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CHRISTMAS TIME IN FOREST PARK



SOCIAL CLUB OFFICERS

Delores Holmes, President Gail Ford, 1st Vice President Mary Beth Schleter, 2nd Vice President Joyce Hines, Secretary Pat Schuren, Treasurer

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS By: Delores Holmes President

December went by very fast with all the park activities I hope you got to ride around all our streets and look at the Christmas Lights on resident houses. Peace Lake out shined every street. They were very beautiful. They made my Christmas spirit soar.

January is an important Month because we (residents can go VOTE for new board members on January 14th from Noon to 2:00 PM in the Activities Building. I hope that you are thinking about running for a board seat. If you have any skills or expertise, we need people with new ideas and to give new input to make our park run smoothly and efficiently. If you don't remember in the October newsletter, there is an article with the description of all officers and board members duties. Wednesday, January 13 at 7 PM in the clubhouse is the time that you can meet the candidates who are running for a seat on the board.

Famous Roast Beef Dinner and Entertainment Show January 16 at 5:30 PM is our dinner with entertainment afterwards. See the ad further in this newsletter. Great food and a very interesting entertainer. You don't want to miss it.

January, February and March Months there is a Saturday Night Dance from 7 till 10 PM. Our first entertainers on January 30 will be Neil and Cheryl. They sing and play all varieties of music styles. Come and enjoy the music even if you don't want to dance.

This is some of the events during January. I hope you take advantage of these events.

REMINDER: NIGHT TIME WALKING AND BICYCLING ON FOREST PARK ROADS

While driving my car to the clubhouse, I came across people who were either walking or some were bicycling without any identifying lights on their person or on their golf cart. I could not see them until I got right next to them Scared the dickens out of me.!!!

Please use some lights for identification.

LAST CALL FOR THE NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

DECEMBER 31 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. COST \$15.00 per person "ENTERTAINERS"

7 Piece Band playing a variety of current songs and the oldies

TICKETS ON SALE 1:00-3:00 p.m. December 20 in the clubhouse December 27 in the Activities Building Bring your own bottle and snacks Coffee and danish served at 11 PM

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE

January 30, 2016 7:00-10:00 PM COST \$5.00 per person Purchase tickets at the door "Entertainers" Neil and Cheryl

They sing and you get to dance to a variety of music Come enjoy the music!



LEE COUNTY FAIR By: Delores Holmes

February 25th - March 6th 2016

The Lee County Fair is looking for Volunteers to greet people who arrive at the fair. You pick your own three hours to work. The fair starts Monday – Friday 4:30 to 10:00 p.m. and starts on Weekends 11:30 a.m. 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 meeting people from all states and other countries.

COME ONE, COME ALL! SOCIAL CLUB DINNER AND SHOW By: Joyce Hines, Secretary

Mark Saturday, January 16th, 2016 on your calendar as the date to come to the Social Club's Dinner and Show! The dinner will begin at 5:30...bring your own place setting! Showtime will be at 7:00 p.m. Our entertainer will be Chris Michaels who will present his vocal musical show. It will be an evening of fun and entertainment!

REMEMBER...

Saturday, January 16th @ 5:30p.m Ticket costs: \$15.00 for dinner and show \$10.00 for the show only Ticket sales: Sunday, January 3rd and 10th from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Clubhouse

COME ONE, COME ALL!

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE **COMING IN FEBRUARY By:** Joan King

This AARP course is the nation's first and largest refresher course designed for older drivers. Your insurance company will probably give you a discount on the liability portion of your car insurance after completing the course. This discount will apply for three years. The

classroom course is 6 hours in length and will be offered on February 19th, 2016 in the clubhouse. More info to come in the Feb. newsletter.

APPLAUSE, APPLAUSE! By: Joyce Hines

A huge round of applause to all those that helped Peggy Hull decorate our park in my absence. It is wonderful to live in a park where people "rally to the cause "and "pitch in" when needed! I can't wait to arrive at Forest Park around the first of the year to see the decorations in person. And yes, I will be there to help remove them and store them for our next Christmas display in 2016!

Again, thank you so much to everyone who helped to create our Forest Park Christmas display!

WELCOMING THE NEW YEAR WITH A SONG **By:** Joyce Hines

To all those who like to sing, please consider joining our Forest Park Choraleers under the direction of Marilynn Parkinson. We meet on Tuesdays at 1:00p.m.in the Clubhouse. Our first rehearsal will be on Tuesday, January 5th! We look forward to welcoming new members so don't be shy!



Remember, we are a chorus; you will not be "on your own"! If you have any questions, please call after the first of the year: Joyce Hines 239-731-3274 or 724-689-5175

So...join us as we welcome 2016 with a song...or two or three!

MEET OUR FOREST PARK MAILMAN, JEFF By: Delores Holmes

January 21 at 7 PM in the Clubhouse.

Jeff will be here at the beginning of the Membership Meeting. He will inform you of the process of forwarding your mail and when to do that; also why he can't deliver your mail when there is obstacles in front of the mailbox. He will answer questions that you have.

BINGO WINNERS!! By: Delores Holmes

The Month of December was an "Early Christmas Gift" for three people who won the money ball at BINGO. Anne Domingos, Carol Geppart, and Wanda Caughlin. They split over One Hundred Dollars. What is the money ball pot?

When you play Bingo, you put a quarter into the 38 money pot. At the beginning of BINGO, a number is called. If you win, when the money ball number 0 63 is called; then you win the Money that is in the pot and the Money for the game that you just played.

Double your money. Come try your luck, you might win!!

VEGETABLES FOR SALE **Bv:** Delores Holmes

At the pavilion every Friday morning 8:00 A.M. till NOON

They sell vegetables, fruits, jams

and jellies, honey, Homemade pies, Homemade bread

Forest Park now has our own vegetable man Please support their sale of goodies

ATTENTION FOREST PARK RESIDENTS!!!

Needed: Men to Help cut up larger pieces of aluminum so that it can be transported to sell it along with the aluminum cans for Social Club. This money supports all activities, events, cards and sports.

Please contact Pete Lawrence at 543-7629 if you can give some time to help Thank You



50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

By: Social Club



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016

Each year, Forest Park Residents honors those couples who are celebrating their 50th Anniversary.

We would like to include you and your spouse. If this is applicable to you, please be sure to register your names on the sign-up sheet in the back of the clubhouse. The celebration will be held Thursday, February. 18, 2016 at 5:30 pm. The dinner is a free to all residents; however you need to get a ticket. More information will be in the February newsletter.



LAWN MOWING HOURS 7 AM to 11 PM June 1 through August 31st and 8 AM to 11 PM September 1st through May 1st.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES By: Pam Maynard

All articles should be sent to Pam Maynard at: fpsocialnews@gmail.com by the 13th of each month for the following month's newsletter. I would appreciate you writing your information in the email in place of an attachment, if possible. Any questions or concerns please email me at the above address or call me at 740-398-4576. Please remember the newsletter continues to run every month all summer long. During the summer months, when the newsletters arrive in the office at the end of each month, watch the marquee for the newsletters to be picked up in the Clubhouse and Activity Building. They will not be delivered to your home during the summer months, so don't forget to stop and pick up your copy. If you have any special events or places you are visiting this summer or if something exciting happens wherever your travels take you, please share your story and pictures with your Forest Park friends by sending them to fpsocialnews@ gmail.com. Enjoy your summer, travel safely, we will be looking forward to seeing you in the fall.

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 following 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 239-731-2028.

FAREWELL DEAR FRIENDS

Ray Preston Donna Pucak Horace "Smitty" Smith Georgeanna Smolen Ruth Swackhammer Jim Tompkins



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Joe Craven 4 Joe Malago 4 June Kearschner 17 Alan King 20 Georgeanna McGrew 22 Nick Nufryk 23 Jim Pattillo 23 Robyn Johnson 24 Connie Smith 25 Dick Teal 25 Edie Hosey 26 Una Preston 31



JANUARY ANNIVERSERIES

David & Gerry Goldsboro January 31, 1944



If you would like to include your birthday or anniversary in future newsletters, you may email the date(s) to the office at fppoainc@gmail.com



WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS:

Bob Harris 851 Hollyberry Ct. from NY

HAVE YOU PICKED UP YOUR PHOTO PARK DIRECTORY BOOK YET? By: Social Club Officers

What a great visual aspect book. The amount of pictures of everyone in our park, who volunteers or are service workers, at various events, playing sports and at work was truly exceptional. The color pictures of residents (A Great Looking Assemblage) were impressive.

HEALTH & WELFARE

By: Mary Gibson

Health & Welfare: Blood Pressure on January 15, 2016 at the Clubhouse from 9am to 10am. All are welcome, there no charge.

Don't forget the Million Mile Movement is here in Forest Park. There is a signup sheet in the Clubhouse, all

you do is Choose Commit Change! The goal is 1,000,000 miles in 90 days, one step at a time. We will start on January



1, 2015, ending April 15, 2015. Take a step toward healthier living by joining Million Mile Movement by walking, running, biking, or swimming. So ready, set, let's go!!!

WI FI UPDATE BY: Doug Ford

The fiber net update was started on 19th of October, finished and fully operational on December 2nd.The results are mostly good, If you had a good signal and were operating good before, you noticed an improvement. If

your connection was so so because of trees etc. you might not notice a great improvement. The problem is that we are operating with a 6 year old system that has a electrical noise problem that effects our present 2.4 GHZ system. There are lots of solutions to this sort of WI-Fi interference but it depends on the individuation situation. We can try various changes to work around the noise. From our field experience most users are doing Ok. If you still experience problems other than at peak usage times, we should be able to help.

The reason we went to fiber optics is to handle the increase number of WI-FI users in the park but also in the future slowly converting to the 5 GHZ which doesn't have the interference problem. At that time we would run two systems 2.4GHZ present system and the 5 GHZ newer system.

Use Caution in Hiring Contractors!

When you need to hire a contractor for work on your home (roofing, home repairs, lawn maintenance, etc.), ask the contractor to provide copies of their business license and insurance. This protects you in the event that the contractor is injured on your property. Also ask the contractor to provide references. Get cost estimates and warranties in writing, and do not make final payment until the work is complete. There is a Resource Book in the back of the Clubhouse which contains listings for many different types of contractors. You may also check Angie's List, the Better Business Bureau and other online rating sources. A simple Google search on the business name may provide additional information. ease ask any outside contractor to stop by the office to register and provide copies of their license and insurance. Better safe than sorry! For more information on Florida consumer complaints, visit:

http://www.stateofflorida.com/Portal/DesktopDefault. aspx?tabid=57

By all means let's be open-minded, but not so openminded that all our brains drop out

RESOURCE BOOK

In the clubhouse there is a Resource Book which has been put together by members of Forest Park.

These are referrals or warning 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.



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

By: Bob Lang Secretary

ELECTION 2016

As many of you know the upcoming election will be to elect ALL Officers and some Directors. I do not plan to run for reelection for the Secretary position. However, I stand ready to support any and all candidates who would aspire to the position. There are many resources that are available to assist you, and I for one, am very willing to help. If you are so inclined, please stop by & see me and I will offer you whatever brain power that I can muster.

2015-2016 BOD & GM DATES

- Dec. 17, 2015 Membership Meeting
- Dec. 30, 2015 Cut off date for candidates' names to be printed on ballot
- Jan. 14, 2016 General Election
- Jan. 21, 2016 Board Meeting
- Jan. 28, 2016 Membership Meeting
- Feb. 18, 2016 Board Meeting
- Feb. 25, 2016 Membership Meeting
- Mar. 17, 2016 Board Meeting

- Mar. 24, 2016 Membership Meeting
- Apr. 21, 2016 Board Meeting
- Apr. 28, 2016 Membership Meeting

TO FOREST PARK HOMEOWNERS By Lou Smith President

When you hire an outside contractor for tree trimming and any other work, it is their responsibility to remove all trash materials. They are not allowed to take it to our dumpster; they are responsible to take it out of the park.

TOOL TIME By Dick Gagner Director

The maintenance department recently received tool donations, a posthole digger from Dick Hettich and a pole saw trimmer from Dick Kearschner. We greatly appreciate their generosity that will help make Forest Park a more beautiful place to live. Donations such as this are always welcome.

In that same spirit of sharing and working together, you may sign out a wheelbarrow, post hole digger, etc. for that occasional use at home. Please use the clipboard



sign out sheet and return the tool as soon as possible in clean working order. **Power tools CAN NOT** be lent out, sorry. If you need a little top soil, fill, or a stump pulled, please get a work order from the office and we'll get there as soon as we can.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH By: Lou Smith

The Neighborhood Watch meeting will be Wednesday, January 13, 10 a.m. in the Activities Building.



FOREST PARK and LEE COUNTY LEASH LAW By: Dick Gagner

In a recent incident, a resident was jumped on while riding his three wheeler by a dog who has pulled his way out of his collar and was running unrestrained.

We are very fortunate that the resident who was of course frightened and scratched was not knocked off the bike onto the road.

In the spirit of moving forward and learning from



In this case, Lee County law applies and the law requiring that all dogs must be under direct control when they leave their owners property by a leash no longer than 6 feet.

Furthermore when on your private property they must be on a leash, chain, or fenced area that would prevent them from roaming at large.

Lee County will enforce compliance. Any questions or complaints can be addressed by calling Lee County Animal Control at 239-432-2083.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE *By: Jonie Emery Nominating Committee*

I'm so happy to see everyone returning from the north to our winter paradise here in Forest Park. I see many old faces and many new ones. WELCOME to all our new owners. We need the help of EVERYONE in the park.

Most of you know that in January we will be electing our new Board of Directors. I would like to give you all a brief description of the Officers and Directors and what the expectations are. All Officers and Directors must be members in good standing of the FPPOA.

President: A two year term. The executive officer and will preside at all meetings of the FPPOA and Board Meetings.

1st Vice President: A two year term. This Vice President assists the President. In the absence of the President the Vice President performs all the presidential duties and presides over all meetings. This VP assumes the office of the President upon the death or resignation of the President.

2nd Vice President: A two year term. This VP assumes all the duties of the president and the 1st Vice President in their absence and is the third in succession to assume the office of President.

Secretary: A two year term. The Secretary takes the official minutes. Recording the minutes of each meeting and keeping an accurate account of them. The Secretary makes a copy and posts the minutes for review by the members of the FPPOA. At general membership meetings the secretary reads the minutes of the last meeting.

Treasurer: A two year term. The Treasurer watches over all funds of the FPPOA, reviews financial reports from the accountant, and submits financial reports to the members. The Treasurer along with the budget committee and finance committee conduct an annual budget meeting for interested members.

Directors: A 3 year term. The Directors are in charge of various committees, ie, grounds, buildings, negotiations, RV area, etc.

Job descriptions vary depending on the needs of Forest Park and at the discretion of the President. Your various skills are taken under consideration along with you preferences,

OUR PARK NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!!!

ALL Officer positions and FOUR Director positions are OPEN. Nominations will be open and can be taken at the December meeting and will remain open until Dec. 31. Please consider yourself for one of the open positions and contact me at 239-731-0886 or 734-216-5130 Or just stop by my home at 568 Peace Lake Ct. If I haven't meet you I would love to do that.

Thank you for your consideration



FOREST PARK VISITORS WRISTBANDS

Visitors unaccompanied by Forest Park residents must wear wristbands when using park recreational facilities (pool,



mini-golf, etc.). The wristbands are now available in the park office (2 per family and additional bands may be requested). The bands stretch but if they are not large enough you may pin them to clothing, attach them to a key chain or just bring them along.

Please remember that all owners are responsible for their visitors who must comply with all Forest Park Rules & Regulations. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation to assist in maintaining the security of our park.

Reminder - Please Be Conscientious & Conserve Energy

Please remember to turn up the air conditioner thermostats to 78 when you leave the Clubhouse & Activities buildings (just like you would do at your home). The air conditioners have been left running overnight on several occasions. This places an undue strain on them especially during summer months, and increases our electrical bill. Please be considerate



Trash, Horticulture & Waste Disposal Reminder....

Just a refresher on our Rules & Regulations for trash, horticulture and waste disposal...

- Trash bags which weigh more than 30 lbs. will not be picked up.
- Trash bags must be tied or they will not be picked up.
- Horticulture bags must be tied or they will not be picked up.
- Loose horticulture clippings must be 4 feet or less, tied & bundled & not more than 30 lbs.
- Cardboard should go out on Wednesdays with recyclables.
- Any outside contractor doing work at your home tree trimming, lawn maintenance, home remodeling/ repairs MUST haul off their own trimming and refuse. It will not be picked up by our maintenance crew.

The full list of rules is available on our website at www.forestparkonline.com, or you may contact the office if you have any questions.

EXERCISE PROGRAM RECOMMENDED FOR "KIDS"OF ANY AGE!

Please join us beginning in November on Tuesday &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 the 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 spring. Exercises are also subject to weather cooperating

Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city

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 temporary resident and don't want any stickers on your window, them scotch tape it there while you are here.

BLUE BARREL RECYCLE



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.

ALUMINUM CAN RE-CYCLE By: Social Club

REMINDER Aluminum Cans being collected

Please do Not Use the can as an ashtray. Beer Drinkers, Please rinse out the can and turn it over to dry out. 8 Everyone Please take the tab off, collect them and take your full container to the clubhouse. On kitchen counter, there is a Ronald McDonald box that you put the tabs into. Betty Campbell takes them to the Ronald McDonald where they sell the aluminum. You are helping both Social Club and Ronald McDonald House. Our aluminum crusher people appreciate your Help.

Please remember to put your washed out, dry aluminum cans. In a bag and place UNDER YOUR MAILBOX

early Tuesday morning for pick up. Please make sure your cans are rinsed CLEAN and DRY. Please place away from trash bags. **DO NOT** place plastic, glass or metal cans in the bag. Those go in the blue recycle bins. Money collected for can recycle helps pay some of the costs of Social Club activities. It benefits all residents of Forest Park. Please



place your aluminum cans out near your mailbox either

Monday night, or very early on Tuesday morning. To make the job easier, we are asking that you take the tabs off your cans. It takes as long 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 have a full bag, bring the tabs to the Clubhouse

Please Save Your Aluminum Can Pull Tabs to **Benefit the Ronald McDonald House By: Betty Campbell**

A big thank you to everyone who pulled off & saved their aluminum cab tabs! You can make an incredible impact by helping provide a home away from home for families during the medical treatment of their seriously ill child by contributing your pull tabs.

I volunteered this summer to crush cans and collect the pull tabs for our local Ronald McDonald House. We collected a large quantity and delivered them in March and 3 large boxes in November. Please save your tabs and you can deliver them to my home at 608 Pine Grove, the Clubhouse or you can give me a call and I will pick them up.

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







ART CLASSES

My name is Betty Leis and I am a member of the Art League of Ft Myers and Pine Island Art Assoc. I have been painting for over 40 years and teaching for 35 of those years of which 30 have been in Forest Park. If you have never painted before and have no supplies, I will furnish everything you need to paint ONE painting to get you started. If you find you want to continue with the class you can then purchase your own supplies. I will furnish you a supply list to use and to help you. I will work with you one on one and also as a group by

doing a paint along. THIS MEANS: I paint (demo), You watch, I help you and then I will demo again then your will paint again. We do this until the painting is finished. This will make it easier for you to get started. I will also give you a list with color mixtures for specific things, such as shades of green for grasses and trees, blues for skies, water and etc .If you are an accomplished artist you may paint whatever you want and I will be there for help if needed. Mediums I can help with are: Oils, Watercolor and Acrylics. My classes are held on Monday 9 to 12, starting Monday January 11, 2016. The fee is \$10.00per class for new or beginners the first year. After the first year ALL students pay in advance for the whole 3 month session which runs January through March. If you miss a class we make that up in the month of April. The class is limited to 15 students and I am taking names at this time getting ready for next seasons session. If you need further information or want to join the class please contact: BETTY LEIS at 239-997-1880 OR Boomlei531@gmail.com

They say marriages are made in Heaven, but so is thunder and lightning

BID EUCHRE

By: Una Preston

Needed More Players

We play Bid Euchre every Saturday Night at 6:30 PM in the Activities Building. There is a Sign Up Sheet in the Activities Building on the cabinet near the Water Machine. Please sign up if you anticipate playing on Saturday Night. We would like to have more players join us.



BINGO

By: Anne Domingos

Please joins us on Tuesdays at 6:45 for 7:00 pm 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!

FRIDAY NIGHT BRIDGE By: Trish Tegeler

We are playing bridge every Friday night in the Club House. If you are interested in playing there is a signup sheet in the club house. Please put your name and phone number on the sheet or call Trish Tegeler at 239-567-0148.

BUNCO By: Larry Tsicountouridis



1st Saturday of the month 7 P.M. in the Clubhouse

Come play a game of dice and then watch horse racing

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. An anticipated donation of \$10/household per winter season would be appreciated to help with meeting expenses. We take a break and have coffee and cookies around 3 PM to socialize. Most members use Windows, but some use Linux or Macs and most software programs are compatible with each system. Each week, we usually have a person show something they are experienced in, or something interesting we have seen maybe online or in an article, 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. If you have a particular need, or problem that you would like help with, please come along and join us, but try and let us know in advance so we can schedule it for that week's meeting.

We 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 cables for iPads that will allow them to be connected to our projector.

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

CRAFT CLUB *By: June Kearschner*

The ladies decorated the interior of the club house with beautiful Christmas trees, wreathes and several decorations made by the club. Our Christmas luncheon

was at Ruby Tuesdays on December 9th with 23 in attendance. Again this year we will be giving donations to different organizations in this area.

Our 1st, HOT DOG dinner will be on January 12th for \$7 donation.

Menu: Parmesan chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, veggie, dessert and drink. We also have our delicious hot dogs and a la carte.

We meet every Wednesday in the club house 9am. to 11am. Everyone is welcome.

EUCHRE

By: Betty Hult

Euchre is played in the Activities Building at 6:30 PM every Wednesday Night. The cost is just 50 cents for a night of activity. Please come and join us

FOREST PARK BOOK CLUB

By: Joan King

Our January meeting will be held on January 22nd at 1:00 in the Activities Building. We're reading "The Curious

Incident of the dog in the Night-time" by Mark Haddon. An autistic 15 year-old narrates this story that begins with a strange incident involving the neighbor's dog. Joan has lots of books, just call for one. 239-567-0606.

FOREST PARK CHORALEERS By: Joyce Hines

CHORALEERS REMINDER

Our Forest Park Choraleers will have their first practice on Tuesday, January 5th at 1:00 p.m. in our clubhouse. Our director, Marilynn Parkinson, has a great season planned. We are always looking for new members. If you enjoy singing, please consider becoming a member of The Choraleers! If you have any questions, please call or email: gailford39@gmail.

com or 239-731-2028.



HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME By Carol Lahman



Join us on Sunday nights at 6:00 pm in the Clubhouse for the "Hand and 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.

When we ask for advice, we are usually looking for an accomplice

KARAOKE By: Gary Cochran

Karaoke will be held on the third Monday of each month beginning on November 16th. Hot dog supper at 5:30 PM for \$3.00 and the music begins at 6:00 PM. Come on out if you are a star (or just think you are)!

KNIT AND CROCHET CLUB By: Nancy Lawrence

The knitting and crocheting club started meeting on Wednesday November 4th. We will continue to meet on Wednesdays 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. till May. Then we will be



11 done for the summer. Everyone is welcome to come and

join us. Bring any project you want, maybe something you're working on, or something you like and need help with it. You can bring a project that you have already done and show us. Maybe we would like to learn how to make it. Maybe we are doing something you would like to do or learn to do. Even if you do not crochet or knit. We have ladies that can teach you to knit or crochet. So come join our happy little group and have fun with us. Any questions call Nancy Lawrence at 543-7629.

KOFFEE KLATSCH

Free coffee and donut Friday January 8 9 AM in the Clubhouse



While you eat your donut our speaker is from Intregrity Insurance Agency, on house insurance. Learn if we can break loose from Citizens for a new insurance policy for our homes

FOREST PARK HAS A GREAT LIBRARY By: Patty McCoy FP 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 popular books, magazines and videos. Consider 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, your learning capacity nimble, and your mind basically hardier as you age... just processing the words boosts the brain"

LINE DANCING

By Connie St. Jean

Beginning on Friday January 8, 2016 from 10:00 a.m.

till 11:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse. Instructors Tom & Leslie Howe from Old Bridge ask \$2.00 per person per session. Have a great Holiday and I hope to see many of you there on January 8th.



Mexican Train Dominoes By: Sheila Fitzgerald

We play Mexican train dominoes on Monday morning at 9:00 at the club house. Everyone is welcome to join in. It's an easy game to learn if you have never played and we have a lot of laughs as we play. We would love to have some new members join us.

Also, I have had a request from two people recently to look into starting a second group that would play at 10:00 rather than 9:00, so they can get their morning exercise or swim in before the game. We would certainly consider this if there is enough interest.

We're a very informal group, with no permanent commitment required. Just come by on any Monday morning and give it a try.



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NORTHEAST CLUB By: Dick Gagner

The North East Club kicked off another season on the 7th of December with nearly 100 members joining and many more on the way. The cookie baking contest was a huge success with the prize for the best decorated going to Joan King, the best bar/rolled was an entry by Phyllis Cleaver and Nancy Lawrence's entry won for best drop style. Congratulations to our winners! As always in the spirit of Christmas, the club donated to Forest Park's own charity "The gifts of cheer" and to the Harry Chapin Food Bank. A special donation was also made to hospice in memory of one of the club's past presidents and one of Forest Park's most generous volunteers, Ray Preston. The next meeting will be themed Wild, Wild West, so watch for details, dust off your cowboy boots, get your tickets from Nancy Cooper or Chris Major and join the fun!

Here are the winning recepies:

Crazy Mixed Up Chocolate Chip Cookies By Nancy Lawrence

Preheat oven to 350

- 2 ¹/₄ cups all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon of baking soda
- 1 teaspoon of salt
- 1(2sticks butter) cups of butter softened
- ³/₄ cup of Splenda sugar blend
- ³/₄ cup of Splenda brown sugar blend
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 3 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup of chopped pistachios
- 1 cup black raisins
- 1 cup gold raisins
- 1cup craisins

COMBINE: Flour, baking soda and salt in a small bowl...beat butter, white & brown sugars and vanilla in a large bowl until creamy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually beat in flour mixture, stir in chips, nuts, raisins and craisins. Drop well rounded spoonfulls onto a ungreased baking sheet. Bake for about 13 minutes.

Cherry Kuchen Bars By Phyllis Cleaver

Beat together 1/2 C soft butter, 1/2 C shortening. Add 1 3/4 C sugar, 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder 1/2 tsp. salt. Beat into above mixture: 3 eggs, 1 tsp. vanilla,

3 C flour. Add: 1 21 oz. can cherry pie filling. Reserve 1 1/2 C of dough. Spread remaining dough into un greased $15 \times 10 \times 1$ " baking pan. Bake 12 min. Spread pie filling onto crust. Spoon reserved dough into small mounds on top of pie filling. Bake about 30 min. until top is light brown. Cool 10 min. Drizzle with powdered sugar icing. Cool completely, cut into bars. May substitute other pie filling flavors. Bake in 350 oven. Makes 32 bars

Pecan Shortbread Dipped In Chocolate By Joan King

- 6oz. butter $(1 \frac{1}{2} \text{ sticks})$
- ¹/₂ cup granulated sugar
- 2 tsp. vanilla

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- 1 ³/₄ cups all purpose flour
- 1/3 cup finely chopped pecans

In the bowl of an electric mixer, beat butter until smooth. Add sugar and salt and continue to mix until fluffy. Scrape down bowl and add in vanilla. Add the flour a little at a time and mix in ¹/₄ cup chopped pecans. Transfer dough to work surface and shape into disk. Wrap with plastic wrap and chill. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Spray baking pan or use parchment paper. Unwrap dough and roll out on floured surface. Cut with cookie cutters and place on baking sheets. Bake 8-10 minutes until set but not brown. Dip in chocolate. Sprinkle with remaining chopped pecans

DIPPING CHOCOLATE

- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1-2 tablespoons light corn syrup

Place ingredients in microwave safe bowl and microwave at 15 second intervals until melted. Stir until smooth. Dip cookies into chocolate and cool on parchment paper or rack



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NORTHEAST CLUB WILD WILD WEST PARTY

By: Nancy Cooper

Monday, Jan. 25th, 5:30 P. M.

Yippee-I-O.....Ride 'em Cowboys! Put on your fancy duds, saddle up the old mare and join your friends for a fun-filled night at the Shotgun Saloon as they travel back in time to the Wild, Wild West. Eat a hearty supper of stew with all the fixings and then sit back and be entertained by all the goings-on at the saloon. Don't forget to bring your own table setting and beverage of choice. Oh ya', you might want to bring a few extra dollars to bet on the horse race. Get your \$5 tickets from Nancy Cooper or Bev Benson on or before Jan. 18th. See ya'll there....

PINOCHLE By: Betty Hault

Pinochle is played every Sunday Night at 6:30 PM in the Activities Building .Please come and join us in on the fun.

PINE TREE KNOTS QUILT CLUB By: Gail Ford

We meet every Thursday morning from to 11 AM. Membership dues of \$15.00 a year are due the first part on January. We continue to work on the Bereavement



FOREST PARK SHUFFLEBOARD By: Bill Madill, Captain

Well our second meeting is over and we still are suffering from lack of participation from the park, hopefully it will get better as the season progresses, we



are going to start giving cash out for winners on the Thursdays, which will be for the players registered for house league. Monday and Friday are still open days for anyone who wants to play the time is still 10:00 a.m. but show up 15 minutes early for the draw, if we have enough players we will

have teams on Thursdays. Our next meeting is on Monday January 4 at 9:00.a.m, it only costs \$10.00 to register for the Thursday league and that includes the dinner at the end of the season, and the cash prizes hopefully weekly. Because of lack of participation and conflicting venues on Monday, we have changed Fun night from Mondays to Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M. hopefully this help the people from the NE club and Karaoke to be able to participate. Come on out and participate, we are all old enough to shuffle, meet new people and have fun. Good shuffling.

RED HAT LADIES *By: Marilyn Nufryk*

We will begin 2016 with a trip on January 20 for Lunch at the Captains Table in Fisherman's Village in Punta Gorda. This restaurant is on

Charlotte Harbor and since we will be on the second floor it should make for a great view. There are elevators available for those who need to use

them. After lunch here will be time for those who would like to browse in the many shops that will be open. For the Ladies who have difficulty walking, you can be dropped off at the restaurant because the parking lot is a distance away. Hope to see you then. Please meet at the Activities Building at 10:45.

HOLIDAY DINNER, THANK YOU! By: Nancy Cooper

I would like to thank all who made the Holiday Dinner a huge success. Nearly 200 residents came together to celebrate the season. Great food, great friendships and great prizes were enjoyed by many. Thank you to Jan Harmon for printing the tickets and Marilyn and Nick Nufryk for passing them out. A huge thank you to Chris Major for gathering the gifts and putting everything together. Mike Fanning and Doug Ford, the ham was perfect thanks to you! The servers and kitchen staff did a fantastic job...Nancy and Pete Lawrence, Gail Ford, Jo Ann and Dick Gagner, Kathy Fanning, Sandy and Bob Bagge, Mary Gibson and Bob Cooper...thank you. Gary Cochran, thank you for the holiday music. Thank you, also to all who donated gifts: Nancy and Pete Lawrence, Chris Major, Bo McClain, Gerry Bauer, Betty Campbell, Myra Santiago, Joni Emery, AMS Roofing, Fort Myers Pest Control, and our Veggie Man.

THANK YOU By: Bob Lang, Secretary

Thanks to all of our Board, membership, employees and contractors for your support and generous cooperation with the F.P.P.O.A. during my tenure through the years 2012, 2013 and 2015. It has been my pleasure to serve you, and I am proud of your accomplishments.

THANK YOU From: Gail Lang

I want all of my "family" and friends at Forest Park to know that I sincerely appreciate all of your acts of kindness during my recent hospitalization. I hope to get out of the hospital soon & return to KY for Christmas with the family, then back to Forest Park for the New Year.

THANK YOU FOR DONATING TOYS & CLOTHES FOR SUNCOAST CHILDREN By: Bernie & Ruth Booth

We wish to thank all residents of Forest Park that made such generous donations for the children's Suncoast Party. We were able to deliver 366 items of beautiful toys for children of all ages, as well as several items of clothing. We also would like to thank the elves that helped to take pictures, packages and deliver toys and provide transportation. The elves were Mary Diaz, Gary Eckels, Randy & Carol Shelton, Katie Stover and Al Thatcher.











JOKES and QUOTES...

NEIGHBORS

A man was telling his neighbor, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me over \$4000, but it's

state of the art. All of my hearing problems are over."

"That's great, answered the neighbor, "What kind is it?"

The man looked down at his arm, "12:30"

WIFE & HUSBAND

Wife texts husband on a cold winter morning "Windows frozen, won't open"

Husband texts back "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and gently tap edges with hammer"

Wife texts back 5 minutes later "Computer really messed up now"

GIRLS & LIPSTICK

According to a news report, a certain private school in Washington recently was faced with a unique problem.

A number of 12-year-old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom.

That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints.

Every night, the maintenance man would remove them and the next day, the girls would put them back.

Finally the principal decided that something had to be done.

She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man.

She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every night.

To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, she asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required.

He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it.

Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror. There are teachers, and then there are educators......

WALMART NOT FOR ALL RETIREE'S

After I retired, my wife insisted that I accompany her on her trips to Walmart. Unfortunately, like most men, I found shopping boring and preferred to get in and get out. Equally unfortunate, my wife is like most women - she loves to browse.

Yesterday my dear wife received the following lettercontinued on page 18

from the local Walmart:

Dear Mrs. Woolf,

Over the past six months, your husband has caused quite a commotion in our store. We cannot tolerate this behavior and have been forced to ban both of you from the store. Our complaints against your husband, Mr. Woolf, are listed below and are "documented by our video surveillance cameras":

1. June 15: He took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in other people's carts when they weren't looking.

2. July 2: Set all the alarm clocks in Housewares to go off at 5-minute intervals.

3. July 7: He made a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to the women's restroom.

4. July 19: Walked up to an employee and told her in an official voice, 'Code 3 in Housewares. Get on it right away'. This caused the employee to leave her assigned station and receive a reprimand from her Supervisor that in turn resulted in management getting involved causing management to lose time and costing the company money.

5. August 4: Went to the Service Desk and tried to reserve a bag of chips.

6. August 14: Moved a 'CAUTION - WET FLOOR' sign to a carpeted area.

7. August 15: Set up a tent in the camping department

and told the children shoppers they could come in if they would bring pillows and blankets from the bedding department - to which twenty children obliged.

8. August 23: When a clerk asked if they could help him he began crying and screamed, 'Why can't you people just leave me alone?' Emergency Medics were called.

9. September 4: Looked right into the security camera and used it as a mirror while he picked his nose.

10. September 10: While handling guns in the Sports department, he asked the clerk where the antidepressants were.

11. October 3: Darted around the Store suspiciously while loudly humming the 'Mission Impossible' theme.



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