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These two plaques one for manufactured homes and the other for mobile homes are displayed one in the clubhouse and the other in the activities building.

Plaque Pictures by Judy Watson



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SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

By: Delores Holmes President



This winter season lots of new people have join us in our Park. When the weather is nice, sunny and warm; this is a good time to reflect and be thankful for many things. We should be

thankful for the people we love and meet each day. Be thankful for our service men and women who have kept us safe and free every day of our lives. Be thankful for our beautiful country that allows us our freedom. We should be thankful for our new neighbors that have moved to Forest Park.

We have so many volunteers in Forest Park that make our community events and clubs run so smoothly. Our volunteers never shy away from working hard and committing their time to make our community a better place to live. However, many have been serving as volunteers for years and in all fairness to them, it is time to pass off some duties to a new crew of volunteers. If you have a talent you are not utilizing, if you have even a small amount of extra time to donate to your community, or you simply want to make a difference in the community in which you live; please contact any member of the Forest Park Board of Directors or Social Club Officers to find out how you can volunteer. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve.

Now, come out and enjoy all the amenities of our park. From playing shuffleboard, bocce, pickle ball to line dancing, exercise in the clubhouse or exercise in our pool, there is something for everyone. Take advantage of all our activities in our park. There is a great variety of events

that occurs. From dances on the last Saturday of every month, to Dinner/Show, Hot Dog Dinners in January and February, Hot Dog Lunch on the Patio and Hot Dogs For Sale before Karoke. Look in our newsletter on the calendar to find the specific activity that you would like to learn and enjoy the friendship of those people who you will get to know. Hope to see you.

KOFFEE KLATSCH

By: Social Club

Friday, February 6th at 9 am in the clubhouse

- Free coffee and donut
- 50/50 Raffle



Our speaker is Fred Geist, Master Gardener

Do you want to know the difference between planting things up north and down in Florida? Fred will be telling us how to correctly plant things here in Forest Park's soil. Do you have questions about a specific planting? He will be answering questions from you.



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THE MEN'S KOFFEE KLATSCH

By: Ray Preston

Men's Coffee/donuts will be Feb. 13th from 8 - 10 am in the Clubhouse. This is held every month on the 2nd Friday. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN COFFEE CUP!!

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PICKLE BALL

By: Charlene Walsh

LADIES - If you are interested in playing or learning to play pickle, we are meeting at the pavilion on Monday and Tuesday morning at 10:30. Come join us!

TRENDY BUS TOURS

Are you interested in taking a bus trip to somewhere around Florida?

In the back of the clubhouse on the ledge is a brochure from Trendy Tours that have all kinds of trips.



There you can find the information about how to go on any of the trips.

FOREST PARK RED HAT LADIES LUNCHEON

By: Marilyn Nufryk



Red Hat Ladies' February outing will be held at the "Ford's Garage Restaurant in Cape Coral.

Date: Thursday, February 19th

Meet at the Clubhouse at 11:30am for 12 noon reservation. We will carpool and directions will be provided. Calling committee will call for your reservation or you may call Connie St. Jean at 567-1818.

CHESS PLAYERS NEEDED

Do you like to play Chess? Bob Swift would like to start a group to play chess. Please contact him at 408 Timberlane North or by telephone on 239-567-7982



CHRISTMAS PARADE

By: Jim Schleter

Our annual Christmas Parade was another success. Thanks to all who participated and to our generous residents who donated prizes for the post parade party. A special thanks to Breezeway Title Co. and Rock Star Reality represented by Myra Santiago for their donations.

As always this was a group effort. Deep appreciation to Dan and Sandy O'Brien for serving refreshments. To Gary & Nellie Cochran for handling the sound system and to Mike & Kathy Fanning (aka: Santa & Mrs. Claus). Special thanks to Katie Stover for providing Santa's sleigh and to Bo & Betty McClain for leading the parade and providing the Christmas Music.

Pictures compliments of Cynthia Rachel Rowe



FOREST PARK LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The surprise guest at the ladies Christmas Luncheon on December 19th was

Elvis Presley who sang to several of our residents. A good time was had by all.

Pictures compliments of Sheila Fitzgerald



GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS CHEER

By: Nancy Cooper

Another successful year brought gifts of cheer to over 50 Park residents. Thanks to the generosity of many groups and individuals, bountiful bowls of fruit and cookies, boxes of chocolates and bouquets of flowers were delivered by Committee members and volunteers. This year we were blessed with donations from the Social Club, the Craft Ladies, the Northeast Club, the Computer Club, the Quilters, Don Urquhart, FPPOA, and someone who preferred to remain anonymous.

Please keep this event in mind next December when we ask for names of folks needing cheer. The Committee works hard putting together a list of people in need. Your help is greatly appreciated.

FOREST PARK CHORALEERS...

By: Joyce Hines



Our Forest Park Choraleers had their first rehearsal for its annual "Spring Fling" with nine members attending. We should be in full force at our next rehearsal when most residents have returned to the Park after the holidays. Marilyn Parkinson, our director, gave us our "books" and we spent the next hour and a half being introduced to the music for our show, 'An Award Winning Night'. Our show is scheduled for March 12th at 7:00p.m. and we are looking forward to sharing some memorable Academy Award winning songs with our audience.

WE WANT NEW MEMBERS...PLEASE... CONSIDER JOINING OUR CHORUS!

Our rehearsals are fun and we learn something new each time we are together! If you enjoy singing, this is the group for you. If you wish to join us, simply come to our Tuesday rehearsals at 1:00p.m. in the clubhouse...or call: Joyce Hines: 239-731-3274



Remember to use flashing lights or flash lights when you are riding or walking at night.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

By Social Club

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015

We have seven couples who will be celebrating their anniversary with us.

They are:

- Darlene And Bob Comer
- Shirley And Bud Eckert
- Sheila And Bob Fitzgerald
- Gloria And Mike Hartz
- Judy And Bruce Myers
- Judy And Lowell Redick
- Judy And Jack Watson



Every resident in the park is welcome to come and help celebrate their anniversary with them. Dinner starts at 5:30 PM. Anniversary Cake and beverages will be provided. In order to know how much Anniversary Cake we have to bake and the amount of beverages to make, we give out a ticket so that you get a reserved table.

You will get an assigned table; where you will be making and be sharing a complete menu with the other people who are sitting at your table. A designated person will be given the task of contacting you as to what food you need to bring. Bring your own table setting. Please wait till the tablecloths are on the tables (approximately

noon) before bringing your things to the clubhouse. Entertainment by our own Forest Park Choraleers will follow your dinner.

Get your **FREE RESERVATION TICKET** for the 50th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, February 8th or 15th 1-3 PM in the clubhouse.

LEE COUNTY FAIR

By: Social Club

February 26 - March 8, 2015

Last call to volunteer at the Lee County Fair which is being held from February 26 through March 8th. Lee County Fair is looking for some Forest Park Residents to greet people who arrive at the fair. The fair is held at the Civic Center which is East on Bay Shore Road just down the road from Forest Park.

You pick your own 3 hours to work. To volunteer, the fair starts Monday - Friday 4:30 PM to 10:00 PM or on Weekends from 11:30 AM to 10:00 PM. If interested in volunteering, call Delores Holmes, at 731-3943 for more information or to sign up. Last year we had a few couples work and they had a good time.



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WANTED

By: Social Club

We have requests from our ladies to start a Ladies Mini Golf League on our new course. We need a coordinator for the Ladies Golf. If interested in that job please call Delores Holmes on 731-3943.

Social Club; also needs a person who will set up the BINGO equipment and coordinate the Bingo callers for every Tuesday night Bingo. If interested in being the Bingo coordinator, please call Delores Holmes at 731-3943

SECOND SHOW

By: Social Club

Social Club Show Featuring "Richie C"

Saturday, February 28th, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse! \$10.00/person Refreshments after the show!

Tickets on sale in Clubhouse on

Sunday, February 15th and 22nd

from 1:00 to 3:00p.m.

Richie's has an award winning voice and sings music of the classic crooners, rock 'n roll, power ballads, timeless classics. He makes Broadway come to life and Elvis is definitely in the building. He has performed with

The Drifters, Peter Noone, The Platters, Charo, and Joan Rivers. His songs entertain, his style delights, his accent charms. This is a show that you won't want to miss!

HEALTH & WELFARE

By: Mary Gibson & Staff

B/P on February 17th from 9-11am at the clubhouse. Thank you all who contributed to the Bloodmobile.



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

By: Judy Watson

All articles should be sent to Judy Watson at: fpnews2013@gmail.com by the 13th of each month for the following month's newsletter. I would appreciate you writing your information on the Gmail page in place of an attachment, if possible. Any questions or concerns please email me at: fpnews2013@gmail.com or call me on 239-731-1034.



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FOREST PARK CALENDAR

Gail Ford is the person who handles the updates to the calendar. View the calendar anytime and see the most current information at the website: www.forestparkonline.com. This also allows you to view it in various formats i.e., weekly, monthly, etc. Please contact Gail for calendar changes at: gailford39@gmail.com or call her on 239-731-2028.



ART CLASSES

By: Jack Watson

We have suspended the Art Classes due to a lack of participants. We would like to reorganize if we can attract some artist's and have 8 to 10 people sign up. If interested, please call me at 239-731-1034 to sign up. Thanks and hope to see you again. Classes are Monday's from 9 to 12 noon. Cost is \$10.00 per lesson.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

By: Lou Smith

The Neighborhood Watch meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 11th, at 10 am in the Activities Building.



Bike and golf cart etching will be Thursday, February 12th in the Pavilion at 10am.

WI-FI GUY

By: Doug

We successfully rebuilt the RV Wi-Fi tower with new antennas, new cables and moved the important electronics into the camera cabinet. We had many volunteers which made the job a lot easier. We now need to change users that were put on the clubhouse antenna when the RV was down and move them back to the RV antenna. We are still discussing with Comcast to upgrade our access to greater speed on the internet. This isn't going to be a cure-all for everyone. The biggest problem that any wireless system has is connectivity, can your antenna "see" the antenna that it is trying to communicate with. Another issue is that close to a third of our users, on our Wi-Fi system, are without a Wi-Fi antenna. If they receive a weak signal with their laptop, I phone, I pad, etc. that can degrade our performance because of the amount of errors, a weak



signal produces.

On the positive note, 1/9/2015 we had 270 users sign on to our system and we were still running ok. One final thought, if you look at any internet add, they will say up to 10mb speed. That means 1 AM 10mb and 7 PM 5mb. If Century Link, who provides our internet, is going slow then we will also slow down.

'TWAS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY!

By: Joyce Hines

And so it was jolly' when some of our Forest Park residents gathered to decorate our clubhouse grounds, gazebo, and front entry! Before I arrived from PA, some very busy folks had already decorated our Forest Park entrance! Thanks to Ray and Madaline Preston, Carol Goans and Peggy and Dean Hull for spending the time to make our entrance "sparkle"!

The gazebo in our Memory Park owed its "Yuletide look" to Ed and Nancy Criswell. As a sidelight, Ed and Nancy have volunteered to decorate the gazebo for other holidays also! Many thanks, Ed and Nancy for your initiative and for your dedication to our Memory Park.

To those who helped with the decorating of our clubhouse grounds, enough can't be said! Butch and Dan are always accommodating and helpful when we ask for help with our Christmas endeavors! Thus, a huge thank you to Dan who hauled and repaired Santa's workshop, hauled our mantel piece, and who put up the lights along our rooftop! Our volunteer work force this year included:

Charlene and Jim Wash, Delores Holmes, Bernie Waltz, John Gelesko, Scott Hines, and Dean and Peggy Hull...a small, but mighty group!

A special thanks to Dean who is our "master electrician"! Figuring out how to "light up" our displays is well beyond my skills.

To those who enjoy seeing our efforts, an apology for our occasional light outages. Fortunately, Dean, who spent the holiday in PA, was only a call away. Thus, when a section failed to light, I called and he answered every time (even when he knew it was me!), giving me the right instructions to fix the blackout! Probably my most memorable moment this year was when I was attempting to secure our largest Christmas tree in the middle of one of our Florida gales! I am thankful no one had a camera available since I am sure that scene would have gone "viral" on Facebook!

Finally, a hearty thank you to the Hull's, Bernie Waltz, and John Gelesko, who helped remove and store the displays, lights, wreaths, etc. after New Years, so that all is ready to use in December, 2015! Don't blink... Christmas will be here before you know it!

DID YOU KNOW FOREST PARK HAS A GREAT LIBRARY?

By: Patty McCoy, F.P. Librarian

There's a little oasis of knowledge and information right here in the Forest Park activities building. No need to hop into your car and drive. We have current hardcover and paperback books, reference materials, videos, talking books large print, magazines and even puzzles. You can look up health related issues, financial questions, recipes and advice on retirement. Your favorite authors are in abundance – James Patterson, Clive Cussler, Janet Evanovich, Danielle Steele, John Grisham, Nora Roberts and a juicy collection of romances. At the FP Library, you don't need a library card – just step inside, choose your media and take it home – for as long as you like, return it when you're done.



Your library runs on donations. We always need CURRENT donating books published in 2010 or newer to our library. We do not accept older books due to space limitations and because we wish to be current and fresh in our offerings so please, take older books to the North Fort Myers Friends of the Library. We also need library style metal bookends and book display easels.

Why read? "The benefits of all this mental activity include keeping your memory sharp, you're learning capacity nimble, and your mind basically hardier as you age. Just processing the words boosts the brain".

FOREST PARK BOOK GROUP

By: Joan King

It's February already and the Book Group is busy reading and discussing. We welcome you to join us on Friday, February 27th at 1:00 in the Activities Building. We will be reading "the Dressmaker of Khair Khana" by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon. It is the true story of Kamila Sidiqi and her struggle to make a living for her family in Kabul, Afghanistan during the Taliban years. Call Joan if you would like a book. 239 567-0606.



KNIT AND CROCHET CLUB

By: Nancy Lawrence

The Knit and Crochet Club meets every Wednesday afternoon from 2-4p.m. in activity building. Everyone is welcome to come and join us for a fun time. Bring any projects you are working on or share a project you have already done. You can also bring a new project to show or teach us how to do.



I have a group project to show you and see if you want to do it. So come and join our little group and have a fun time. Any question call Nancy Lawrence on 239-543-7629.

ICE

By: Nancy Cooper



Attention all residents: Is your "In Case Of Emergency" form up to date? If not, now is the time to make those changes so all information is current. If you need a new form, see Mary in the office. If you are new to the Park and need a form, see Mary. She also has a few red holders which you place on your refrigerator. EMTs and fire fighters look for them when they answer a call.

BINGO

By: Anne Domingos

Please join us on Tuesdays at 6:45pm for 7:00pm Bingo in the clubhouse each week. Cards are \$.50 with a minimum purchase of four cards. Night Owl cards are 25 cents. All three Bingo's go all year round. Check your calendar in the newsletter each month. There is a new addition to our BINGO games. You put a quarter into a "money ball pot." The first number called is the "special number" so that if you bingo on that number, you will win the money that has been collected in the money ball pot plus the money that is allotted for the game that you won. If the money ball pot was not won, the amount is saved from week to week until someone is the winner.



Come and Enjoy Playing Bingo!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Lee Fisher	2
Art Stiemke	4
Jeanette Craven	7
Carlos Mei	8
Harold Mundle	9
Robert Presher	12
Art Stiemke	14
Carol Lahman	15
Nancy Lawrence	16
Lou Smith	16
Juanita Taylor	20
John Westall	22
Don Kidder	23
Reva Doliana	24
Joan Reekie	25
Myra Santiago	26
Eleanor Pucak	27



FEBRUARY 2015 ANNIVERSARIES

Bob & Kathy Carson-
February 7, 1970

Jim & Janet Arthur-
February 12, 1966

Don & Jan Plantenga-
February 14, 1953

Bill & Dena Samm-
February 18, 1939



If anyone would like to have their birthdays or anniversaries in the newsletter, they need to sign up on the clipboard in the rear of the Clubhouse.



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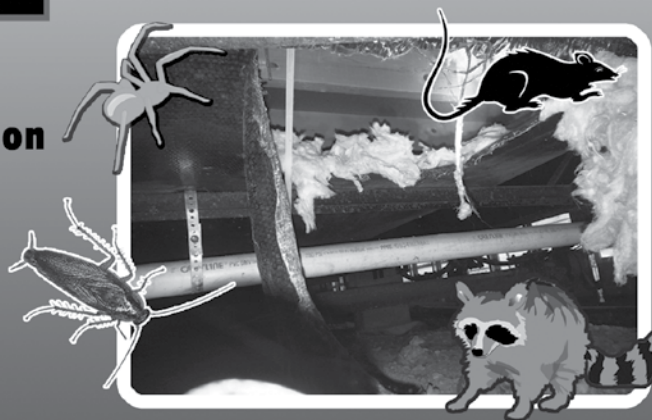


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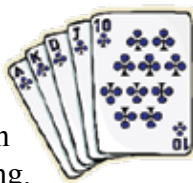
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BID EUCHRE

By: Madaline Preston

We have Bid Euchre every Wednesday & Saturday at 6:30pm in the Clubhouse unless there is another activity going on in there. We then play in the Activity Building. We have several new players and would like to have many more join in on the fun.



HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME

By: Carol Lahman

Join us on Sunday nights at 6:00 pm in the Clubhouse for the "Hand & Foot" card game. It can be played at a table of 6, 4, or 3. All are welcomed! This card game goes all through the summer months.

BUNCO

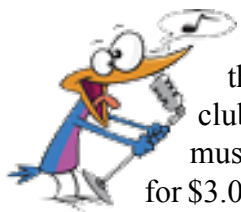
By: Larry Tsicountouridis

There will be BUNCO on Saturday, February 7th at 7 pm in the Club house.



KARAOKE

By: Gary Cochran



Join us on February 16th (and every third Monday each month) when the clubhouse comes alive with the sound of music. Sandwiches, drink will be offered for \$3.00 and will begin at 5:45pm and karaoke will go from 6 to 9 pm. There will be a 50/50.

PINE TREE KNOTS QUILT CLUB

By: Gail Ford

At the January Koffee Klatch the quilt gave Hope Hospice colorful bibs/clothes protectors for their adult clients. Kay Westall donated a lap quilt.

Our January luncheon will be held on January 29th at a place to be announced.

Most of our members have arrived from the North. Welcome back to our warmish climate. Due to the holidays we haven't accomplished any new projects but we are all working on the handmade items to be auctioned off at the Chinese Auction to be held in the Clubhouse on Sunday afternoon, March 8th 2015 from 1-3 pm.



EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR FOREST PARK NOTIFICATIONS

By: Mary Diaz (FP Office)

The Forest Park Office sends occasional communications from the office to the Forest Park residents. If you would like to add your email address to our database to receive notifications, announcements, etc. please call the office (239-543-1155) between 9-noon and send an email to: fppoainc@gmail.com indicating that you would like to be added to our database.



CRAFT CLUB

By: June Kearschner, President

If you have been to the grocery lately, I'm sure you have noticed the increased prices. Due to this increase we must raise the cost of some items on our menu.

Beginning with the Feb. 3rd. hotdog dinner you will notice price changes on our a la carte items.

Hotdogs-\$3.00; Potato Salad; baked beans; drinks (with free refills) will be 75 cents each, desserts-\$1.00.

The dinner for Feb3rd will be homemade lasagna. Price remains \$7.00. Hope to see you there, Tuesday, February 3rd. Serving 4PM--5:30PM.

LINE DANCING

By: Connie St. Jean



Line dancing started on Friday, January 9th from 10 am. to 11:30 am. at the Pavilion. If it is too cold, we can use the clubhouse. Tom & Leslie Howe (from Old Bridge) will continue to teach us for \$2.00 per session to be paid weekly. Come join in the fun and enjoy this low impact exercise. The line dancing will continue on Friday mornings from 10am to 11:30am.



NORTHEASTERN STATES CLUB

By: Nancy Cooper

NORTHEASTERN STATES MEETING

Feb. 23rd--5:30. P.M.

Masquerade Party

The fun is in the mystique!

Who is behind the mask?

What is in the box?

When is it your turn to sit?

Why are these questions important?

To get answers to these and other questions, join us for a fun filled evening of mystery. Dinner, games, and laughter will leave you asking for more. A prize will be given for the best mask. Be sure to bring extra cash for the Mystery Auction. You don't want to miss your chance to bid on these amazing gift boxes.

Tickets are on sale through February 18th. Purchase them from Bev Benson or Nancy Cooper. \$5.00 per person. Remember to bring your ticket and table setting.

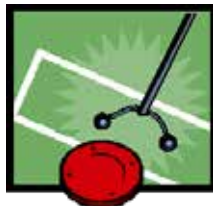
FOREST PARK SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB

By: Ray Preston, Captain

Dale Stafford, Co-Captain

The shuffle team held their yearly Hot dog lunch on Jan. 9th.

We will host a "VALENTINE BREAKFAST" on Feb. 14th from 8 - 10 AM. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE CUP/GLASS. The cost will be \$6.00.



Feb. 21st will be "FUN DAY". There will be a sign up sheet at the courts - so please sign up to play and enjoy coffee & donuts at 8:30 am. Shuffle will begin at 9 am.

Our next meeting will be Feb. 7th and one on Feb. 28th at 9 am to plan our March schedule.

The following is our Shuffle League schedule:

- Feb.4th AWAY AT TAMIAMI VILLAGE
- Feb. 11th HOME WITH POINTSETTIA PARK
- Feb. 18th AWAY AT CARRIAGE VILLAGE
- Feb. 25th AWAY AT LAZY DAYS

COMPUTER CLUB

By: Sherrill Wright

Recycle: Don't throw away your used ink cartridges!

I can take them to Office Max and get a credit for them, which is then donated back to the Computer Club. There is a collection container on the Activity



room counter. If we have fulfilled our quota, they are donated to a local school for them to do the same.

The Computer Club is a group of friendly people who meet every Thursday, 2 - 4 PM to help each other with computer issues. If you have a problem related to computers, or a skill you think might benefit others, *YOU ARE WHO WE NEED 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 PM to socialize. Most members use Windows, but some use Macs or Linux and most software programs are compatible with each system. Each week, we usually have a person show something they are experienced in, or we focus on a particular problem. In many cases, the club can help fix the problem. If not, we can usually define the situation, to assist if professional help is needed.

If you have a particular interest, a new piece of equipment like an iPad or similar tablet or I-Phone that you would like to show and demonstrate, please join us. This also includes your friends and family who might be visiting. Also, if you have a particular need, or problem that you would like help with, please come along and join us, but let us know in advance so we can schedule it for that week's meeting.

Several members/residents have asked to learn more about Facebook.

Sheila Fitzgerald has volunteered to run some sessions for us.

We also need people who are familiar with Tablets and Cell Phones who would volunteer to do some instructing or help others during our sessions. We have connectors for iPads that will allow them to be connected to our projector.

Contact Sherrill or John Wright @ 239.349.3827, email - fpcclub@yahoo.com

SPECIAL NOTICE – Over the summer, several printers were left in the activity building. Since we cannot fix printers, we cannot take any donations of them. Also, if you have any computers you would like to get rid of, please check with Doug Ford before leaving them in the activity building. ****Thanks for your help and co-operation.****

THE FILTER BUBBLE

Submitted by: Sherrill Wright

Today's encore selection -- from The Filter Bubble by Eli Pariser. Because of the personalization of the internet, an internet search of the same term by two different people will often bring very different results. We are each increasingly being served not only ads for what we are more likely to want, but also news and information that

is familiar and confirms our beliefs. The issue is that we are increasingly unaware of what is being filtered out and why -- leaving us each more and more in our own unique and self-reinforcing information bubble. Author Eli Pariser calls this 'the filter bubble' -- and it is leaving less room for encounters with unexpected ideas:

"Most of us assume that when we 'google' a term, we all see the same results -- the ones that the company's famous Page Rank algorithm suggests are the most authoritative based on other pages' links. But since December 2009, this is no longer true. Now you get the result that Google's algorithm suggests is best for you in particular -- and someone else may see something entirely different. In other words, there is no standard Google anymore.

"It's not hard to see this difference in action. In the spring of 2010, while the remains of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig were spewing crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico, I asked two friends to search for the term 'BP.' They're pretty similar -- educated white left-leaning women who live in the Northeast. But the results they saw were quite different. One of my friends saw investment information about BP. The other saw news. For one, the first page of results contained links about the oil spill; for the other, there was nothing about it except for a promotional ad from BP.

"Even the number of results returned by Google differed -- about 180 million results for one friend and 139 million for the other. If the results were that different for these two progressive East Coast women, imagine how different they would be for my friends and, say, an elderly Republican in Texas (or, for that matter, a businessman in Japan).

"With Google personalized for everyone, the query 'stem cells' might produce diametrically opposed results for scientists who support stem cell research and activists who oppose it. 'Proof of climate change' might turn up different results for an environmental activist and an oil company executive. In polls, a huge majority of us assume search engines are unbiased. But that may be just because they're increasingly biased to share our own views. More and more, your computer monitor is a kind of one-way mirror, reflecting your own interests while algorithmic observers watch what you click.

"For a time, it seemed that the Internet was going to entirely redemocratize society. Bloggers and citizen journalists would single-handedly rebuild the public media. Politicians would be able to run only with a broad base of support from small, everyday donors. Local governments would become more transparent and accountable to their citizens. And yet the era of civic

connection I dreamed about hasn't come. Democracy requires citizens to see things from one another's point of view, but instead we're more and more enclosed in our own bubbles. Democracy requires a reliance on shared facts; instead we're being offered parallel but separate universes.

"My sense of unease crystallized when I noticed that my conservative friends had disappeared from my Facebook page. Politically, I lean to the left, but I like to hear what conservatives are thinking, and I've gone out of my way to befriend a few and add them as Facebook connections. I wanted to see what links they'd post, read their comments, and learn a bit from them.

"But their links never turned up in my Top News feed. Facebook was apparently doing the math and noticing that I was still clicking my progressive friends' links more than my conservative friends' -- and links to the latest Lady Gaga videos more than either. So no conservative links for me.

"I started doing some research, trying to understand how Facebook was deciding what to show me and what to hide. As it turned out, Facebook wasn't alone.

"With little notice or fanfare, the digital world is fundamentally changing. What was once an anonymous medium where anyone could be anyone -- where, in the words of the famous New Yorker cartoon, nobody knows you're a dog -- is now a tool for soliciting and analyzing our personal data. According to one Wall Street Journal study, the top fifty Internet sites, from CNN to Yahoo to MSN, install an average of 64 data-laden cookies and personal tracking beacons each. Search for a word like 'depression' on Dictionary.com, and the site [automatically collects and stores information about your computer or mobile device and your activities] so that other Web sites can target you with antidepressants. Share an article about cooking on ABC News, and you may be chased around the Web by ads for Teflon-coated pots. Open -- even for an instant -- a page listing signs that your spouse may be cheating and prepare to be haunted with DNA paternity-test ads. The new Internet doesn't just know you're a dog; it knows your breed and wants to sell you a bowl of premium kibble."

THE CANADIAN & MICHIGAN CLUB

By: Lou Smith for Jim Barnett

No plans have been made at this time for the February meeting. Please watch the marque for further information.

Jim Barnett is recuperating at home from a triple bypass. Anyone wishing to send him a get well card can do so at: 1071A Simmons Lane, Parham, Ontario K0H2K0

FAREWELL DEAR FRIENDS

The following dear friends have passed away and their names were not noted in previous newsletters. They will be greatly missed.

- Doris Berger - December 20, 2014
- Bill Sudbrink
- Linwood Baker - January 13, 2015



MEI OLGA Age 86. December 11, 2014. Beloved wife of Carlo. Loving mother of Patricia (Kenneth) Kish, Catherine (Kevlin) Wong and the late Richard Mei. Dear sister of Eva Rondina, Lawrence and Enrico Gualtieri. Grandmother of Stephanie Dunn, Matthew Kish, Alan Kish, Keith Wong and Steven Kish. Great-grandmother of Noah and Rhys Dunn. Cards may be sent to Carlo Mei at 300 Rosedale Blvd., ALLEN Park, MI 48101

LIFE TOUCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

By: Diana Prittinen

Please plan to be part of our new photo directory. It has been seven years since the last Forest Park directory of this type and there are lots of new faces in the community. This allows us to put names with faces. We have partnered with Life Touch to accomplish this task.

Professional photographers will set up here February 17-21 for your one hour portrait setting. You will be given an opportunity to immediately view your portraits, choose the pose for your complimentary 8x10 as well as the picture for your free copy of the directory.

Sign-up sheets will be posted in various locations and committee volunteers will also be calling to schedule your appointment. Circle your calendar dates and practice your smiles.

You can make Forest Park even better if you remember...if you see a person without a smile, give them one of yours!

To schedule the best appointment time for you, email me at: dianapr123@gmail.com or call me on 269-369-9262.

F.P.P.O.A. BOARD NEWS

2015 BOD & GM MEETING DATES

- February 19, 2014 BOD Meeting
- February 26, 2015 GM Meeting
- March 19, 2015 BOD Meeting
- March 26, 2015 GM Meeting
- April 16, 2014 BOD Meeting
- April 23, 2014 GM Meeting

FPPOA ELECTION RESULTS JAN. 2015

Submitted By: Mary Diaz

TOTAL 191 BALLOTS

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD 1-Year Term

Bob Lang 125

David Brugh 66

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 3-Year Term

Louis A. Smith 128

Richard Gagner 124

Judith (Judy) Birkhead 58

Mike Desmond 37

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1-Year Term

Betty Campbell 108

Richard Carter 84

NOTICE - RECALL VOTE

By: Bob Lang

Pursuant to ARTICLE XI of the F.P.P.O.A. By-Laws, a written petition directed to the Secretary, and signed by 124 members of our Corporation (32 percent), was filed on January 6, 2015 seeking the recall of the President, Jim Arthur. The petition reads:

"We members of the Forest Park Property Owners Association, Inc. after due consideration of the actions of our President, Jim Arthur, during the course of his administration from January through December 2014, have determined that he has engaged in behavior unbecoming of a President of our corporation. For that reason, we are calling for his immediate recall from office."

The By-Laws also state that a recall election shall be held not less than forty-five (45) days after the date of filing. Thus, voting will occur at the February 26, 2015 General Membership Meeting.

Special rules apply to a recall vote per our By-Laws. "A majority vote of the entire Corporation membership, whether in attendance or not at the meeting, shall be required for a recall of the Officer or Director named in the recall petition." Thus, 196 votes will be required for passage of the measure.

This notice will be sent to the Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the February edition, and will be sent by the Office via email to all members who have requested such correspondence.

The petition will be read at the January 22, 2015 General Membership Meeting.

MAINTENANCE FEES FOR 2015

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2015 FPPOA monthly maintenance fees

- Member with single lot \$72
- Member with double lot \$125
- Member with triple lot \$177
- Non-member with single lot \$110
- Non-member with double \$188

EXERCISE PROGRAM

RECOMMENDED FOR "KIDS"
OF ANY AGE!

Please join us beginning in November on Tuesday and Saturday mornings at 9:00 am in the clubhouse for a fun, easy exercise program.

Bring a small hand weight or even a can of soup to use to build muscle. Also bring a small pillow.



EASY WATER EXERCISE



Most of the water exercises are the same as the Tuesday & Saturday exercises, except they are done in the pool. This means less stress on joints plus we get those healthy rays of sunshine

at the same time. We have a great time exercising and catching up on the latest in Forest Park. Classes run from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday at the pool and start in the fall through the spring. Exercises are also subject to weather cooperating.

RESOURCE BOOK

In the clubhouse there is a Resource Book which has been put together by members of Forest Park. These are referrals or warnings of how outside vendors have performed in the Park. Before you hire someone, please check the book to see if someone in the park has used that particular company or person. If you would like to add a name or business you may do so.

ALUMINUM CAN RE-CYCLE

By: Social Club

Please remember to put your washed out and dried out aluminum cans in a bag and place UNDER YOUR MAILBOX early Tuesday morning for pick up. Make sure cans are rinsed and clean and DRY. Please place away from trash cans/bags. DO NOT place plastic, glass,

or metal cans in the bag. Those go in the blue tote bins. Money collected for can recycle helps pay some of the costs of Social Club activities. So, it benefits all residents of Forest Park. Jim and Mary Beth Schleter are collecting the aluminum cans now.

Please place your aluminum cans out near your mailbox either Monday night or very early on Tuesday morning.

Social Club has a new aluminum can crusher, Cheryl O'Loughlin. In order to make the job easier for her, we are asking that you take the tabs off your cans. It takes as long as to take the tabs off the cans as it does to run the crushing machine. You take the tabs off and bag them; when you get your bag full; then you can bring the tabs to the clubhouse. There is a Big Ronald Mc Donald cardboard house on the kitchen cabinet where you put your tabs into it. The tabs are collected by Betty Campbell who takes them to the Ronald McDonald House where they sell the aluminum tabs.



You are making money for Forest Park's Social Club and if you take the tabs off, keep them for the Ronald McDonald House you are doing double duty. We thank you for your help.

GREEN TREE STICKER

There is a little green tree sticker available in the office that goes on the LEFT SIDE OF YOUR BACK WINDOW of your car. All residents with automobiles should have this highly visible authorization to be in the Park. This will help the safety patrol on their nightly rounds. If you are a temporary resident and don't want any stickers on your window, then scotch tape it there while you are here.

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BLUE BARREL RE-CYCLE

The blue barrel is used for all other types of re-cycling such as paper, metal, plastic, etc. This is a separate program from our regular trash that is picked up on Tuesdays and Fridays. The re-cycle truck comes on Wednesdays

THANK YOU'S

Betty Campbell would like to thank everyone who voted for her in the last election.

Ron & Natalie Moon would like to thank all of our friends in Forest Park for your support during our son Greg's illness and your expressions of sympathy. Your kindness is much appreciated. Betty and Fred Dadisman send their thanks to Forest Park for the lovely "Christmas Everything" basket.

A warm Christmas thank you to Barbara Dieck, Bill Burrough, Donn Rudy and especially

Peggy and Cecil Wood for their work on the Hollyberry Ct. luminaries!

JOKES



Yesterday I was at my local Kroger grocery store buying a large bag of Purina Dog Chow for my loyal pet, Jake, the Wonder Dog, and was in the check-out line when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog. What did she think...I had an elephant?

So because I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is, to load your pants pockets with Purina Nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.) Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stopped to pee on a fire hydrant and a car

hit me. I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard. Kroger won't let me shop there anymore. Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of crazy things to say. Forward this (especially) to all your retired friends...it will be their laugh for the day!

RANDOM THOUGHTS AS WE AGE

- Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller!
- Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet!
- I don't trip over things, I do random gravity checks!
- I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off!
- Old age is coming at a really bad time!
- When I was a child I thought Nap Time was a punishment ... now, as a grown up, it just feels like a small vacation!
- The biggest lie I tell myself is ... "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
- Lord grant me the strength to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can & the friends to post my bail when I finally snap!
- I don't have gray hair. I have "wisdom highlights". I'm just very wise.
- My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance to idiots that needs work.
- Teach your daughter how to shoot, because a restraining order is just a piece of paper.
- If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.
- The kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes".
- I'm going to retire and live off of my savings. Not sure what I'll do that second week.
- When did it change from "We the people" to "screw the people"?
- Even duct tape can't fix stupid ... but it can muffle the sound!
- Why do I have to press one for English when you're just gonna transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?
- Of course I talk to myself, sometimes I need expert advice.
- Oops! Did I roll my eyes out loud?
- At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

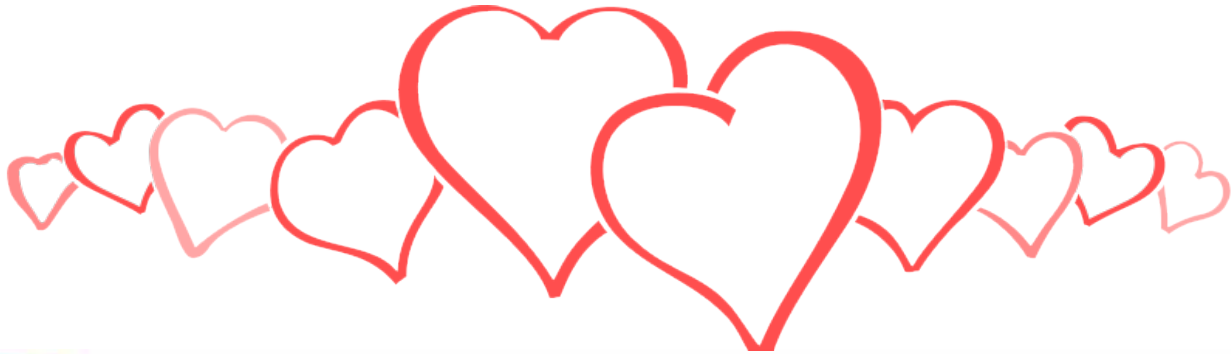
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 The ballroom dancing aunt
 The aunt who taught positive thinking
 The little bouncy nephew
 A sister who loved disco
 And his niece who travels the country in an RV
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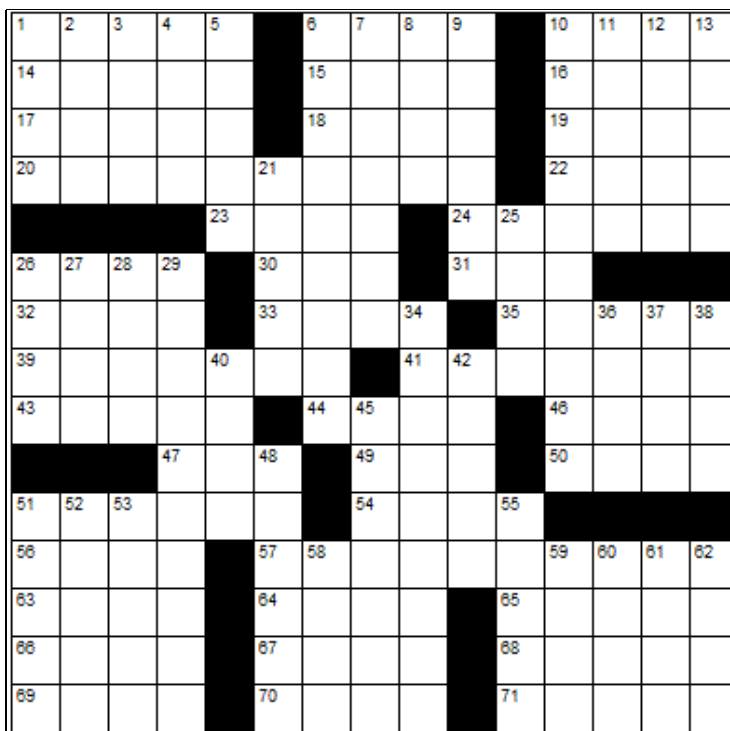
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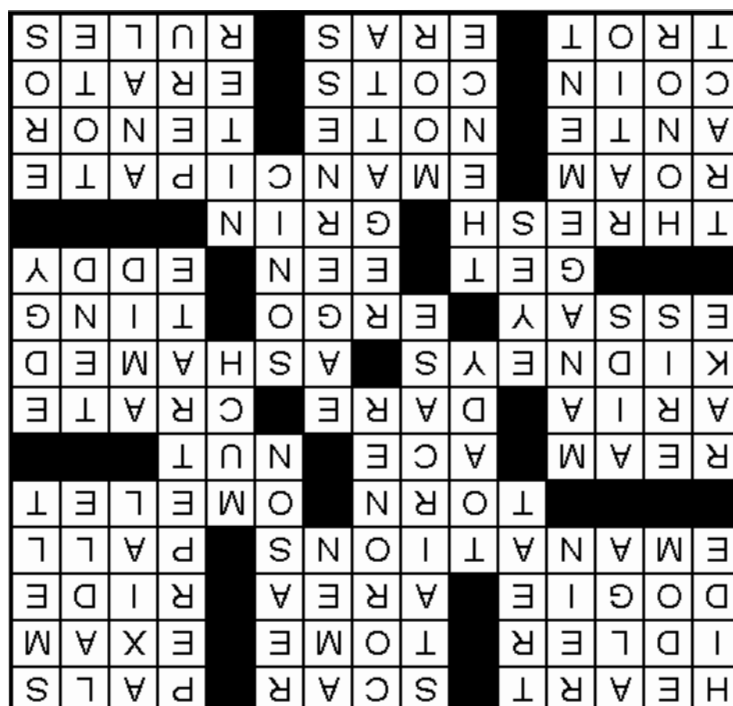
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22. Gloomy atmosphere
23. Ripped
24. Egg dish
26. 500 sheets
30. Card with one symbol
31. Cashew or almond
32. Diva's solo
33. Have the nerve
35. Wooden box
39. Urinary organs
41. Disgraced
43. An analytic literary composition
44. Therefore
46. Bell sound
47. Obtain
49. Poetic dusk
50. Countercurrent
51. Flail
54. Smile
56. Wander
57. Liberate
63. Initial wager
64. Memo
65. Adult male singing voice
66. Metal money
67. Camp beds
68. Muse of love poetry
69. Gait faster than a walk
70. Historical periods
71. Governs



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| 3. Aquatic plant | 25. Large indefinite quantity | 48. Therefrom |
| 4. Bridle strap | 26. Garden tool | 51. Plot of land |
| 5. Delicacy | 27. Twin sister of Ares | 52. Show respect towards |
| 6. Steps | 28. Helps | 53. Relative magnitudes |
| 7. Medical examiner | 29. Administration | 55. Fertilizer ingredient |
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| 9. A rational motive | 36. Among | 59. South American country |
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