Pilates - 10 AM Yoga
11 AM Chair Yoga

Wednesday - 9 AM Pilates - 10 AM Yoga

Friday - *Note times are **1 hour EARLIER!**
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FLORIDA FUN FACTS

by Thomas Leonard

QUESTION:

What is the name of the only Caribbean Island named after a woman?

This month, I was thinking about the many famous people who live in Florida and the historic events that have occurred. It got me thinking about my life, the famous people I've met, and the events I have witnessed. So, I've taken a departure from my usual writing to tell you a bit about myself and my encounters with fame and history. I hope you enjoy it!

FAMOUS PEOPLE

Have you ever met a famous person? Did you recognize them? Did you talk to them? What impression of them did you receive? Were you impressed or disappointed?

Many famous people I have met are already in history books. They are part of our history.

This would include President John Kennedy, who was at the Navy Air Station in Boca Chica by Key West in 1962; others were Secretary Dean Rusk and Ambassador Adlai Stevenson at the UN Building in New York. I met ex-President Gerald Ford at the National Press Club during a luncheon. I saw President Lyndon Johnson in the White House several times in 1963 and 1964.

Other famous "Regular" people are not world leaders, but each has contributed to the world in which we all live. This would include the actor Matthew Broderick after seeing him in "The Producers" on Broadway, David Hasselhoff (Bay Watch TV show) dining at the table next to us at Sardi's restaurant in New York City, Reba McEntire, who lived in Nashville, Sarah Silverman who used the same grocery store as us in Santa Monica, California. Jay Leno was in Burbank, California, waiting to see Johnny Carson.

Now, think about it. What are the odds? I'll bet everyone meets a famous person at some point. Famous people are everywhere. Albert Einstein was just a math and physics teacher and lived in a small house near the campus in Princeton, N.J.

HISTORIC EVENTS

Have you ever witnessed an event deemed "Historic" and recorded in history books? Perhaps this is just a matter of being in the right place at the right time. But, at the time, one just never knows what will happen. In 1961, I was at the Navy Station in Jacksonville, Florida. Many of us went down to Cape Canaveral and watched John Glenn lift off and shoot up over the ocean and out of sight as he entered space. In 1972, I was again at the Cape and watched an Apollo Rocket

with a crew of three men launch into space to join others at NASA Skylab already in orbit over the Earth.

In 1957, a high school physics teacher told us that someday, a tunnel would be dug under the English Channel for more accessible travel between England and France. In 1995, I rode the "Chunnel" train from Westminster to Paris, France; the train was in the tunnel for only twenty minutes before coming out above ground in France. The speed was 186 MPH. The entire trip took just over two hours. The European Euro-Star high-speed train connects most of Western Europe.

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ANSWER: San Lucia is the only island country named after a woman





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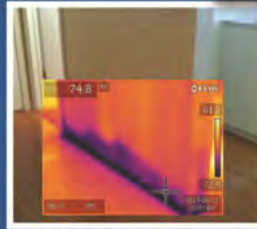
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