

NEWSLETTER



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THANKS MARLENE BONIFACE

The Social Club Officers would like to dedicate this newsletter to our retiring Editor, Marlene Boniface. Marlene began editing the newsletter in 1974 and Eleanor Fabyan volunteered to be her proof reader that same year. She thoroughly enjoyed her stint as the editor as we are sure Eleanor did as well. She did an excellent job. Thank You Marlene for your dedication all your hard work.

QUOTE

“My best wishes and good luck go to Sharon Goudy as she goes forward from here.”
Marlene Boniface

NOTICE TO ALL NEW RESIDENTS

There are many different activities, organizations and clubs within our Park. Make sure you look them all over and find one or more that interests you. Jump right in and get involved, making many new friends along the way. Watch your monthly Newsletter for upcoming events as well as the attached calendar. This will enrich your time and winter months in Forest Park. Renters are also welcome to join in the activities.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER**By: Becky Conrad**

Welcome Back to Forest Park. Your Board of Directors has been hard at work. There are times I absolutely want to pull every hair of what is left in my head out. We can no longer use the word security. Neighborhood Watch Patrol now drives the park. We have to have yearly licenses to play music at our pool and play Karaoke. I cannot begin to explain all the different laws that have been passed by the Legislature in Florida that pertain to Forest Park. Your Board is staying on top of it as much as we can.

Don't the Mini Golf, Fitness Trail and Pickle Ball Court look great? What great improvements this park has made in the past year. All this improved the appearance to new prospective buyers in Forest Park, which is raising the value of our property. Even if you cannot do it all but get out and try something it is one more day you got out of your home and did something. That is fantastic.

Do you enjoy Security in Forest Park? Several new residents in the past year have said one of the main reasons they purchased here was because of our security. It did not get this way without volunteers driving the park at night. Please help us to keep Forest Park Secure. It only takes one night a month to drive for a couple of hours. We have both summer drivers and winter drivers. We have new automated door locks being installed the first of December on all doors in both clubhouses. This will free up those who have so generously donated their time to locking the doors at night. We need you to now help drive the park. The new Patrol signs are available and if we need more signs or lights we will get them.

President's Corner (cont'd)

There are reports of a man on a bicycle wanting to put new screens at your house. Lock your doors - this is the perfect example of how to get robbed. We do not want solicitors in this park – please call the sheriff 477-1000 and report all of them. Remember last year a man asked to use the bathroom while he was working in a home and that night they discovered medicine had been stolen. If they are not licensed and insured and they hurt themselves - you pay the Medical bills. Please be careful. Do not put any Christmas presents where they can be seen thru a window. The kids like to do their shopping for free gifts from what they can see from the outside of your home. Have a Merry Christmas and don't forget to decorate your Golf Cart for the Parade Christmas Eve.



"When one door closes, another opens;
but we often look so long and so
regretfully upon the closed door that we
do not see the one which has opened."
- Alexander Graham Bell

SENIOR SERVICES***By: Nancy Cooper***

Last year, the officers of the Northeast Club chose as a goal to create a positive environment in Forest Park by helping our neighbors. At Christmas time 26 people received homemade cookies, plants, gift certificates to local grocery stores, baskets of fruit or boxes of food. Many others received cards. This was possible due to the generous donations from the NE Club, the Social Club and individuals.

This year, the Northeast Club has donated \$200 for the Christmas Gifts of Cheer. Individuals have donated homemade items and have signed up to bake holiday treats. The Senior Services Committee will be putting together and delivering the gifts. If you or your club would like to donate to the project, please let us know. We are also seeking names of Park residents who could use some cheer this Christmas season. The gifts are given to folks regardless of income.

Members of the committee are Nancy Cooper, Nancy Lawrence, Carol Warner, Delores Holmes, Ray and Madaline Preston and Tom (II) McLain.

***NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
IMPORTANT***

Don't forget to send your submissions to the Newsletter **no later than the 20th of each month**. For those who do not have a computer, there is a box on the windowsill in the Clubhouse to put them in. For those that do have a computer, my email address is sharon.goudy@gmail.com **Just attach your submission (as a file) to your email and send. Thank you.**

***DID YOU MARK JANUARY 22 ON
YOUR CALENDAR?***

If not, better do it now so you don't have anything else scheduled when tickets go on sale. This will be a very **FUN AND ENTERTAINING** evening with a great roast beef dinner and lots of ***Magic by Stuart***. Cost is only \$15.00 per person. Tickets will be on sale in January. Watch the Newsletter and the bulletin boards for more information.

***YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS
ONE!***

KOFFEE KLATSCH

The December Koffee Klatsch will be Friday, Dec. 3rd, at 9:00 am at the Clubhouse. Coffee and donuts will be served. Please bring your own coffee cup. Remember your money for 50/50.

The speaker will be Norma Brill, a local Attorney who specializes in Elder Law. See you there.

***RESIDENT'S CHANGES TO THE
PHONE DIRECTORY***

ADD:

Bill & Betty McLellan
601 Sand Lake Ct.
543-6484

Bonita Slevin has a new phone number.
731-3723.

SOCIAL CLUB MEETINGS*By Keith Goudy*

The Forest Park Social Club oversees many of the events and activities for our residents and guests. The format of the monthly meetings has been revised. At the open meetings the various clubs and organizations report on what has occurred and will be happening in the park. Those meetings are at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of November, February and April. The leaders of the clubs and activities are expected to attend. However, all residents in the park including renters are also encouraged to attend these meetings. The February meeting will be dedicated to having each club and activity do a brief presentation regarding their group and an emphasis of getting the newer park residents to attend.

The January meeting will be a Meet The Candidates night. Time will be announced each year. This year it will be Wednesday, January 12th at 7:00 PM.

The December and March meeting will be for the leaders of each club and activity to discuss the direction of the social activities of the park. These will be at 10:00 am.

The Social Club Handbook has been updated. A copy can be obtained at the office.

RESIDENT PHONE DIRECTORY

You will be receiving waiver forms allowing you to choose whether or not you want to include your name, address and phone number in our Resident Director in the future. Laws that went into affect July 1, 2010 made this waiver form necessary.

PINE TREE KNOTS QUILT CLUB*By: Janet Irwin*

Quilt Club has resumed meeting on Thursdays at 9:00 am in the Club House. During the summer, Kay Westall finished updating our photo album.

On Dec 16th we will have a Christmas Pot Luck luncheon in the Club House. Please bring a salad or dessert. The meal will begin at 11:00 am. This is NOT the Secret Pal reveal luncheon. If you have "heart blocks" due please make them on 8" squares so every one will be the same size. This will make it easier for those who receive them to construct their quilts.

In November the Quilt Club gave lap quilts to Becky Conrad, Bo and Betty Mclain. Our best wishes go with them.

This year the Quilt Club will not have a quilt to raffle. We will have 20+ lovely items to raffle off. These items will be displayed at various park activities. You will be able to see them well in advance of the March 20th Quilt Show.

NEW DIGITAL FORMAT*By: Sharon Goudy*

This newsletter is available in a new full color digital format. It was delivered to you in black and white because we cannot assume that you would want it sent via email. However, if you would prefer to see your copy sent to you via email and in full wonderful color, just email me at sharon.goudy@gmail.com and I will send you one. Look for waiver forms to be made available in the coming months to allow you to choose how you want to receive your future issues of the newsletter.

***ANNUAL GOLF CART CHRISTMAS
EVE PARADE OF LIGHTS***

By: Betty & Bo McClain

On Dec. 24th please meet in front of the Clubhouse at 6:00 PM. We would appreciate any help in collecting gifts for our drawings after the Parade. There will be refreshments following the parade. Bo & Betty will be going around for signatures so we will know how many will attend. Let's all decorate our carts and light up the streets of Forest Park. Any questions please contact Betty or Bo at 543-1220 or 560-0849.

***MACHINE EMBROIDERY ARTS
CLUB***

By: Izzy McLain, Coordinator

Our first meeting will be Dec. 28th at 10:00 am in the Club House. All who are interested are welcome. We will help each other learn. There is no charge and although the projects are designed to be embroidered, you need not have an embroidery machine to join us. If you are interested in purchasing an embroidery machine or already own one but would like to learn more, this is a great opportunity. Instructor Host: Patty "Mac" McCoy

HOLIDAYS DINNER

By: Rita Booth

The dinner is a combination of holidays (Thanksgiving and Christmas). It will be held Wednesday December 15th at 5:00 pm. This is a "pass the dish" dinner with meat, dessert and beverage furnished. Please bring your own table service. The cost is \$3.00 per person. Tickets were sold and table reservations made Saturday, November 20th & 27th.

***CHARITY LUNCHEON AND FASHION
SHOW***

Attention all ladies in Forest Park!

Mark down **SATURDAY, JANUARY 15th** on your calendar. All Forest Park Ladies are invited to attend a LUNCH and FASHION SHOW at NOON. Cost is \$7.00 per person. There will be raffle tickets that you buy to take a chance on winning fabulous gifts. 50/50 tickets also on sale the day of show. All profits from the event will be given to charities. Tickets will be on sale Saturdays, December 18th and January 8th in the clubhouse from 1-3 pm. Hollyberry Red Hat Ladies are the hosts.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

By: Delores Homes

The 50TH Anniversary Celebration will be on February 17th. We have many couples, who live in Forest Park that will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary in 2011. In February, we will be honoring these couples. Couples celebrating 50 years of marriage, please sign up on the clipboard in the back of the clubhouse, or, if you know anyone that will be celebrating their 50th, please let the couple know about the festivity. Everyone is invited to help commemorate this great event. More information in the January newsletter. Social Club is the host.

SOCIAL CLUB HANDBOOKS

By: Keith Goudy

Many changes have happened in the Park that affect us all. The Social Club Handbook has been updated and copies are available. Please contact Keith Goudy at 543-9770 or request by email keith.goudy@gmail.com for an updated copy.

DECEMBER NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/PATROL (NWP)

By: Ren Whitaker

The meeting for Neighborhood Watch/Patrol in December will be the first Wednesday of the month, Dec 1st in the clubhouse at 1PM. The subsequent meetings will be on the second Wednesdays of each month. One of the officers from the sheriff's office is at the meetings which most consistently has been Officer Jim Antila. He gives an update on crime activity active in this area such as break-ins, theft, and vandalism. The crime rate in Forest Park is the lowest of all surrounding communities and this includes several gated communities. He has had communities ask him how to reduce their crime problem and he has told them they need a volunteer group from their own park like Forest Park. Jim emphasizes three things are necessary to continue to keep us safe and secure.

1) Every member in the park is responsible to observe unusual or unsafe behavior and if recognized, call the sheriff at 477-1000 and advise them of a potential problem. Do not confront any unusual activity or behavior. THIS IS A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE. We are all responsible for keeping each other safe. Houses in the park should have a Neighborhood Watch sign displayed in their window. These signs are available at the NWP meetings.

2) NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL consists of volunteers in the park who donate several hours a day, one day a month to drive around the park with a flashing light on their vehicle. This is a visible sign to people outside of Forest Park that there is an organization in Forest Park to keep the park safe. This helps keep crooks out of the Park. The only action that should be taken by a Patrol person is to call the Sheriff's office at 477-1000 for potentially harmful situations and should not become involved with any direct confrontation.

3) Lock all your belongings such as houses, sheds, doors, bicycles, carts & cars when not in personal use.

Keep our park safe by displaying a Neighborhood Watch sign in your home window and volunteer to drive once a month for several hours on Neighborhood Patrol with a yellow flashing light on your vehicle. Contact Sandy & Dan O'Brien 910-4329, Ken Warner 567-1728, or Lou Smith 731-1562 to volunteer for Patrol.

HELP NEEDED

Water Aerobics is a safe and easy way to keep those muscles and joints moving. We are looking for one or more people to lead the exercise. No prior experience needed. All you have to do is plug in the cd player and follow the instructions. Without a formal co-ordinator, the exercise does not happen. . Water Aerobics class is one hour, five days a week, Monday to Friday 10:30 am - 11:30 am. Please contact Delores Holmes 731-3943 if you can help.

Need ***aluminum cans pick up person*** for December and part of January. Don Brooks wants to do just the summer months. Bill Clark on Hollyberry Court said that they would do the picking up, however will not be down to Forest Park until middle of January. They are waiting for the birth of their first great grandchild. Becky Conrad is keeping her eyes open to find someone to help out.

BOCCE

By: Lee Fisher

Bocce will be played at 10:00 am and at 3:00 pm on Monday and Thursdays. This activity is lots of fun and everyone is invited to play. We are sharing our equipment shed with the Pickle Ball and Mini Golf equipment.

Attention Grandparents



SANTA WILL BE COMING TO FOREST PARK AGAIN THIS YEAR

If you have grandchildren and/or are expecting young-at-heart visitors at Christmas and would like Santa to visit your home, (this also includes shut-ins) please get in touch with Mike Fanning and he'll contact Santa at the North Pole and arrange a visit. Phone Mike at 567-1835 or contact him at 514 Pine Tree Court.

Santa will be delivering the small, wrapped gift (supplied to him by YOU) to your home on Christmas Eve between 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Join in the fun and **don't let your grandchildren miss out on a visit from Santa on Christmas Eve.**

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS INSTALL

Please join us at the clubhouse on Saturday Dec 4th at 9:00 am to help put up the christmas lights. We will also need help on January 8th at 9:00 am to take them down. Canadian Club and Michigan Club has performed this task in the past however, both clubs have been dissolved. Everyone is invited to help with the lights.

THE 2010-11 RESIDENT DIRECTORY IS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE

COMPUTER CLUB*By: Sherrill Wright*

The Computer Club is a group of friendly people who meet every Thursdays 2:00 - 4:00 pm to help each other with computer issues. If you have a problem related to computers, or a skill you think might benefit others, *WE NEED YOU IN OUR CLUB!* Please come and join the group. Membership costs \$10/household per winter season. We take a break and have coffee and cookies around 3:00 pm for a little socializing so we can get to know each other and meet any new members. Most members use the Windows operating system, but some use Macs or Linux and most software programs are compatible with each system. Weekly, we usually have a person show something they are experienced in, or we focus on a particular problem or investigate something new together.

NORTHEAST CLUB*By: Joan King*

The December meeting will be held on December 13th at 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse. This is a dessert social. Please bring a dessert to share, coffee will be provided. Those who wish should bring a re-gift wrapped and ready to exchange with another club member. A re-gift is a new or very gently used item that you have received but cannot use or don't wish to use. We'll exchange the re-gifts and hope they all find the perfect owner. The club is also collecting unwrapped toys for Suncoast children. We will be adding them to the toys collected by the Ohio Club. Canned goods and small toiletries will be collected for the Forest Park Cheer Baskets.

**F.P.P.O.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ELECTION**

Nominations from members in good standing are being accepted for candidates to the F.P.P.O.A. Board of Directors for four open positions, to be decided in the upcoming election on Thursday, January 13, 2011. Contact Lou Smith at 731-1562 for an application.

The January Social Club meeting will be a Meet The Candidates night. Time will be announced each year. This year it will be Wednesday, January 12 at 7:00 PM at the clubhouse.

FOREST PARK BOOK GROUP*By: Joan King*

The Forest Park Book Group is back in action and our first meeting will be held on Friday, December 17th at 1:00 pm in the Activities Building. We will be discussing "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett. This book is set in Mississippi in the 1960s and concerns the white families whose black "help" cooked their food, cleaned their houses and raised their children. The relationship between the white folk and their colored help is portrayed with compassion, intimacy and humor. There are three copies of the book circulating in the Park, (call a Book Group member to find out who has one) or borrow a copy from the public library. We hope to see you on the 17th. Joan King 567-0606

**RECYCLE PICK UP DAY
CHANGED TO
WEDNESDAYS**

WI-FI UPDATE

By: John & Sherrill Wright

Several of those attending the FPPOA General Membership meeting on November 18th indicated they had experienced difficulty with the Park Wi-Fi system. The installed system is running and stable and the vast majority of users are experiencing NO PROBLEMS and enjoying great benefits at NO COST. However, we have established a gmail address for residents to identify and record any issues. If you are having problems but can still connect well enough to email, please send an email to this email, Forestparkwifi@gmail.com, recording the nature of the problem and, if applicable, the time it occurred. Doug Ford will be monitoring this email on a regular basis. If your system is not connected well enough to email, please call Doug Ford at 239-731-2028. Please remember the park system is not designed and was never intended to be capable of heavy downloads such as movies etc. It will handle emails, normal surfing, online shopping and travel bookings.

The computer club will help those who would like to connect to the park system. Those close to the transmitting/receiving radios may be able connect to the park Wi-Fi with the built-in antenna on their laptop or with an adapter in their desktop, but the connection will probably be unreliable. The majority of residents will need an external receiving unit with line-of-site to the transmitter. The computer club has found the Ubiquiti NanoStation M2 works well. However, even with this unit, a number of factors may limit the performance of a connection. The age of the computer, the operating system, sites visited, type of downloads and expectations of the operator are all contributing factors. The park computer club is gaining experience in wireless technology and keeping abreast of new developments so we can improve the system over time.

To see if the system will work for you, the computer club has mounted a test unit on a pole and will help you rig a temporary connection to your computer. You can then run on it for a few days. If you find the connection is not meeting your needs, you can stay with your DSL connection. But if you find the park system acceptable, you will know in advance how the permanent installation will perform.

CHORUS

By Janet Brewer

YIPPEE KI YO KI YAA-- We are headed out west this year so join us and come along as our chorus is having a BIG roundup for cowboy and cowgirl singers. We will be starting our practices after the first of the new year and getting ready for our Spring Fling to be held on March 23rd. Practices are generally scheduled on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. with definite starting date announced next month. Once again, Marge Elliott has agreed to be our director. If you like to sing..... practice, well,..... yes, but have a lot of fun and make new friends, come, join us.



Remember Everyone – the Snowbirds are back and our streets are very busy. Drive carefully and watch out for our walkers and bicycle riders.



RECIPE CORNER***Sausage Con Queso Dip***

- 1 lb. Bob Evans Hot Roll Sausage
 1pkg. (16 oz.) Velveeta pasteurized
 processed Cheese, cut up.
 1 jar (16 oz.) salsa
 1pkg. tortilla chips

Crumble and cook sausage in large saucepan over medium heat until browned. Drain and return to saucepan. Add cheese to sausage. Cook, stirring frequently until cheese is melted. Stir in salsa. Serve warm with tortilla chips.

Taco Dip

- 1 16 oz. 500 gr. Cottage cheese.
 2 8 oz. 250 gr, cream cheese
 1 pkg. Taco seasoning
 Onion – diced
 Lettuce – Shredded
 Chopped tomato
 Green pepper
 Grated Cheddar Cheese
 Sliced black olives (optional)

Combine cottage cheese, cream cheese and taco seasoning. Line platter with lettuce leaf and spread the above combination over lettuce leaves and top with chopped tomato, shredded lettuce, diced onion, diced green pepper, grated cheddar cheese and sliced black olives. Serve with Tacos or Tostitos.

 | "The trick is in what one emphasizes. We |
 | either make ourselves miserable, or we make |
 | ourselves strong. The amount of work is the |
 | same." |
- Carlos Castaneda

KITCHEN TIP

As this is a "Senior's Park" we are all probably aware of how to get rid of the famous "fruit fly" which appears every time we have overripe bananas or other fruit/veggies on our counter. Well, if you don't know – here is a tip – SACRIFICE a little red wine in a fruit jar (or you could try a little red wine vinegar) and cover it over with a plastic wrap and poke holes in the top. This will allow the pesky fruit fly to get into the bowl and fortunately they do not know how to find their way out and they drown in the wine. Mind you, they die happy but to our pleasure, they DIE.

OHIO CLUB

By: Rita Booth, President

The Ohio Club will hold their first meeting of the season on December 6th at 6:00 pm. We will be holding our annual Christmas Dinner. We will be serving ham, baked potato, vegetable, salad, roll and butter, dessert and beverage. The dinner is free to all 2010 dues paid members. There is a sign up sheet at the rear of the clubhouse. We will also have our **surprise gift exchange. If you plan to take part in the exchange, bring a new item of \$5.00 value, gift wrapped.**

We are also holding a toy drive and the NE Club has been gracious in helping us with this project. The toys will be donated to the **Suncoast Outreach Center** for their annual Christmas Party. Do not wrap the toys. **THE TOYS DROP IS AT AL & ANNA THATCHER'S HOME, 409 TWIG LANE SOUTH, BEFORE DECEMBER 13TH.**

GORDON FOOD SERVICE (GFS)

BY: Keith Goudy

Forest Park has enrolled in Gordon Food Service (GFS) Commercial Savings plan. This is a plan that provides a rebate back to us at the end of the year based upon the amount of purchases made during the year. For instance, if we purchase \$5,250 to \$7,874 during the year, we will receive a check for 3% of the total. GFS provides food in sizes for commercial use. A number of people from our park have used them already.

They may not be the lowest price on every item so they are another alternate to Sam's and Costco and Lawhon's. They offer quite a big selection of items and they can get items from their warehouse in Miami if they are not stocking it in the local store. If you don't see it in the store or on the web site, ask them for information. They will also slice meat to your specifications.

They are located at: 3279 Colonial Blvd., Ft. Myers, FL 33966, east of Metro Parkway. Phone is 239-936-2737. Web is www.gfs.com. Hours are Mon-Sat 8-8 and Sun 12-5. **Be sure to tell them you are from Forest Park Mobile Home Park.**

So this is another source for your food and supplies for your meals. We have some keychain cards for those who think they will be purchasing there. Contact Keith Goudy, 543-9770.

| "Leadership is doing what is right when |
| no one is watching." |
- George Van Valkenburg

SHUFFLE LEAGUE

By: Ray Preston, Captain

The Shuffle League held their first meeting on November 6th and started the year on November 17th. We will begin our year with our first Ice Cream Shuffle on December 19th at 12:30 pm. The cost will be \$1.00. A sign up slip will be posted at the Shuffle courts. Please join us. Our next meeting will be December 11th at 9:00 am in the Activity Building.

We played Carriage Village on November 17th and Pioneer Village on November 24th. Shuffle time and days are as follows; Monday, Friday & Saturdays at 10:00 am. FUN NIGHT each Monday at 7:00 pm. Ladies play on Tuesdays at 10:00 am. Please COME AND JOIN US.

SHUFFLE LEAGUE
DECEMBER SCHEDULE

- 1st at Lazy Days
- 8th at home with Crystal Lakes
- 15th No shuffle game
- 22nd at Tamiami Village
- 29th at Poinsettia Park

"NO SOLICITATIONS"
OUR POLICY

There is a sign at the front entrance that says our Park allows NO Solicitations. Please do not hire people who approach you asking for work.

COMIC CORNER*By: Marlene Boniface*

Residents: I will remind you this is a Comic Corner and any joke or item in this corner is not intended to offend anyone.

LONDON LAWYER vs GLASGOW COP

A London lawyer runs a STOP sign and gets pulled over by a Glasgow copper. The lawyer thinks that he is smarter than the cop. He decides to prove this to himself and have some fun at the Glasgow cops' expense!

Glasgow cop says, "License and registration, please." London Lawyer says, "What for?" Glasgow cop says, "Ye didnae come tae a complete stop at the stop sign." London Lawyer says, "I slowed down, and no one was coming." Glasgow cop says, "Ye still didnae come tae a complete stop, License and registration, please." London Lawyer says, "What's the difference?" Glasgow cop says, "The difference is, ye havte come tae a complete stop, that's the law, License and registration please!"

London Lawyer says, "If you can show me the legal difference between slow down and stop, I'll give you my license and registration and you can give me the ticket. If not, you let me go and don't give me the ticket." Glasgow cop says, "Sounds fair. Exit your vehicle, sir." The London Lawyer exits his vehicle. The Glasgow cop takes out his baton and starts severely beating the lawyer and says, "Dae ye want me tae stop, or jis slow doon?"

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Some of you may have seen this before but I have had a request to put it in our Newsletter.

BACON TREE

Two Mexicans are stuck in the desert after crossing into the United States, wandering aimlessly and starving. They are about to just lie down and wait for death, when all of a sudden Luis says... "Hey Pepe, do you smell what I smell. Ees bacon, I theenk." "Si, Luis, eet sure smells like bacon." With renewed hope they struggle up the next sand dune, and there, in the distance, is a tree loaded with bacon. There's raw bacon, there's fried bacon, back bacon, double smoked bacon... every imaginable kind of cured pork. "Pepe, Pep[e], we ees saved. Ees a bacon tree." "Luis, may be ees a meerage? We ees in the desert don't forget." "Pepe, since when deed you ever hear of a meerage that smells like bacon...ees no meerage, ees a bacon tree.! And with that, Luis staggers towards the tree. He gets to within 5 metres, Pepe crawling close behind, when suddenly a machine gun opens up, and Luis drops like a wet sock. Mortally wounded, he warns Pepe with his dying breath, "Pepe...go back man, you was right, ees not a bacon tree!" "Luis, Luis mi amigo... what ees it?" "Pepe.. ees not a bacon tree. Ees Ees Ees Ees a ham bush..."

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Ho Ho Ho – Merry Christmas Everyone

GIVING THANKS

The Social Club would like to express their sincere Thanks for the lavish New Years Eve Liquor Baskets that Una Preston has made for us for the past several years. The winners of the basket appreciated your generosity. Thank You Una from the Social Club Officers

Ladies of the Water Aerobic Program want to express their Thanks to Marilyn Eftim for being the coordinator of Water Aerobics for over six years. This is a Florida mandated program for seniors. Marilyn was at the pool five days a week coordinating the exercise program. Thank You Marilyn

Thanks to the trash pick up team. A resident on North Shrub wanted you to know that you are appreciated.

Doug Ford of Forest Park Drive is much appreciated for all the care and concern he has given to many of our residents in getting them connected to the WiFi system. He has spent many days helping me. Thank you Doug and thank you Gail for sharing him. Mary Neidhart

We want to thank the Pine Tree Knots Quilters for your thoughtfulness during our illness. It does make life more rosy and cozy just knowing some one really cares. The comforts are just beautiful. A big "thank you" from the bottom of our hearts to the two ladies who made the quilts we received, Kay Westall and Marilyn Noland. Bless each and everyone of you. Betty & Bo McClain.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The golden Cassia trees planted at the rear of the memorial garden area were grown from seed and donated by me, Louis Eftim. I wanted to do something to honor the "Pioneers" of Forest Park who, from the beginning of the purchase by the residents, donated their time and talents in all aspects of running the park. That included painting, carpentry, landscaping, recreation, office holders, and board members; even the installation of a chain link fence around the whole park. Whatever the task, there was not a shortage of people willing and eager to serve. We hope the trees will grow well and produce many golden blooms to honor them all; but especially Ralph Hummel and George and Eleanor Fabyan.

To the wonderful residents of Forest Park. Thank you for honoring our parents, George and Eleanor Fabyan, with a tree in the memorial garden. Our parents loved Forest Park and the many friendships they shared with all of you. They loved the activities, shuffleboard, dances and dinners, and of course the pool. We are humbled by your generous gesture of a living memorial to George and Ellie. We look forward to watching the tree grow when we visit Forest Park. Deb Cizek and Cynthia Fabyan (daughters)

GOODBYE DEAR FRIENDS

On behalf of the residents of Forest Park, I would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Rose Aurilio, Eleanor Fabyan, Joe Iskra, Shirley Kolb, Bill Kowalski and Richard Rutledge who passed away since the spring issue of the Newsletter. All will be sadly missed.

Editor's Note: Thank you all for your submissions and please keep them coming. Please submit your notices no later than 6:00 p.m. on the 20th of each month to sharon.goudy@gmail.com or leave in the box in the clubhouse. Don't forget this is your Newsletter and it will be as successful as your participation allows. Sharon Goudy