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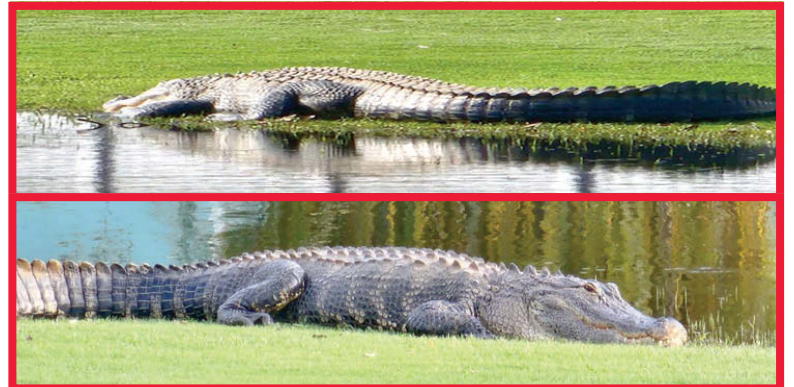


## DEL TURA'S MASCOT

By Leigh Anne Lawson

"Fluffy", the alligator who currently resides in the pond at the 7 West Hole on the Golf Course, literally stopped people in their tracks last week. Golf carts and cars were lined up outside the Dog Park snapping pictures of this big guy while Fluffy

was sunning himself and listening to the beautiful yelps of our puppies playing only yards away while enjoying a leisurely snack of someone's golf ball!



## 2024 NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

By Daniel Cruz, Chair

An Open Letter to HOA Members from your Nominating and Election Committee Chair. I am Daniel Cruz and I am honored to return for my fourth year as your Nominating and Election Committee (Committee) Chair. I am so grateful for the trust you and the Board have placed in our Committees. I am especially proud of those who have volunteered to serve on our Committees. Together, and with your support, we have perfected the Board of Director election process to where it is transparent, trusted, and bulletproof. Each year we broaden our Committee membership and those members have shared their positive Committee experiences gaining greater trust with each passing year. Contrary to popular belief, our Committee does not answer to the Community at large. Rather, we are quite purposefully an independent committee under the direction of assigned Board Liaison. Our role is a narrow one. Simply put, our charge is to effectively manage the election process in strict

accordance with the HOA Bylaws and Policies and Procedures.

Above all else, our Committee is excruciatingly careful to do nothing which might favor any one candidate over another. Unfortunately, there are a few in our community who will spread misinformation about the role of our Committee or the way we conduct the election process. Our Committee does our best to refute this misinformation and we ask you to do as well. As a resident and member of the HOA, you have the most important role in the election process. Your role is to be informed about your candidates and use your direct knowledge to guide your opinions and decisions. Despite what you may hear or read, we hope you know you trust your are conducted with the utmost integrity. You can help us by letting your neighbors know you trust your Nominating and Election Committee and its management of your election process.



## HOA BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS UNDERWAY!

At their January 10, 2024 regular HOA Board meeting, the Nominating and Election Committee presented the slate of candidates whose applications were received by the Committee. Pursuant to the By-Laws, the Board called for nominations and having received/receiving no such nominations from the floor, passed a motion to close the nominations.

The slate of candidates which will appear on the ballot for election of officers are as follows (not necessarily in ballot order); Darla Greer, Margie Hill, Bill Shell, Robert Hilton, Don Dowell, and David Tomaszewski.

The Nominating and Election Committee mailed Ballots on or about January 23, 2024 and, in accordance with the By-Laws,

all ballots must be received at the HOA office within 15 days of the date of mailing. Ballots which are received late will not be considered. Each Ballot includes instructions for completing and returning the ballot. A return envelope will be provided and ballots must be returned in the envelope provided (you will need to affix postage to the return envelope). Ballots which are not returned in the envelope provided will not be considered.

If you have any questions about the election process, feel free to contact the Nominating and Elections Committee Chair, Daniel Cruz, by phone at 239.443.7278 or email at daniellecruz@gmail.com.

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## ANNUAL HOA MEETING

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 - 7:00 PM - Starlight Ballroom

\* Committee Reports \* New Board Members



**TOWER DEADLINE:** The 10th of the month, for the following month's issue. All articles and flyers must be submitted in a Microsoft Word document format, or you may drop off at the HOA office in a TYPED or HAND PRINTED format only.

Questions - please contact us via e-mail: [dttoweredit@gmail.com](mailto:dttoweredit@gmail.com) or drop them at the office. Thank You







# VETERAN'S CORNER

By Steve Banko

"Anniversaries"... there are all kinds and they are often celebrated; things like birthdays, weddings ... positive mileposts in our lives. Other anniversaries aren't so pleasant to recall but are just as indelible as the joy in our lives. I'm coming up on one of those mileposts pretty soon.

It was the day, fifty-six years ago, when I first killed an enemy soldier. It is much easier to say "I killed an enemy" than "I killed a human being." There are a lot of days that I recall with angst, pain, and remorse from my semi-successful Southeast Asian tour but few burn with the endless gnawing pain resulting from taking a human life. When I arrived in Vietnam, I had naively thought I might make it a year without having to kill anyone, that I might be able to focus my energy and attention on preserving the lives of my comrades. That all ended on a very hot Sunday early in my tour when I surprised a pair of enemy soldiers in a nameless patch of jungle. I had, of course, trained for this eventuality in the "wilds" of Georgia, New Jersey, and

Louisiana but nothing ever prepares you to actually do it. I never thought I'd squeeze off two bullets that would end a man's life. And when I did, I knew that something inside of me died just as surely as did my target. The old me that had only known "combat" on the basketball courts and baseball diamonds of my youth leaked into the jungle floor along with the dying man's blood. My life as a combat soldier was born that day. I would maintain that persona for the rest of my time at war, needing it to preserve my own life and those of my men.

Some days, and most nights, I think back to those bad old days as just a nightmare that disappears in the consciousness of today. But the scars, physical and emotional, prove that I had actually lived that nightmare. I am frequently asked "when were you in Vietnam?" The physical and emotional residuals provide the answer: "last night." There are far too many nights when the memories elbow their way into my collective consciousness. The

memories replay on an endless loop, reminding me of the sheer terror and the numbing fatigue and the horror that are as crippling to the soul as the bullet wounds are to my body.

Long ago, I was naïve enough to think that surviving combat was all that was needed to bring me home. I have long since become convinced that only the dead have seen the end of war. Survival, itself, is another psychic wound that makes a veteran wonder if his survival was purchased by the death of a comrade. With this strange anniversary looming, I am left to ponder that question once again. I can only hope that I have done something with my life to honor the ultimate sacrifice rendered by so many. I can only hope that I've done something to help our country remember who we were, what we sacrificed and, most importantly, how much we loved each other. Those are memories and emotions worth sharing.

Thank you for your service Mr. Banko!!

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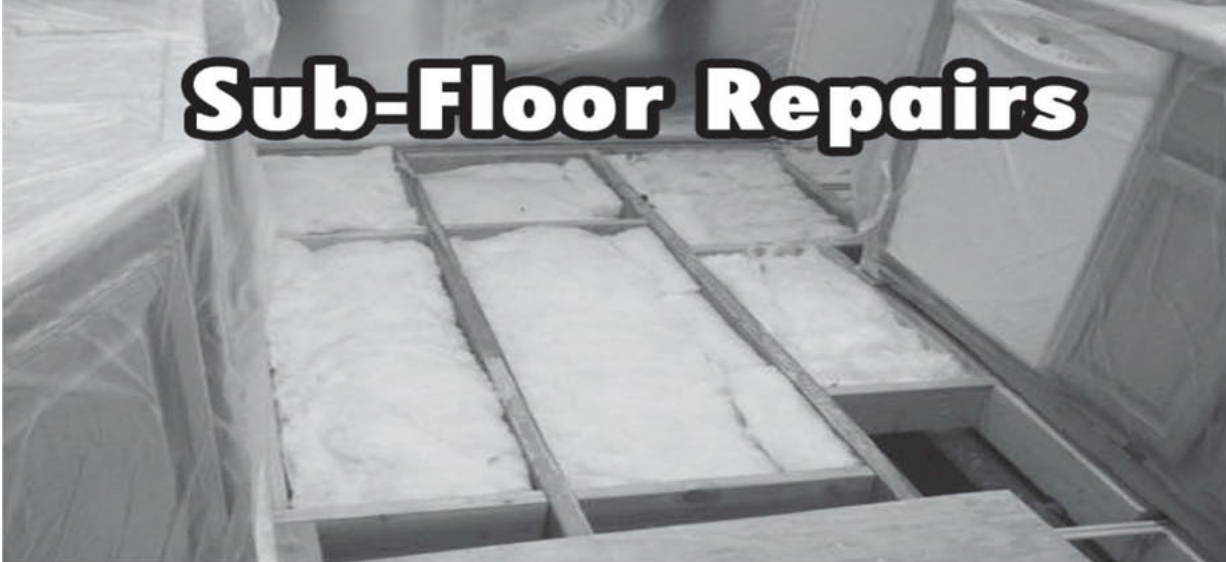


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# THURSDAY NIGHT BINGO By Jack Blevons

Welcome to February. Bingo has really been going strong since the first of the New Year. We've been having large crowds coming so have been giving away a lot of money to those lucky enough to win. Now that the holidays are over, we'll be having Bingo every Thursday night up in the main ballroom where we always have had it. Nothing has changed. The doors open at 5:45 p.m. We sell game sheets for an hour until 6:45 at which time we close the doors so we can get ready to start playing at 7:00. We are usually done by 9:00 or thereabouts. Prices to play are still the same as last year so hopefully that will not change.

We want to thank those on our crew that help us run Bingo every week.

We couldn't do without you fine people and also want to thank all of you that are nice enough to come and help us set up and tear down everything. Because of Janet's and my physical conditions, we could never get it done by ourselves. So, as long as we continue to have all this great help, we will keep running Bingo for as long as we can, and as long as our HOA wants us to.

It's a lot of behind the scenes work, but we do enjoy doing it. We will be having Bingo through the months of February and March. After that, the smaller version of Summer Bingo will take place until next October. Come have some fun playing and hopefully winning!



# SUGGESTION BOX

In addition to the suggestion boxes in the Starlight Ballroom and the HOA Office, you can email your suggestions to us at [DTHOASuggestionBox@gmail.com](mailto:DTHOASuggestionBox@gmail.com). Please include your NAME, STREET ADDRESS and PHONE NUMBER along with the issue you would like the HOA to address.

Briefly describe your issue/concern and any possible solutions. You will be notified when your suggestion is brought before the BOD, and what actions will be taken regarding it.

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The Outdoor Decorating Committee would like to thank the entire community for your positive feedback to this year's holiday display. It is fun to volunteer for such a large undertaking, when so many people appreciate what you have done. There is no doubt we had challenges. We had to work around electrical issues, as well as a conflict with the new landscaping installation. But we got it done. The entrance, courtyard and main pool were decked out and brought holiday spirit to our Del Tura residents.

We had an excellent group of volunteers. Thank you to, Jilly Dodds, Richard Donges, Bob and Nancy Harris, Mike and Faye Hanrahan, Jeanne Liedel, Patt Glen, Steve and Darlene Fincham, Ruthie Kurza, Dan Larson, Cathy Lovrin, Marcy Wagner, Bill and Brenda Larion, Vicki Divis, Steve Roberson, Deb Kendall, Marly Haag, Lisa, and Frank Bellanca. A shout out to Linda Laird's grandsons who spent a very warm afternoon

wrapping ground lighting. A huge thank you to Steve Fincham. Without his relentless efforts to keep the electrical working, none of the entrance lighting would have been possible. He spent countless hours trying to figure out how to make our decorating visions come true.

Going forward. Darlene and Lisa cannot chair the Outdoor Decorating Committee next year. We are hoping that someone (or a group of people) will step up and take this committee over. The Del Tura tradition of decorating for the holidays has gone on for many years. We hope that it will not end in



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# F.I.S.H. NEWS

By Laura Dritt, F.I.S.H. President

We have a lot to talk about. In January Sherwood & Dorothy Cook opened their house so people could see the beautiful trees and Christmas decorations. They have at least one tree in every room! We raised about \$490 dollars towards our goal of hosting a luncheon for our residents over 90. We haven't reached that goal yet, so we are going to have another fundraiser in March. We are going to raffle off used purses. Many of us have used good condition purses that we don't want. Please donate the purses to F.I.S.H. Then, in March we will have a raffle where people can win one of the donated purses. You can switch up your purse game and help us at the same time! In order to do this, we need purses that are in good condition. You can drop them off at my house or the Benjamins anytime. My address is 263 Las Palmas, the Benjamins is 1131 La Paloma Blvd. If we're not home, there is a container on the front porch where you can leave them. You can also take them to Tuesday Morning Coffee and drop them off at the F.I.S.H. table. More details on the raffle will be in the March Tower and on Facebook.

Finally, I am making an appeal for volunteers to do medical equipment deliveries. What do you need to do? When called, deliver

equipment like a wheelchair, walker, etc. to somebody's house. Medical equipment drivers also pick up equipment from people when they no longer need it. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at 630-759-1757, email me at ldritt75@gmail.com, or see me at Tuesday Morning Coffee. Finally, as always if you need our help, please call the F.I.S.H. line (239-997-3474).

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**DEL TURA AT-THE-HYDRANT**  
*Submitted by Justine Fitzgibbons and written by Dorinda Doyle*

Hi! My name is Blaise. I was born July 14, 2023 in Oregon. My Daddy spotted a notice posted at the Country Store:

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Together with Mommy, Daddy and my big Sister Ruby, I traveled for eleven days across the Country from Oregon to Del Tura in a pick up truck. It was a cozy adventure. In Colorado, with a mountain stream running alongside Highway 70, I so wanted to go for a swim. In New Mexico, with a herd of wild horses galloping alongside our truck, I so wanted to run with them. In Texas, peering down from a dock... I did it! I took a nosedive into a lake for my first swim!!! Daddy pulled me out of the lake.

My big sister Ruby is a Del Tura Dog Park Legend. Together with her best friend Gordon Fitzgibbons, they were the first to visit Del Tura Dog Park when it opened and Ruby was the first dog to poop in the park! Ruby is a great big sister. She is patient, kind and forgiving. And I am enjoying the company of my new friends Buddy, Lucky and Dozer who are as energetic and playful as me with Little Nova staying close by supervising our raucous play. My cousin Boots and my Auntie Maura Englert enjoy the daily afternoon doggy get togethers at the dog park.

Thank you HomeTown America and the Friends of Del Tura Dog Park for providing a safe place for me and my friends to run and romp. And while Del Tura is not Oregon, It's



doggy heaven with so many birds and squirrels, I really want to chase them!!

Regards, Blaise

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Beginner Ballroom dance lessons will be offered on Mondays in January and February in the Starlight Ballroom from 5-6 pm beginning January 8, 2024. Partners are not needed. Come and learn some basic beginner steps of popular dances that can be used on the dance floor of Del Tura. For safety, please wear smooth soled shoes, no flip-flops. Please contact Cindy or Ken Baron at 603-398-8001 with questions Hope to see you in January!



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**NINE HOLE WOMEN'S GOLF**

By Nancy Ashe

Great participation in our 9 Hole Women's Member/ Member Tournament on December 13 and 14, 2023. Many appeared in various costumes to brighten the day and all had a great time. Pictures of the winners are listed below. We move forward to our Club Championship on January 24 and 25, 2024 and our Valentine's Couples Challenge will be held on February 7, 2024 followed with dinner and award presentations. Never a dull moment with this group of energized ladies who love to golf.



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10 BETHANNE LIVE 2-5PM	11 SUPERBOWL PARTY! F&B SPECIALS	12 SMOKN BILL LIVE MUSIC 5-8	13 KARAOKE PARTY 5-8	14 LIVE MUSIC COLTON 5-8	15 TRIVIA NIGHT! 5-8	16 LIVE MUSIC MIKE GLEAN! 5-8PM
17 FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS 5-8	18 \$5 DRINK SPECIALS	19 SMOKN BILL LIVE MUSIC 5-8	20 KARAOKE PARTY 5-8	21 LIVE MUSIC COLTON 5-8	22 TRIVIA NIGHT! 5-8	23 LIVE MUSIC "JAY & CHERYL" 5-8PM
24 BETHANNE LIVE 2-5PM	25 \$5 DRINK SPECIALS	26 SMOKN BILL LIVE MUSIC 5-8	27 KARAOKE PARTY 5-8	28 LIVE MUSIC COLTON 5-8	29 TRIVIA NIGHT! 5-8	3/1 LIVE MUSIC MIKE GLEAN! 5-8PM

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# 18 HOLE WOMEN'S GOLF

By Tammi Carleton

Are you wondering what the 18-Hole Women's Golf League upcoming events are? The ladies have organized a few fun tournaments that are sure to perk your excitement!

First off, there is the "Valentine's Day Tournament" that will be taking place on February 8th. What better way to celebrate with your loved one than on the golf course? When we say "loved one", this can be your spouse, or "significant other", or maybe you want to play with a dear friend! Whoever you want to play with is entirely up to you! The cost to play is \$25 per couple, so make sure to get your name on the sign-up sheet in the dungeon. Next we have the "Member-Guest Tournament" on February 29th. The theme for this event is "Swing for Bling", so be sure to come out in your dazzling attire and blazing glory! The "Club Championship" is a three day event that takes place on March 21st, 27th and 28th. More details about this will be provided in next month's article.

Not a member of the 18 Hole Women's Golf League yet? It's never too late to join! The annual membership fee is just \$35, so please contact Cilla Canney at 978-314-3773 and she will be happy to provide you with all of the information you need. We would like to welcome our newest members for 2024: Annie Borns, Joan Hook, Susie LaRocco, Corrie Leekie, Bobbi Nash, Connie Racine and Patty Trepanier! We are thrilled to have you with us!

Be sure to mark these events on your calendar, so that you don't miss out on all the fun! We look forward to seeing all of you on the links!

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## CERT By Lisa Bellanca

On February 23, 2024, CERT will be hosting a Lee County Health Blood Drive. If you are interested in signing up for a time slot, please contact Sue Smith or Debbie Overholser. March 30, 2024 CERT is sponsoring a Golf Tournament. It is a 6 Man Hit; Sit format, with a lunch to follow. All profits from this event will be used within the community for supplies and necessities for your Community Emergency Response Team. Registration dates will be announced shortly. Just because hurricane season is behind us doesn't mean you should not be aware of the weather conditions around you. Always have a plan to get to safety if hazardous weather breaks out.



Anyone interested in joining the community CERT Team can reach out to Bertie Dugo for more information, at 617-974-8502.

# SAVE THE DATE

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# CANDIDATES FOR DEL TURA H.O.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## DAVID TOMASZEWSKI

Linda and I have lived in Del Tura for four years. I have served on the Board for three years, the last two years as Secretary. Former member of the Grounds Committee and currently the liaison to the Grounds Committee. My background for most of my years have been in management and finance. I have also worked as a front line worker on the union side and also on the management side. Before leaving St. Louis, I was also a member of King Church serving on the church council and held offices of recording secretary and treasurer.

Del Tura is a great community and I would like to help make it even a better place to live. We need a board with ideas and ways to solve or come to an agreement of situations or problems within Del Tura. We all need to give back to our community. I would like to continue working with the board in finding ways to better communicate with both the residents and Hometown America. Your support is greatly appreciated.



## DON DOWELL

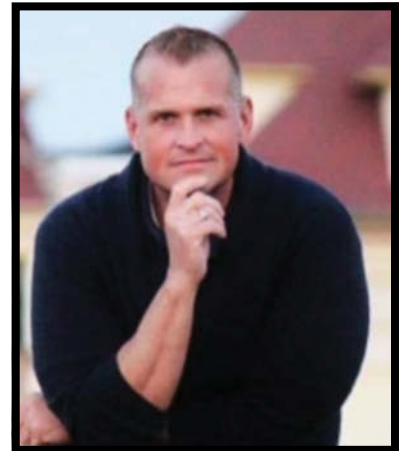
Carol and I have lived in Del Tura for 19 years. I am a U.S. Navy veteran. I owned two TV and electronic stores with 23 employees for 20 years after the Navy. I started a new career as a financial advisor for the next 24 years. During that time, I helped my clients reach many goals. I served on the Board of Washington Square Merchants Association; I was also Treasurer on the Board of Directors of our Indiana Condo Association. Since moving to Del Tura, I have served on many committees, I've served as past President and Treasurer of the Del Tura Tennis Association. I served on the HOA Board as Director and Vice President. I am also on the Entertainment Committee. I feel my background indicates

that I have the ability to work with people and help make decisions. I have and always will work for the betterment of Del Tura.

## ROBERT (BOB) HILTON

Nuno and I have lived in Del Tura for two years. My background consists of over 40 years experience as a representative serving on both sides of HOA Boards. In 1990, I served as the liaison on the board for my company for condo hotel and condo development. I have served on boards for theaters, tourism and condo boards where I have resided. I don't profess to know everything, but my knowledge and experience gives me some of the tools necessary to serve on the board of directors.

I would like to serve on the board as I believe most people who live in Del Tura want change without conflict. The residents, members and board directors of the association who live here are great. We are all trying to make Del Tura a better place for all of us to live.



## MARGIE HILL

My husband Marv and I have lived in Del Tura for the last 3 1/2 years. We are year-round residents and are invested in enhancing the experience of living in our community in every way possible. Currently, I am on the Statutory Committee, designated by the current HOA Board. Earning my Master's degree in Counseling has enabled me to be involved in both the academic and social services fields and to have diverse professional positions and experiences. I have worked at Pace Center for Girls, a national non-profit organization for at-risk girls, for more than 12 years. Prior to that my employment includes the Department of State, Department of Defense, American Red Cross, Moffitt Cancer Center, and various school boards.

Community service is extremely important to me and, as a result, I have held many Board positions to include those with the Department of Juvenile Justice Board, Executive Committee; Human Trafficking Task Force, Education and Awareness Co-chair, Circuit 10 Lakeland Rotary Club, Board of Directors, STARS Co-chair; USF Polk Alumni, Board of Directors.

It would be my honor to serve on the Del Tura HOA Board and to collaborate with the Board, members, and residents in moving forward with goals to benefit all residents.

## DARLA GREER

As a full time resident of Del Tura for three years, my husband Bryant and I are active members in the community. We participate in many events and volunteer our time wherever needed. I am currently the Chairperson for the annual Golf Cart Parades. I volunteer as a sub in the HOA office, and have assisted in several fundraising events. I am currently working on a fundraising Golf Tournament in memory of Jimmy Wilson that will take place on April 6th. All proceeds will go to St. Jude's Childrens Hospital and benefit all of the little ones suffering from cancer. These are the type of things near and dear to my heart, helping those in need.

I thrive in leadership roles, enjoy networking and problem solving. My degree in Computer Science and my Real Estate License led to a successful career. Although I am technically retired, I am currently working part time as an Office Manager in a local business.

My goal of serving on the Del Tura HOA board is not only to hear your questions and concerns, but work together as a community to find solutions. I would greatly appreciate your vote!



## BILL SHELL

My wife Linda and I are excited to be part of the Del Tura community. Since arriving at Del Tura in December of 2022 I have had the honor to help with sound and lighting for several community events. We are seasonal residents at Del Tura and live on Santa Clara Lane.

As a candidate for HOA board, I bring 40+ years of leadership experience in starting, growing, and managing private, public, and non-profit organizations, as well as serving on numerous corporate boards, including two full governance HOA boards.

My background includes corporate and entrepreneurial endeavors, and for the past twenty years have served as a Certified Professional Coach and business strategist for hundreds of firms.

If selected for the Del Tura HOA board my focus will be on building an environment that is conducive for community (owner) engagement, clear and open communications, transparency in board and committee actions, and pursue financial integrity between HTA and we owners. My governing philosophy is "while at times we may not agree on specific issues, we can come to an understanding that best represents, and impacts the needs of our community."



## WRITER'S WORKSHOP

By Nancy Davy

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A new year is upon us, and I'd like to reach out to all of you to wish you all the best in 2024. As the beginning of any new year brings us to reflect on our past and take positive steps towards a better future, please consider joining our group.

'What? I can't write!' you may be thinking. But, do you know what? You can! Writing can be a free flow of thoughts, put on paper, that can help us heal through expressing pain. It can also express humor, share an experience, or provide a needed release. As we take on different challenges, study various emotions, and hone our descriptive skills, we are able to gain insight and perspective through the sharing of our journey with the group. But the main objective is to have fun.

We're looking forward to meeting Monday, February 12th and Monday, February 26th, at 4 pm in the Royal Palm

Room. If you'd like to join us as a new member, please text 607-769-5766) OR email me to let me know you are interested. My email address is ndavy01@gmail.com. You'll need to provide me with your name, your email address, and your cell phone number. Our challenge this time is personification, which brings an inanimate subject that we are observing to life. There are various methods, but this exercise asks us to describe the subject from an onlooker's point of view and does not show our emotional reaction to our observations. Here's an example, recalled from years ago when there were two teenagers in the house and a husband active in sports as well.

**Hall Closet - Nancy Davy from my book, *Dreaming In Color***  
You wait in jumbled order for the door to be sprung open. The light reveals a large array of "good" coats on

metal hangers, that stand in disciplined precision along the right wall. Opposite, on wire hooks, hang the "everydays", heaped one upon the other. When I sometimes turn the light on and find one lying in a heap, I fancy that they jostle for position in the darkness. You are a plain - small, narrow room, drawing all of your personality from your contents. You hold baseball caps of every color. They look down silently from nails along the walls. Some are worn and dirty; others prized, immaculate. There is the sense of stifled action as I glance across the floor. Here baseball bats and softballs; faded ball glove in repose. Heavy winter boots and gloves are transferred front to back as seasons alter. A bowling bag rests against the wall, a dangling handle torn by years of use. Soccer cleats, a color guard rifle, pushed to the back and buried. Rollerblades and helmet, elbow pads and shin guards, and a borrowed pair of crutches.



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# Treasury bonds: Still safe for investors

You may have read reports about an impending “debt crisis” in the U.S. Should you be worried about investing in Treasury securities? Part of the concern over debt has been driven by the cost of government borrowing, which has risen because of higher interest rates. But it’s worth noting that while interest expenses have risen to nearly 2% of gross domestic product (GDP), this measure had exceeded 3% in the early 1990s. So, while the upward trend of federal debt could prove problematic down the road, the claims of a current crisis may be overblown. And Treasury securities are still considered among the safest investments in the world, as they are secured by the full faith and credit — that is, the ability to borrow and tax — of the United States. In any case, if you haven’t invested in Treasury securities, you’ll want to know the basics. First of all, when you purchase a Treasury security, you’re lending money to the federal government for a specific period of time.

**Here are your purchase options:**

- Treasury bill – Typically matures in four, 13 or 26 weeks, although some have maturities of up to a year.
- Treasury note – Matures between one and 10 years.
- Treasury bond – Typically matures in 10 to 30 years.

When you buy Treasury notes or bonds, you receive semiannual interest payments, but when you purchase a Treasury bill — a T-bill — you generally buy it a discount, and when the bill matures, you receive its face value. So, for instance, you might pay \$4,700 for a 13-week T-bill and get \$5,000 back at the end of the three months.

**When investing in Treasury securities, you’ll want to keep these features in mind:**

**Price fluctuation** – While your interest payments will always remain the same, the market value of your Treasury security can change. So, you might not get face value for a Treasury bond if you sell it before it matures, particularly if market interest rates are higher than the rate you’ve been receiving. Because longer-term bonds have more payments left to make than shorter-term ones, they are more sensitive to interest rate changes and market price fluctuations.

**Taxes** – Interest income from Treasury securities is subject to federal income tax but exempt from state and local taxes.

In addition to the traditional Treasury bonds, bills and notes, another option is available: Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS). Unlike other Treasury securities, in which the principal is fixed, the principal of a TIPS can move up or down, based on movements in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers (CPI-U). Once your TIPS matures, if the principal is higher than the original amount, you’ll get the increased amount; if the principal is equal to or less than the original amount, you’ll get the original amount. TIPS pay a fixed interest rate semiannually until maturity, but because interest is paid on the adjusted principal, the amount of your interest payments can vary. As with other Treasury securities, you can hold a TIPS until maturity or sell it before it matures.

Don’t let scary or gloomy predictions discourage you from considering Treasuries — they remain a good option as part of the fixed-income portion of your investment portfolio.

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Activity	Location	Contact	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
<b>Exercise</b>										
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Tap Dancing	Starlight Ballroom	Deb Cali 239-567-2925				11:45-12:45				
Tura Zumba / Dance Fitness	Starlight Ballroom	Adele Guthreau 973-865-8336	9:00-10:00		9:00-10:00		9:00-10:00			
Water Arthritis (Nov-Apr)	Main Pool	Laura Strickland, Certified Water Arthritis Instructor, 614-805-2173		10:00-11:00		10:00-11:00		10:00-11:00		
Water Aerobics	North Pool	Betty Scheetz 609-477-9147	11:00-12:00		11:00-12:00		11:00-12:00			
Water Noodle Aerobics	North Pool	Marylou Buss 612-718-7878		11:00-12:00		11:00-12:00			7:00 PM	
Water Walking	North Pool	Marylou Buss; 617-718-7878	8:00-11:00	8:00-11:00	8:00-11:00	8:00-11:00	8:00-11:00	8:00-11:00	8:00-11:00	
Yoga Relaxation	Starlight Ballroom	Dea Wells 283-5603			10:30 - 11:30		10:30 - 11:30			
<b>Sports</b>										
Billiards, Men's	Billiards Room	Ernie Page 239-599-4272	1:00-3:00							
Bocce (Nov-April)	Bocce Ball Court	Peggy Terrasi 603-236-2209 <a href="mailto:peggyterrasi@gmail.com">peggyterrasi@gmail.com</a>	4:00 PM							
Bocce and Burgers (All Year)	Bocce Ball Court	Janet DeCosmo 239-776-9161							4:00	
Bowling Mixed League (Nov-Mar)	Bowlero Coral on Santa Barbara	Denise Rose 815-222-6466		1:20						
Bowling For Fun	Bowlero Coral on Santa Barbara	Barb Green 302-463-7577						2:00		
Golf, Men's 18 Hole League		Bill Gronek 810-990-5878			8:00					
Golf, Men's 9 Hole League		Bart De Graaf 239-599-4404			8:00					
Golf, Women's 18 Hole League		Margie Blackwell 239-789-8060				8:30				
Golf, Women's 9 Hole League		Kathy Klein 715-927-1163				8:30				
Horseshoes	Horseshoe Court	Del Tura is in search of a Horseshoe Activity Contact. Playing time is TBD. Please contact Dennis Cottini								
Pickleball	Pickleball Court	Janice Dodge 608-225-5227	open play	open play	open play	open play	open play	open play	open play	
Pickleball Practice	Pickleball Court			5:00		5:00			5:00	
Ping Pong	Jacaranda Room	Joe Rivera 631-786-6430				2:00 - 4:00				
Shuffleboard, Fun Couples	Shuffleboard Court	Darlene Brinker 586-431-0022	7:00 PM							
Shuffleboard, Traveling Team (Dec-Mar)		Glenn Tointon 920-309-1294			12:30					
Shuffleboard Open (Oct-Mar)	Shuffleboard Court	Judy Lessard 239-217-0924		2:30						
Shuffleboard Open (Apr-Sept)	Shuffleboard Court	Judy Lessard 239-217-0924		10:00 AM			10:00 AM			
Softball	Punta Gorda	Jim Hamilton 208-313-1321	5:30		5:30					
Tennis, Mixed, Open		Alice Harmon 954 478 4033 <a href="mailto:allieoop33@gmail.com">allieoop33@gmail.com</a>	8:00-10:00		8:00-10:00		8:00-10:00	8:00-10:00		
<b>Games</b>										
Bingo, doors open at 6:00pm, sales end at 6:45pm (Oct-Mar) (HOA Sponsored)	Starlight Ballroom	Jack & Janet Blevons 731-0892				7:00-9:30				
Bingo (all year)	Starlight Ballroom	Liz Poniatowski 800-2935	11:00-12:00							
Bridge, Duplicate	Jacaranda Room	TBD								
Bunco, (*All year, 1st & 3rd Wed of each month)	Poinciana Ballroom	Patty Large 559-285-2389			6:00-8:30					
Canasta	Jacaranda Room	Jean Cornwell 239-731-1580		1:00-4:00						
Dominoes	Royal Palm Room	Ruth Anten 997-9779			5:30-9:30					
Euchre	Poinciana Room	Marcella Carothers 239-233-6153		7:00-9:00						
Farkle	Poinciana Ballroom	Ruth Anten 997-9779	6:00-9:00							
Hand, Knee & Foot Card Game	Poinciana Room	Claire McNair 508-344-9920	12:45-4:00			12:45-4:00	12:45-4:00			
Left Center Right	Poinciana Room	Donna Henriques 239-540-1204	2nd & 4th Wed from 6:00 - 8:00 pm							
Mahjong	Jacaranda Room	Jean Cornwell 239-731-1580	1:00-4:00							
Mahjong	Card Room II	Pat Steele 863-446-2685				6:00				
Mahjong	Poinciana Room	Jean Sheaffer 330-201-6128		1:00-4:00						
Mahjong	Jacaranda Room	Ruth Anten 997-9779		6:00						
May I Card Game	Royal Palm Room	Jane Sheaffer 330-201-6128			1:00-4:00					
Mexican Train	Jacaranda Room	Barbara Turner 301-367-0917					1:00-4:00			
Pinochle	Jacaranda Room	Marcella Carothers 239-233-6153			6:45-10:00					
Rummi-kub	Jacaranda Room	Jean Cornwell 239-731-1580			1:00 - 4:00					
Samba	Royal Palm Room	Sandy Vassallo 248-755-1176 OR Debbie Welty 239-229-3928			1:00 - 4:00		12:45-4:00	Friday w/Claire McNair 508-344-9920		
Texas Hold 'Em	Card room 1	Mark Clover 239-980-3964	3:00		3:00		3:00			
<b>Other Activities and Clubs</b>										
Blood Pressure Readings (before coffee)	Starlight Ballroom	Marcella Carothers 239-233-6153		8:00-9:00						
Card Making (Oct-April)	Royal Palm Room	Mary Kay Tointon 920-309-2121 Gay Dye 614-519-8045			9:00-12:00					
Ceramics	Across from bocce court	Ruth Ann Blevins 239-220-9381	9:00-12:00		9:00-12:00		9:00-12:00			
Choralaires, (Sep-Mar)	Starlight Ballroom	Janelle Shallenberger, 765-437-2130		6:30						
Coffee & Social Hour	Starlight Ballroom	Kathy Williamson 239-825-5708		8:00						
Creative Writers Group	Royal Palm Room	Nancy Davy 239-599-4631	4:00 PM							
Garden Club, (*1st Friday of month)	Jacaranda Room	Rosemary Eiden 813-220-9269					10:00-11:00			
Good Timers, (*1st Tuesday of month)	Starlight Ballroom	Sandra Boykin 410-491-8824		4:00*						
Library, open every day	Clubhouse, Lower Level	Barb Jones 239-543-6922 Kathleen Quigley 239-543-1067								
Quilting/Sewing Club	Starlight Ballroom	Wendy Wells 309-264-9147		After Coffee until 3:00						
Wood Carving (Nov-May)	Ceramic Room	Bernie Forsey 239-217-6024	9:00-12:00							



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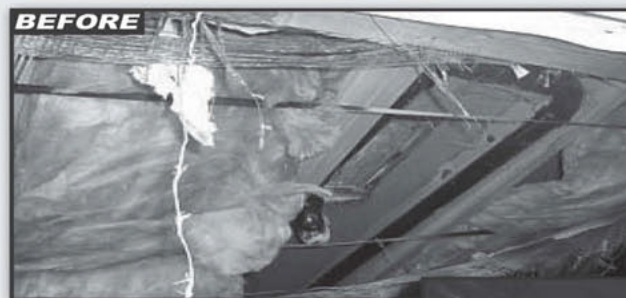
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# MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

By Dan Haag, President DTMGA

January was a very busy golf month! We had the very popular Bloody Mary Tournament on January 1st and also Glow Ball January 22nd. For those that are not familiar with Glow Ball, it is nine holes, played at dark with balls that glow and the holes played have no water! It is very fun and something very different. Both of those fun events are sponsored by the Pro Shop. Thanks to Butch Webb and the proshop staff for running these so well.

The DTMGA has also completed three events in January. On January 3rd and 4th, we had a very fun and successful Jack and Jill Tournament. There were 132 players in three categories, Gold, White and Blue flights. The winners in the Gold flight were two teams tied for 1st place. Tom and Jan Hoffay and Kathy and Dave Klein. Winners in White flight 2 were Donna and Greg Roberts. White flight 1 winners were Karen and Chris Waterbury. White flight 1 winners were Karen and Chris Waterbury and the overall winners, in the Blue flight, were Greg and Martha Stockinger. Also, in January was the Awards Banquet and the Men's 2 Ball Tournament. As of this writing, we don't have

results and pictures for these two events yet but hope to for the March Tower.

February is also a busy month with the Member/Member Tournament February 14th and 15th, the Divorce Open on the 17th (proshop sponsored) and the general membership meeting on February 21st. ALSO! February 10th is the deadline to sign up for the MEMBER/GUEST. This is three days of fun golf!! February 29th is practice rounds of golf for you and your partner, March 1st is your first round of golf followed by lunch from Mission Barbeque in the Starlight Ballroom and Pari-mutuel betting. Friday also has a fun 9-hole scramble for wives of players and also includes lunch! March 2nd is the final round of golf, with dinner, for players and wives, by Long Horn Steakhouse in the Starlight Ballroom that night. All men will receive a commemorative golf shirt and tumbler. The cost is \$150 per player, please sign up in the ProShop for shirt size and meal selections.

As always, if you have any questions or comments please contact me at 614-206-9002.



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**DEL TURA SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE** *By Glenn Tointon*

**SHUFFLEBOARD AT ITS FINEST**  
 Our twenty team Friday League is well into the season with some great records! In first place with an unbelievable record is Cyndi and Bernie Grilli with a 17-1 record. Their only loss came this week at the sticks of MaryKay and Glenn Tointon. In third place is Deb Mormon and Craig Evans at 14-4, and in third is Bruce Blackmore and Lynn Brenfleck at 13-5. In fourth place is Ken and Janice Dodge at 12-6 followed by Glenn and MaryKay who are tied with Ken Trombly and Darlene Wedyke at 11-7. The remaining teams are bunched closely trying to close in on the front runners. On the county scene, Martha Anneshly,

Nella Meehan, Judy Lessard, Deb Mormon, MaryKay and Glenn Tointon all entered a PRO/AM tournament at Lee County. Everyone did very well with Martha and MaryKay, with their partners losing in the semi finals. This was our biggest and best showing of the year!. Also, Glenn entered a State Amateur tournament on January 8th and placed fourth in consolation.

Please be reminded that we have open shuffleboard on Monday night under the lights for anyone, beginners included, at 7:00pm. Also, every Tuesday at 2:30 we have open play for everyone. Come try us out.

**DEL TURA BOWLING** *By Cindy Baron*

Week 7 of the Del Tura bowling league shows the Turkey Hunters consisting of Steve Thibodeau, Chris Bunker, Danny McDonald and Susan Brown in first place.

The second place team is No Harm In Trying with Linda Laird, Susan Carson, Bob Harmon and John Thayer.

We play Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 and play through March. This is a fun league with bowlers

of all skill levels and is a great afternoon to spend with friends and enjoy the sport of bowling.

If you would like to participate, subs are always needed.

League officers are Denise Rose, Cindy Baron and Sue Brown.

If you are interested in additional information, please contact Denise Rose at 816-222-6466.

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# EX-GATE GABBER By Michael Johnson

Ok, we're in the hospital... NOT now, but back in 1972. Whew!

I'm in for the umpteenth time for abdominal surgery. The doctor is going to try and correct a long-standing hernia problem. The nurses come into my room and prepare me for my short gurney trip to the OR. Next thing I remember is being wheeled back to my room. I arrived.

It's not the room I originally occupied and one of the nurses tells me: "We're putting you in a different room, cause a new patient is being admitted to your old room." It really makes no difference to me. I just want to get in bed and sleep.

That accomplished, I dozed off when two male aides appeared in the doorway of my room and one said: "Time to get up and ready" I can't speak due to the pain in my abdomen and my diaphragm doesn't seem to be working properly. So, there I am, unable to explain I just returned from surgery.

The other aid says: "It's time to prepare you for your scheduled brain surgery." Now, I'm wondering if this is an anesthetic dream or what... BRAIN SURGERY????!!

I'm thinking this HAS to be a mistake or a crazy joke or what?? They approach my bed and begin to unwrap me from my cozy sheet and get me to sit up. I still can't speak.

Fortunately, a Floor Nurse happens upon the scene and raises the alarm by saying in a loud voice: "What are you doing? Mr. Johnson JUST got out of surgery." One of the aides proclaims: "We were told Mr. Johnson is scheduled for brain surgery this morning." Well, the confusion lies in the fact that 'a' Mr. Johnson was scheduled for brain surgery. But, a DIFFERENT Mr. Johnson. Coincidentally, the room I was wheeled to following surgery was occupied by the other Mr. Johnson, who was actually scheduled for brain surgery. I'm thinking it's time for a name change!

When I was released from the hospital and was ready to return to my job at Underhill Farm and Garden Center (see last issue) I received a call at home from my friend and boss Edgar. He informed me that the garden store burned down overnight. So, not only time for a name change, time for a new job!!!

See ya next month...

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# TENNIS AT DEL TURA *By Stuart Rosenthal*

This will hopefully be my last posting to The Tower as we have a new board coming in. At our Annual Meeting, held on January 7, 2024, we elected the following people to our board: Mike Raymer, Nancy Joseph, Patty Somers, Eric Ellman, Deb Kendall, and Jodi Smith-glick. They will meet, after enjoying our catered luncheon by the Italian Grocery Store and Delicatessen Tuscany, from Ft. Myers.

Our Fall league has completed and the Winner of Level 1 was Denny Erickson and second place was Gerry Benjamins. There was a tie for 3rd place between Joe Pollock and Nancy Joseph. Our Level 2 Winners were: First Place Woody Cook, 2nd Place Stan Loson, 3rd Place was Rob Stephens.

On Saturday, January 13, 2024 was our first of two Friendship tournaments, organized by Denny Erickson. The other will be sometime in March.

So my "Reign of Terror" ended on Sunday, January 7th. In speaking to my good friend and a heck of a tennis player, Gerry

Benjamins, we discussed Del Tura activities and Gerry said it's the Volunteers who make this such a fun place to live. I personally think that every person who plays tennis should volunteer to sit on the board for a year or two. You absolutely see what goes on behind the scenes! Lastly, I'd really like to thank my V.P. Patty Somer. I could write longer stories about Patty but won't. My treasurer, Karen Woodbury is my right hand. She is an outstanding person and friend and I think very highly of her. My Secretary, Eric Ellman, did a great job detailing all our meetings and he's also one of my best friends here too. Roy Musgrove served as "at-large member". He and his girlfriend Kathy Jones did a phenomenal job with organizing our annual banquet (and a great friend too). Lastly, our event coordinator, Maryanne Tecun was invaluable as an "at-large" officer. One of the best people I ever met.

Best of luck to all members and future members of Del Tura Tennis.



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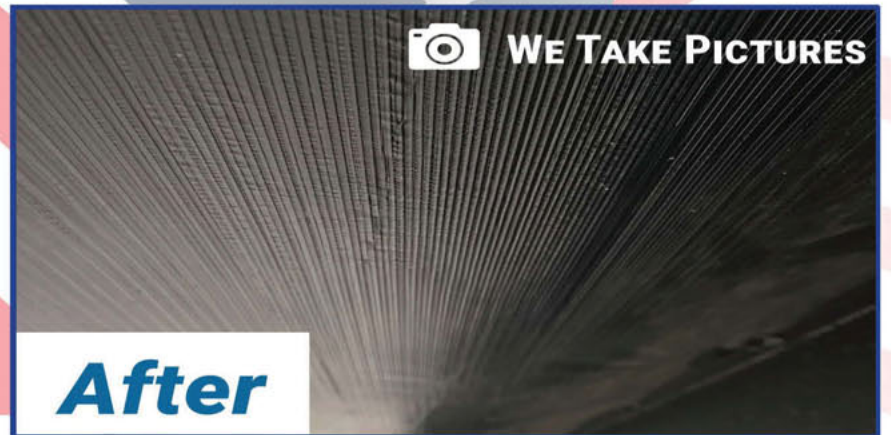
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# NEW TENNIS BOARD *By Mike Raymer*

Well hello Del Tura residents. We would like to extend a big welcome from our "new" Board for Tennis. Mike Raymer (President), Nancy Joseph (Vice-President), Deborah Kendall (Secretary), Patty Somers (Treasurer), Jim Lamon (Delegate at large) and Eric Ellmann (Delegate at large).

We have so much to offer from the beginner tennis player right up to seasoned veterans. Our open tennis is now moving to 7 days a week from 8-10am so come out and join us and have a blast any day of the week.

## All you need is a racket and some running shoes!

We also have beginner tennis lessons starting on Tuesday Jan 23 at 10:00am and running every Tuesday until Feb 27th.

We have ladies' teams at the 3.5 minus, Swift, Bronze, and Nichol levels that are underway, as well as Men/Women Progressive Partners Doubles Fall & Winter Leagues.

If interested in joining any of our leagues next fall please speak to one of our board members we would love to have you join!

We currently have 3 Tournaments every year - Up and Down Tournament

in December, Friendship Tournament held in January and a Spring Invitational Tournament coming up March 9 & 10th - please check out those dates and times on our information board in the Screen room by the tennis courts if you would like to join as sign-up sheets will be going up on Sunday February 5th.

Congratulations to the Winners and finalists of the past Friendship Tournament held on Jan. 13th: Winners of the A Division First place Brenda Lazure and Mike Raymer, Second place Jim Dana and Steve Moore, Third place Karen Waterbury and Jim Lamon. B Division First place Kelly Scott and Jodee Siriano, Second place Deb Moore and Gail Tylec, Third place Stan Losan and Julia Lamon.

Again, please come out and join us. Check out our message boards for up-to-date info in our tennis screen-in-room by the tennis courts!



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**12-12-23:** 1. Sonny Jelonek, 2. Jennifer Shaver,  
3. Tony Winn, 4. Sherry Leverre

**12-26-23:** 1. Greg Roberts, 2. Joanie Kachel (tie)  
& Jean Wiley, 3. Don Williamson

**12-19-23:** 1. Bill Shaver, 2. Jeff Czchuj,  
3. Fran Rheinhardt (tie) & Bill Opsahl,  
4. Lynn Everett

**1-02-24:** 1. Tony Winn, 2. Joanie Kachel,  
3. Carol Nelson, 4. Geo Micks

**01-09-24:** 1. Tony Winn, 2. Greg Roberts,  
3. Gail Tylec, 4. Bruce Mars

**WEDNESDAY PINOCHLE**

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**12-13-23:** 1. Diane Nocolosi, 2. Kathy Boesel, 3.  
Sonny Jelonek, 4. Tom Demshak

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3. Chic Palmer

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# WRITER'S WORKSHOP

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In the corner, a red golf bag stands at attention. Waiting, always waiting, they remain. I know they are inanimate, yet I can almost hear them. The light brings them to life and they are tensed in expectation. They dream in darkness of another opportunity - to be plucked by hands and called upon to run; to kick; to soar - or simply to escape the boundaries of your gloomy netherworld, where you can give them nothing but your walls. To me you are a trusted holder for safe-keeping, but they only wish to leave you, for it's only then they live.

### Home Again by Ann Abramczyk

You are on a quiet path some would call a road. Once a home in days gone by, but now you sit empty. A real estate man checks daily to find the heat set at 60 and the water pipes not leaking. His walk-throughs are the only visits you have in this once-occupied dwelling. On a winter's day the salesman appears off schedule, and he is with another man. The stranger looks in your closets, your cabinets, your bathrooms; he even takes measurements of your empty rooms. Then they talk about the land where you sit, the community that is your place in this town and the benefits and pitfalls of life on this road and in this house. The stranger smiles and laughs a lot; he seems pleased. But you are not able to judge because you're merely a structure. Weeks go by. And again; the only visitor is the salesman with his daily walk-through to check your temperature and water pipes. No other stranger comes to your door. You notice the ground where you sit is warming and the white fluffy flakes are falling less often. The trees surrounding your structure are starting to bud again, like they do every time your ground warms. You sit alone.

One day when the sun warms your walls, the stranger returns with another; a woman. They turn your locks with keys that they seem to own. They enter with what you recognize as suitcases, and start to fill your closets with summer clothes. They talk a lot about your rooms; where are we going to put this, will this fit there. You wonder; 'what does this mean?' The salesman appears and they talk and talk. They pass around the papers describing your stove, refrigerator, air conditioner; even the blinds that cover your windows. They talk about the bland color of your walls, your rugs, your bathrooms; they talk so much you get confused. The stranger and woman return frequently these days, carrying bundles of stuff that they put in your cupboards and closets. And then one day, 6 men appear with a large truck in your driveway. They unload furniture! The woman tells them where to place it in your rooms. This sofa goes here, this desk goes there, this bed goes into the guest room, and so on. Hours go by and you are no longer a house on a path that some call a street. You are home again like in days gone by!

### Ding Dong by Charlotte Ping

This common object is maybe four inches long, about an inch wide and plain beige in color. It sits by the front door, often unnoticed; sometimes even ignored. But make no mistake, it goes through a wide variety of emotions. The doorbell, small in stature, still is important to those living inside. Once it was called a dumbbell because it delivered an unwelcome overdue notice, with penalties added to it, to the homeowner, by an irate shopkeeper. Another time, a gracious grandmother was elated when a birthday card was hand-delivered by a favorite grandchild. The doorbell is similar to the mailman - it stands erect no matter what the weather brings - cold, wind, snow, rain, sleet, hailstones, scorching heat from the sun; sometimes even hurricanes. It silently stands guard at the entrance. For years it stoically works and seldom gets replaced.

Its cheery ring often startles the responders or delights them, depending on the situation. Some will cringe in dread wondering who is on the welcome mat. That person may not be welcome at all. The doorbell smiles when a gift, such as flowers or food is brought from a friendly neighbor, who drops it off on the doorstep. Imagine the variety of visitors that endlessly ring the buzzer - young, old, fat, skinny, jolly, somber, or just plain mean and ugly with threatening purpose. That could be uninvited salespeople or the police with a warrant, your feuding neighbor or simply a child selling something for his school. But the doorbell breaks out in a huge toothless grin from ear to ear when the group from Publisher's Clearing House finally manage to come to the porch, pounding on the door without ringing.

# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/01	Carole Fleischhacker	2/10	Frank Barilla	2/18	Kevin Coffey
2/01	John Porto	2/10	Robert Harris	2/18	Henry Dzedzej
2/01	Kathy Zitani	2/10	Barbara Luke	2/18	Jeff Wolfe
2/02	Raymond McLearnon	2/10	Brian Schwerkof	2/18	Jamie Wyman
2/02	Chuck McTamney	2/10	Jim Zitani	2/19	Sueann Brinkman
2/02	Douglas Scudder	2/11	Lisa Weisse	2/20	Gary Koscielniak
2/03	Linda Czuchaj	2/12	Ken Baron	2/20	Carlos Madruga
2/03	Margie Hill	2/12	Robert Crawford	2/20	Lori McFerrin
2/03	Michael Trout	2/12	Mary Harrell	2/20	Kathy Page
2/04	Richard Lowrey	2/12	Debra Loew	2/21	Jack Blevons
2/04	Austin Spencer	2/12	Anne Marie Marron	2/21	Janet DeCosmo
2/04	Michael Sullivan	2/12	Al Oostema	2/21	Susan Fuller
2/04	Lori Tillis	2/13	Dan Bourbeau	2/22	David Lugten
2/05	Gerard Boisvert	2/13	Robert Franz	2/22	Jeannette O'Hearn
2/05	Yow Morton	2/13	Joanne Nitka	2/22	Klara Schwheyer
2/05	Connie Richards	2/13	David Zink	2/24	Tracy Carroll
2/05	David Ulch	2/14	Ann Jordan	2/25	Jack Anzalone
2/06	Mark Dietrich	2/14	Jacqueline Keen	2/25	Rae Ann Barnes
2/06	Vic DiGrazia	2/14	David Ludwig	2/25	Tim Elbert
2/06	John Evans	2/14	Cathy Nelson	2/25	Mike Hanrahan
2/06	Lisa Gabrielcik	2/14	Dick Rose	2/25	Bob Johnson
2/06	Bill Gronck	2/15	Dave Frost	2/26	Ginnie Benjamins
2/06	John Ward	2/15	Kathy Hurlburt	2/26	Jeff Brown
2/06	Vickie Winkler	2/15	John Norton	2/26	Joyce Horne
2/07	Albert Hauptman	2/15	Donna Young	2/27	Annie Borns
2/07	Steve LaFreniere	2/16	Jeff Bartleson	2/28	Dave Glenn
2/07	Sabryna Liddle	2/16	Sandra Raymond	2/28	Janet Leger
2/08	Bob Larson	2/17	Sam Maddie	2/28	Jerry Norve
2/08	Debra Lattimer	2/17	Jeff Polglaze	2/29	John Millson
2/08	Janet Lazarczyk	2/17	Robert Stahl		
2/09	Debby Peck	2/17	Kevin Vandenwyngaert		

# FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2/02	Maura & Mark Englert, ? Years	2/14/15	Hank & Donna VanDuiven, 9 years
2/03/79	Steve & Paula LaFreniere, 45 years	2/14/80	Dennis & June Andrews, 44 years
2/04/61	William & Virginia Born, 63 years	2/14/93	Neil & Lynne Miller, 31 years
2/04/61	Robert & Margaret Walsh, 63 years	2/16/69	Jerry & Pat Pyle, 55 years
2/04/89	Scott & Melinda Gallup, 35 years	2/18	Michael & Carol Parker, ? years
2/05/90	Steven & Maureen Downey, 34 years	2/18/66	Karl & Dagmar Ruester, 58 years
2/08/69	Wayne & Karen Runner, 55 years	2/18/97	Don & Jeanne Liedel, 27 years
2/08/97	Wayne & S Diane Avery, 27 years	2/20/16	Thomas & Janet Hoffay, 8 years
2/09/57	Carol & Bill Pollman, 67 years	2/21/70	Glenn & Diana Camp 54 years
2/09/85	Susan & Edward Moszynski, 39 years	2/22/64	Richard & Charlotte L'Heureux, 60 years
2/14/00	Anthony & Lucille Mineo, 24 years	2/22/90	Wally & Nalita Stos, 34 years
2/14/01	Susan & Kevin Coffey, 23 years	2/24/68	John & Donna Young, 56 years
2/14/13	Chuck & Mary Kato, 11 years	2/25/66	Paul & Doris Hartenberger, 68 years

# In Memory of

## JOAN KOCH

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# FEBRUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 1-3999) Household Trash Pickup 6AM	30 Bulk Pickup (2 Items) 6AM	31 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 4000-6110) Horticulture Pickup 6AM	1 Household Trash Pickup 6AM	2	3
4	5 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 1-3999) Household Trash Pickup 6AM	6	7 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 4000-6110) Horticulture Pickup 6AM	8 Household Trash Pickup 6AM	9	10
11	12 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 1-3999) Household Trash Pickup 6AM	13 Bulk Pickup (2 Items) 6AM	14 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 4000-6110) Horticulture Pickup 6AM	15 Household Trash Pickup 6AM	16	17
18 Chicago Rewired 7PM	19 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 1-3999) Household Trash Pickup 6AM	20	21 HOA MEETING 7PM Recycling 6AM (Addresses 4000-6110) Horticulture Pickup 6AM	22 The Nightingales 7PM Household Trash Pickup 6AM	23 The Nightingales 7PM	24 The Nightingales 7PM
25	26 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 1-3999) Household Trash Pickup 6AM	27 Bulk Pickup (2 Items) 6AM	28 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 4000-6110) Horticulture Pickup 6AM	29 Household Trash Pickup 6AM	1	2