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## Holiday Decoration Contest Winners



Creative Use of Lights - 517 Catalina, Holly Spangler



Group Decoration - Cul de Sac at the eastern section of San Luis (in front of 2419-2422)



Special Effects - 518 Catalina, Gary and Dorothy Biddinger



Pool - Sierra Madre



## SANTA SHUTTLE

The CERT sponsored Santa Shuttle was held on December 12. Residents were driven around Del Tura to enjoy the lights and to see the winners of the Holiday and Home and Pool Decorating Contests. All enjoyed the goody bags provided by CERT.

Thank you to Bertie Dugo and her team: Linda and Larry Bistricky, Karen and Jim Miller, Carol Umberger, and Joe Furlong.



## HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR AND BAKE SALE

This year's craft fair and bake sale were a huge success! Thank you to Darlene Fincham and all the volunteers who worked so hard to keep Del Tura's Christmas Craft Fair the best around! A special thank you to our Bake Sale chairs, Beth Wilkerson, Mary Jane Wolf and Debby Peck.



**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







# BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

By Ruth Ann Blevins

As of publication, eight Del Tura residents have declared their candidacy for the upcoming election.

These candidates will be vying for the three three-year seats and two of the vacancies that need to be filled. Both are one-year terms. The three candidates receiving the most votes will be elected to the three-year seats; the next two candidates with the most votes will be elected to the one-year seats. Membership dues MUST be paid by Friday, January 13, 2023 to be eligible to vote; one vote per household. Ballots will be mailed January 19, 2023.

Candidates' bios and photos (where available) are below (in alphabetical order):

**Irma Bankelant**

Irma has lived in the community for six months. Received a BA in Communications from the University of Colorado, major in Mass Communication; wrote for two wire services; served as guardian ad litem; wrote for Mt Bell International Newspaper.

**Dorothy Cook**

I have lived in Del Tura at my current address for eight years. I have worked with management of different agencies selling computer networks to schools and government. I also worked for Hallmark Corporation as a supervisor in the field with 27 accounts, working with many different store managers and corporate managers. I am involved in many groups in Del Tura: Nine Hole Women's Golf Association as secretary; have been secretary of F.I.S.H. and am now Vice President; served on golf tournaments and worked for the craft fair. I enjoy people and it would be my pleasure to be on the HOA Board and help the community.



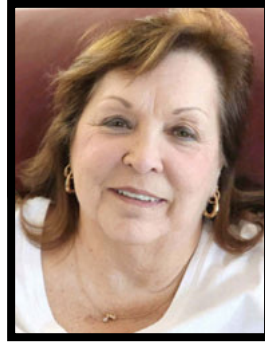
**Darlene Fincham**

I have lived in Del Tura for six years. I was appointed to the Board to fill a vacancy. I also serve as the Treasurer. I have 40+ years in various office duties - accounts payable, accounting side of system conversions, vendor/customer service. I have served as chair of the Craft Fair, Policy and Procedures Committee, Statutory Committee and the Grounds Committee. I would like to continue to be part of the solution with the focus being on the residents.



**Debra (Debbie) Gianino**

I have lived in Del Tura for 11 years. I was a business owner in Michigan for 25 years; a property, Manager in Hudson, Florida for over 18 years and served as a board director on the condo association for 9 years.



I completed three years community college and two years for my art degree.

I feel I would be an asset to the Del Tura residents by listening to their needs and helping when needed. I will follow the laws and guidelines written. Let's get back to helping our neighbors and getting along.

**Nuno Hilton**

I have lived in Del Tura for one year. My background consists of Hospitality and Community B.A. Degree; Motivational Speaker and Activist; Activities Director; Team Building and Partnership.

I would love to be a part of the success for all Del Turians. To be able to be the voice for the people in the community.

To be able to bring fresh ideas and activities to our community. Volunteer any way I can.

**Lori McFerrin**

I have lived in Del Tura for one year. I have served on the PTO Board. I have worked as a CMA in the medical field for 38 years. I was very active in my groups and organizations. I was involved with two major fundraisers during this time. My husband, Bill and I, did a lot of research before moving to Del Tura. We love our community, this is home and I want to be part of the community, not just live here. I would like the chance to continue to make this community as great as it can be.

**Marianne O'Malley**

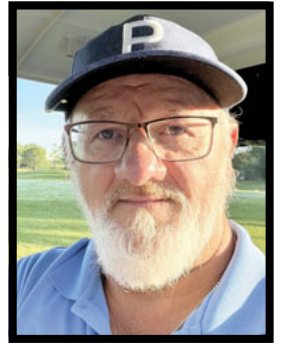
I have lived in Del Tura since August, 2010 and at current address six (6) years. I have a BS in Education from the University of Massachusetts as well as many credits toward a Masters in Art. I want to serve on the HOA Board to help



rebuild the community into a pristine park, keeping our standards up top 100 percent in all areas. I believe as a community, together we can foster kindness and caring among the residents. We (HOA) need to be transparent and allow residents to be informed.

**David Tomaszewski**

I have lived in Del Tura for three years. I have served on the Board for two years; I would like to continue to serve and follow through on my involvement. Former member of the Grounds Committee and currently the liaison to the Grounds Committee. My background for most of my years have been management in different venues - store manager for 16 years in retail clothing; automotive production for 15 years; youth coach/coordinator to an assistant manager for 16 years. I would like to continue to serve and help make Del Tura once again beautiful.



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# PRESIDENT'S KORNER

By Lisa Bellanca, President - Board of Directors

I want to thank my fellow directors who made sure the HOA Board ran smoothly for the last six weeks while I have been in Chicago.

Vice President, Art Keen, stepped right up to keep things going when I found out I had to leave on very short notice. The entire board has taken on additional tasks and worked very diligently to make sure events and meetings proceeded flawlessly. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

During the time I was not physically in the community I have been able to keep up on board business, events, and meetings between phone calls,

videoed meetings, Facebook, and emails. I feel that I am up to speed and ready to step back into my position as President for the next two months.

The Del Tura Homeowners Association board of directors' annual elections are coming up in February. I would like to ask you to please take the time to meet and talk with the declared candidates. These residents are stepping up to serve the community. In my opinion, no matter who wins, all the candidates are winners for volunteering their time and services to improve our community. If you are interested in running for a director's seat, you have until January

11th to turn in an official application. Daniel Cruz is our Nomination Committee Chair. Daniel can be contacted at 239-731-7243 if you have questions on the election process. You must be a paid HOA member to run for a director's seat.

Most importantly, please VOTE when you receive your election packet. You have the opportunity to choose the HOA board members who work for you.

I am wishing you a Happy New Year, and I look forward to seeing you around the community.



# 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. 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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# GOOD TIMERS'

By Sandra Boykin

## Happy New Year to everyone!

The Good Timers closed out 2022 with a Christmas bus trip to St. Augustine and a wonderful and joyful Christmas luncheon. The food catered by Mario's was excellent and we ended with a Yankee Swap.

At our last meeting of 2022 we elected new officers for 2023.

Sandy Boykin, President  
Laura Dritt, Vice President  
Harriet Hart, Treasurer

Bette Ewing Cheney/Bertie Dugo, Secretary  
We are looking forward to a new year filled with tours, luncheons, cruises, plays and games. So, please join us. Dues will be collected (\$30) at our next meeting, Tuesday, January 3, at 4:00 p.m. in the Starlight Room. Socializing starts at 4:00 following the meeting at 4:30. Hope to see you there.



# CRAFTIN' IN "THE HOOD"

Come join us on Tuesdays, after coffee until about 3:00, in the Starlight Ballroom. We quilt, knit, crochet, spin wool, and do other various crafts. We all work on our own projects, but occasionally have a class to learn a technique.

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If you are aware of the passing of any of our residents, past or present, please email the information to us at toweredit@yahoo.com or drop off at the HOA office so that we can post here as a memorial.



### EDITOR'S NOTE



It's hard to believe that it has been a year since I took over editorship of *The Tower*. A huge thank you to all those who have contributed, Lisa Bellanca and the HOA, and Mike from the *Florida Mariner* magazine for making this year go so smoothly! Here's to a great 2023!

Just a friendly reminder to make sure any articles or announcements are submitted by the 10th of the month. I do my best to send a reminder to regular contributors each month, but, as was the case this month - due to the untimely death of my computer - I am not always able to do so. *The Tower* is such an important community resource - not only does it keep residents informed, many of us look forward to our favorite

features each month. Please help me do my best to keep it full of the features and stories we all look forward to by submitting on time. And, don't forget, we always welcome new ideas and submissions! ~ Cindy Swisher

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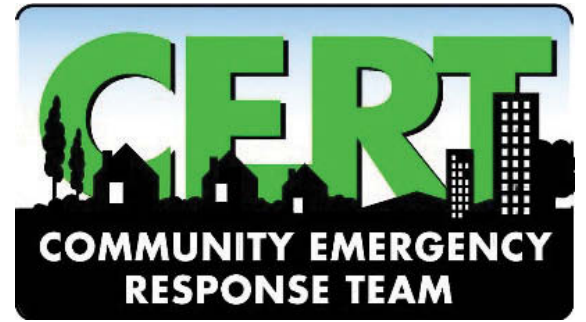


## CERT INFORMATION

The Del Tura Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) continues to work on improvements to our organization. After hurricane Ian we pinpointed areas that we felt we could improve. At our monthly meetings we discuss, plan, and practice the improvements we would like to make. CERT meets on the first Wednesday of the month. If you are interested, please reach out to Bertie Dugo for additional information at 617-974-8502.

We have two new members, Susan Adgate and Susan Koppenhafer. These new members passed the CERT Training Class and ISO-100. Congratulations to you both; we look forward to working with you.

On December 12th the CERT team hosted the second annual Santa Shuttle. Del Tura residents who would not normally be able to view the community decorations are chauffeured in golf carts throughout Del Tura to see the beautiful holiday light displays. These special residents are the first to see the homes and pool chosen by the HOA as winners of the community decorating contest. A fun time was had by all. Participants left with a special goodie bag put together by the CERT members.



Thank you to all the residents who participated in the November 28th Blood drive. 22 donors came, and they collected 19 units. The next blood drive is being organized for February 2023.

The Toys for Tots collection was very successful this year. We collected five large black bags of unwrapped gifts and two bicycles. These items were delivered to the North Fort Myers Fire Department to be distributed to local children in need. Thank you to everyone who donated.

As we go into 2023, the entire CERT membership would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!



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# AT THE HYDRANT By Justine Fitzgibbons

We are Pink and Floyd, and we are 2 1/2 year old Puggles, which is half Pug and half Beagle. We got our name from my mom's favorite band. It was supposed to be just me, Floyd, but when my mom and dad heard that my sister, Pink, was waiting to be adopted, they knew we had to be kept together. I'm so glad they did that because we just love each other.



We have a ton of chew bones, but whatever chew bone I have Pink wants, and whatever chew bone Pink has I want. We know we're not supposed to, but we just can't resist chewing on blankets, so most of our blankets look like Swiss cheese. People say that's because we're still puppies, but my mom doubts we'll ever stop.

Our favorite thing to do is taking our dad, and sometimes mom, for a walk. They don't always walk as fast as we would like them to, so pulling them down the street makes us very tired.

We really like when mom and dad go away for vacation, because then Aunt Sue comes over to stay and she brings Cousin Augie, and we

play and play and play. When she's not staying at our house, we watch out our back door and get so excited when she drives by in her golf cart.

We really like when our friend Alexa tells us when someone is at the door, because sometimes it means we get new chew bones.

We really don't understand what my mom and dad mean by saying "it's like being parents to toddlers at 65 years old", but we think it must be a good thing because they wouldn't have it any other way.

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# NINE HOLE WOMEN'S GOLF *By Sandy Gove*

## HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023!

The nine-hole league enjoyed a busy December. The annual two-day Member-Member event December 14 and 15 paired members who play a variety of games then pool their best scores to determine a winner. The first day players were seen dressing in "team colors", or in costumes (simple to outrageous) that were judged, and prizes given for the best costumes-a tradition that's all in good fun.

The names of winners are posted in the dungeon along with photos of participants, so consider checking them out!

Following the second day of play, members gathered in a festive Ballroom for a lovely Holiday Luncheon ably catered by our very own Nick.

The General Meeting followed the luncheon with the Members' Annual Charitable Giving this year designated for the benefit of a deserving long-term golf course employee, who lost her home due to Hurricane Ian and is recovering from a recent serious accident. These funds will be combined with those of other groups for the greatest impact.

The Club Championship, a two-day event, will start off the season, on January 18 and 19, with a luncheon to follow play on the 19th. All members of the golf course are encouraged to sign up for this event of friendly competition. Watch for emails and/or check out the dungeon for details.

The Valentine Couples' Challenge, Dinner and Awards is coming up quickly on Wednesday, February 8, so mark your calendar now for this fun event!

WELCOME to the following new members who will be joining us on Thursday mornings for golf: Bonnie Bisignano, Brenda Clark, LuAnn Condon, Loretta Meegan, Marcy Wagner, Karen Wright, and Mary Jane Wolfe. We are looking forward to golfing with you!

Should you have an interest in our group, or have questions, please contact Kathy Klein, Membership, at 715-927-1163. Here's to the New Year 2023, golfing, enjoying fresh air in a lovely setting, getting together with friends, making new friends, learning a new skill or improving skills we have, and developing patience with ourselves and others.

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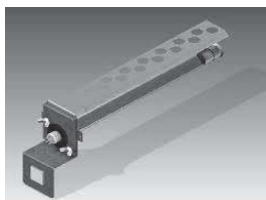
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Librarian	Barb Jones	239-543-6922
Del Tura Repertory Company	Jacque Keen	239-464-5544
Entertainment Committee Chair	Dot Barilla Lynn Brenfleck	239-850-2306 603-738-1001
Fish Medical Equipment Loans		239-997-3474
Loan Closet (Cots, Pack-N-Play, High Chairs, etc.)	Denise Rose Sandy Vassallo	815-222-6466 248-755-1176
FISH - Friends in Service Here	Ginnie Benjamins, Pres. HELPLINE 997-3474	239-322-9863
FISH - Fruit Picking Contact	Sherry Plisch	239-707-5613
FMO Membership	Alberta Dugo	617-974-8502
Front Gate Guard		239-731-2523
HOA Website	Cindy Brinton	267-642-6477
HOA Membership	HOA Office	239-731-3461
HOA Office - Clubhouse Lobby	Tuesday after Coffee until 12pm Wednesday 8 am-12pm Thursday 4pm-6pm	239-731-3461
HOA GROUNDS Committee	Darlene Fincham	609-617-6869
Homeowners' Issues/Grievances	Clubhouse Office	239-731-3433
Memorials	Kathy Williamson	239-825-5708
Name Tags	Wendy Wells	309-264-9147
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Welcome Committee	Sherry Cottini	239-770-7711
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Sound Coordinator	Art Keen	210-279-2093
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**HOA ADDRESS: Clubhouse Lobby**  
**MAILING ADDRESS: 749 Via Del Sol**

## THE TOWER EDITORIAL STAFF

<p><b>Editor</b> Cindy Swisher</p> <p><b>Co-Editor</b> Karen Handley</p> <p><b>Staff</b> Darlene Fincham Dennis Cottini</p> <p><b>HOA Website</b> Cindy Brinton</p>	<p><b>Circulation Coordinator</b> Sue Brown</p> <p><b>Distribution Coordinators</b> Frank Bellanca, Dan Larson, and Sue Larson</p> <p><b>Distribution Captains</b> Mark Donahue, Steve Fincham, Sandy Rolando, Sandy Vassallo, Patty Large, Karen Miller and Sue Larson And 60+ Delivery Volunteers</p>
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HOA Liaison: **HOA President**  
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Beginner Ballroom dance lessons will be offered on Mondays in January and February in the Starlight Ballroom from 5-6pm beginning January 9. Partners are not needed. Come and learn some basic beginner steps to popular dances that can be used on the dance floor of Del Tura.

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**Once again Del Tura lit up the night with its annual Holiday Entrance Lighting ceremony. Thank you to all who volunteered and participated in this holiday tradition.**



**DEL TURA THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

Another successful Craft Fair is in the books. Even though we had the challenge of Hurricane Ian, which caused a date change from November 4th and 5th to December 9th and 10th, we still wound up with 60 vendors with about one third being Del Tura residents. I'd like to extend a gigantic thank you to our craft fair volunteers for their immeasurable hard work to support our annual fundraiser craft fair and raffle. Proceeds for 2022 will go to Partners for Breast Cancer Care and the general HOA fund to hopefully be used toward new sound equipment. Darla Greer and Sue Larson headed up the raffle which brought in an amazing \$1,211. Total funds raised this year amounted to \$4,032. Thank you, Julie and the office staff, for renting the additional

tables needed, as well as the maintenance crew that set up the tables perfectly!

A big thank you to the men and women who helped the vendors bring their merchandise in and out of the fair, as well as traffic control, parking lot attendants and shuttle drivers, especially since they had the extra challenge of a golf tournament on Saturday. One more group that I can't thank enough is the team that helped to pack up all the rental tables, while at the same time transforming the Starlight Ballroom from a craft fair of long tables back to a ballroom of round tables so the room could be setup for a Choralaires practice that evening and performances the next day. Because of everyone's positive energy and "get it done" attitude,

our vendors were very pleased with everyone's help and how organized it was from their arrival to their departure.

Thank you to our generous residents for their bake sale donations, as well as Debby Peck, Beth Wilkerson and Mary Jane Wolfe, who headed the bake sale. They raised \$1,200 to help one of our own, Sandy Garrett, a Del Tura associate, who was injured in an accident just a few weeks after Hurricane Ian completely destroyed her home.

I cannot thank all of the volunteers enough, and honestly, we could not have done it without you. Your generosity and kindness are what makes Del Tura a wonderful place to live! ~ Darlene Fincham

**DEL TURA HEALTH FAIR**

**WEDNESDAY, 25 JAN 2023 HEALTH FAIR**  
**Starlight Ballroom 9 to 12**

**Once again, it's time to mark your calendars and Save The Date!**

Last year's Health Fair was a huge success, and this year promises to be even better! Bertie Dugo and her team of volunteers have been busy contacting doctors and vendors to come to the fair and provide you with useful information once again. They make

it so easy for us to get all the information we need on physical fitness, insurance, crime prevention, Captel captioned telephones for the hearing impaired, and funeral and cremation preparations. Our neighbors, the North Fort Myers Fire Department, will also be a part of this event, as will LEE HEALTH.

After Hurricane Ian we had to clean our yards of debris and now is the time to clean out your medicine cabinet and bring all your expired or no longer needed drugs to the fair to dispose of properly. Vendors

that were unable to make it to the fair last year have promised to attend this year, so there WILL be some new items of interest.

There will be FREE raffles throughout the event but you have to be there to win, so plan on staying a while and going home with lots of useful information to help you enjoy your retirement years.

For more information contact Bertie Dugo at Ad4088@comcast.net or 617-974-850  
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**DEL TURA THANKSGIVING DINNER AT DEL TURA**

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner, hosted by HOA on November 23, 2022, was such a special event. It was wonderful to see our Del Tura family and friends gather for a beautiful celebration feast and to give thanks for each other and our fabulous community.

We served approximately 275 people, which included 30 meals delivered to our home bound residents. While the food was provided by HOA, we asked for a donation of \$5 to help our community organizations that lost most, if not all, supplies due to Hurricane Ian. A lot of supplies were damaged when the storage building's roof was lost.

Contributions to this fundraiser amounted to \$2,000. The funds were equally distributed among



the following community organizations: Clubhouse Decorations, Main Gate Entrance Decorations, Loan Closet, Entertainment Committee and CERT. The CERT team depleted most of their supplies including tarps and other emergency items that provided for the needs of the community immediately after the hurricane.

We would like to thank all the people that donated, as well as all of the volunteers that helped with ticket distribution, collecting items for the raffle table (we had over 100 prizes), cooking, decorating, serving and delivery to make this event a delicious and fun event.  
~ Darlene Fincham



# ALTER EAGLES



**"THE DEFINITIVE EAGLES TRIBUTE BAND"**  
**Saturday, January 21, 2023**  
**At 7:00 PM**

**Ticket Sales**

HOA Members \$22.....Jan 3rd @ 7:30 AM  
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**Sunday, February 19, @ 7:00 PM**  
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**Tickets on Sale Beginning January 31, 2023**  
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**\$12 US per household, per year. Make checks payable to Del Tura HOA**

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Names in Household: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Del Tura Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Renter:  Owner:   
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For the correct listing of your Birthday and/or Anniversary

<b>Birthdays</b> Name: _____ Month: _____ Day: _____ Name: _____ Month: _____ Day: _____	<b>Anniversary</b> Names: _____ Month: _____ Day: _____ Year You Were Married: _____
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**Official HOA Email**

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My signature signifies that I am requesting the receipt of official HOA email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# AROUND THE GROUNDS By Darlene Fincham

It's so exciting to see everyone coming back and I thought I'd take a minute to remind everyone of some important contact information. First, If you spot something in a common area that needs repair, please send an email, including pictures and exact location (very important), to delturagrounds@yahoo.com and a work order request will be sent to the Administration Office. (Note that there are some other emails that are no longer being monitored so only use the one mentioned above.)

Residential property issues are outside the Grounds Committee jurisdiction, so please work directly with Julie or Donna in our administration office. Examples of residential property issues would be your mailbox, your CLIS system, anything at your address.

The Grounds Committee would also like to say thank you to the residents who are doing their part to help keep Del Tura beautiful and a place we are proud of. We thank you for cleaning

up your tables in the courtyard and pools by throwing paper and plastic disposable items in the trash so they don't find their way into our shrubs and plants. We also appreciate that you bring empty pitchers, condiment containers and utensils back into the pub.

To keep things in our community nice and available when we need them, please close umbrellas when you leave a table. If you move tables together or add chairs from another table, please be respectful by putting tables and chairs back the way you found them. I'd also like to reiterate that residents are not authorized to move furniture from one area to another and this seems to be the cause of lack of furniture in certain areas. If you need furniture (chairs, tables, or umbrellas) please work with the administration office.

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Activity	Location	Contact	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Exercise</b>									
Tai Chi		Marjorie Lord 543-9072	8:00-9:00		8:00-9:00		8:00-9:00		
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 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
Yoga Relaxation	Starlight Ballroom	Dea Wells 283-5603			10:30 - 11:30		10:30 - 11:30		
<b>Sports</b>									
Billiards, Men's	Billiards Room	Harry Christopher 997-7345	1:00-3:00						
Billiards, Women's (Nov-Apr)	Billiards Room	Ann DeGrande 989-2206			6:30-9:30				
Bocce (Nov-April)		Peggy Terrasi 603-236-2209 <a href="mailto:peggyterrasi@gmail.com">peggyterrasi@gmail.com</a>	4:00 PM						
Bocce and Burgers (Sept-May)	Bocce Ball Court	Janet DeCosmo 239-776-9161							4:00
Bowling For Fun	Bowland Cape Coral	Denise Goodell 614-792-3024						2:00	
Bowling Mixed League (Nov-Mar)	Bowland Cape Coral	Denise Rose 815-222-6466		1:20					
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 <small>NEW</small>	Horseshoe Court	Bob Brinker 586-431-0022							3:00
Pickleball	Pickleball Court	Janice Dodge 608-225-5227	open play	open play	open play	open play	open play	open play	open play
Ping Pong	Jacaranda Room	Lois McDonald 505-228-1222				2:00 - 4:00			
Shuffleboard	Shuffleboard Court	Glenn Tointon 920-309-1294					12:30		
Shuffleboard, Fun Couples	Shuffleboard Court	Darlene Brinker 586-431-0022	7:00 PM						
Shuffleboard, Open	Shuffleboard Court	Judy Lessard 239-217-0924		2:30			10:00		
Shuffleboard, Traveling Team (Dec-Mar)		Glenn Tointon 920-309-1294			12:30				
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)	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	Don Mick 239-543-3203				7:00-10:00			
Bridge, Open	Jacaranda Room	Susan McLay Weis 386-846-0395			1:00-4:00				
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 731-3315		7:00-9:00					
Farkle	Poinciana Ballroom	Ruth Anten 997-9779	6:00-9:00						
Hand, Knee & Foot Card Game	Poinciana Room	Donna Moore 543-5262	1:00-4:00			1:00-4:00	1:00-4:00		
Mahjong	Jacaranda Room	Jean Cornwell 239-731-1580	1:00-4:00						
Mahjong	Card Room II	Pat Steele 863-446-2685				6:00			
Mahjong	Card Room I	Dianne Bevilacqua 567-2234		1:00-5:00					
Mahjong	Card Room I	Rheta Kanen 731-0809	7:00						
Mahjong	Card Room II	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 731-3315			6:45-10:00				
Rummi-kub	Jacaranda Rroom	Jean Cornwell 239-731-1580			1:00 - 4:00				
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 731-3315		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	Banyan Tree	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					
Video Corner (check hours in the Library)	Clubhouse, Lower Level	Elaine Schnur 239-464-0623						1:00-3:00	
Wood Carving (Nov-May)	Ceramic Room	Bernie Forsey 239-217-6024	9:00-12:00						



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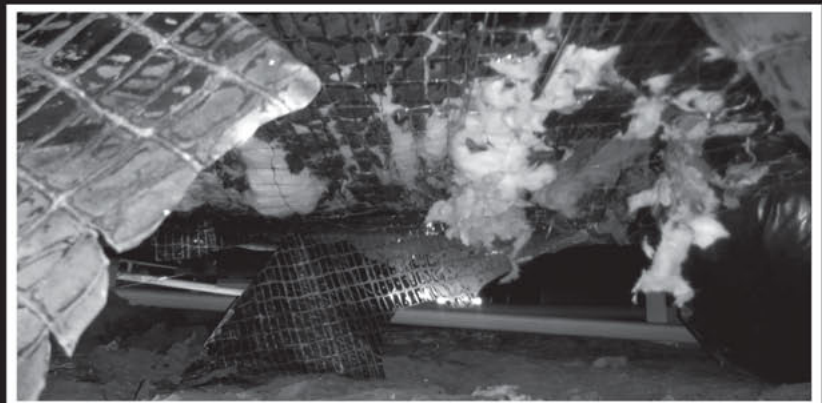
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# REFLECTIONS

By Dianne J. Roderick

## “My Wish for 2023”

If I could have but one wish for the New Year, it would be for “Peace”. Peace for our world, peace for our communities, our families, and ourselves. My wish list would start and end with that hope. How can my wish become a reality?

“Will there be peace on earth? How can that become a reality for all of us? Is it still possible in a world that seems to be filled with so much despair and distrust? In my heart I still think it’s a possibility. How can it happen one might ask? What can we do to make this wish a reality? A good place to start is right here in our own backyards, making peace through love and sharing. We don’t always agree on what’s right or wrong but that doesn’t mean we have stopped caring for each other.

If we could only find that empathetic place in our hearts before we become blind to the feelings of others. So when we’re faced with making the choice of speaking those words which we can never take back, let’s try to find that special place and let our hearts choose the words for us.

Give someone the gift of listening. It speaks volumes to bringing peace to a person who has

feelings of despair. Sometimes all a person needs is your time, just enough time to allow them to work through their own feelings. Many times they are not looking for advice, they are actually looking for a friend that cares enough about them to listen. Be that friend that helps them find peace within themselves.

It’s the little things we all say or do individually for our friends and families that will give us the daily peace we need to enjoy our lives. After all, isn’t that what we all want? If we can continue to spread random acts of kindness here and outside the gates of Del Tura then we are certainly doing our part to encourage peace in our world!

Well, my dear friends, these are my sincere wishes for the New Year. It won’t be an easy task, but I truly feel they are the most important resolutions I can make for 2023. Let each of us become a beacon of hope to others as we work together to spread peace throughout our community and work together towards peace within ourselves and our world.

*May peace, love, and good health be with each of you throughout the New Year.  
Sincerely, Dianne*

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## TENNIS AT DEL TURA

*By Jacqueline St-Jean*

**WELCOME TO WINTER TENNIS**

The Del Tura Tennis Association hosts a number of activities throughout the winter season at our tennis courts situated by the North Pool.

There is Open Tennis on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays for anyone wanting to play from 8:00 to 10:00 am on Courts 1, 2 and 3. Come and join us. Just show up during these times and you will automatically be included in the group.

All DTTA members are advised that the Annual General meeting is January 8, 2023, at 12:30 pm. Please tell a member of the Board if you are planning to attend.

Six (6) new FREE lessons each Tuesday for beginners or people who need to refresh their skills will start Tuesday, January 24 from 10:00 to 11:00 am and end on February 28, 2023. Racquets and balls are provided.

January 14 & 15 will see the first of two Friendship Tournaments. Players of all levels are invited to participate. We expect approximately 50 players from 8:00 am to mid-afternoon both days. Winners will be declared at the end of the second day. There are still a few days left to sign-up via the Del Tura email address.

The winter intramural leagues will be starting January 9. The participants will be posted in the screened room by the tennis courts.

Here is the list of our travelling teams playing at home in January:

- January 11, 2023, 10:30 am**  
Crown Colony vs Bronze team
- January 13, 2023, 10:30 am**  
Fiddlesticks vs Nickel team
- January 18, 2023, 10:30 am**  
Gulf Harbour Net Assets vs 3.5 Minus team
- January 18, 2023, 12:30 pm**  
Cross Creek Estates vs Bronze team
- January 20, 2023, 10:30 am**  
CCRC vs Nickel team
- January 25, 2023, 10:30 am**  
Renaissance vs 3.5 Minus team

Please feel free to come and watch and encourage our players.

If you have any questions, please contact Jacqueline St-Jean at 239-599-4468 or jacstjean2016@gmail.com or the Del Tura Tennis Association at DelTuraTennis@gmail.com.

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# SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE By Glenn Tointon

## OUR PRO SHUFFLEBOARDERS ADD EXCITEMENT TO DEL TURA AMATEURS

As many of you already know, Del Tura has three Shuffleboard players who now have professional status. Each week they enter various tourneys with others from all over the state. Jack and Deb Norton, along with Bill Hamilton are always near or at the top of many of the tourneys they enter.

Their interest has spilled over and has excited several Del Tura players to begin entering either amateur or Pro/Am tourneys at Lee County and Riverwoods in Estero. Judy Lessard has entered three tourneys, one amateur, one Pro/Am with Jack Norton, and one all Pro with Glenn Tointon. Judy and Glenn decided to enter an all-pro tourney at Lee County for the experience. Needless to say, the scores weren't in their favor but the knowledge they learned was well worth the losses they encountered. Glenn, two weeks ago took second in a single's amateur tournament. Also, on December 8th and 9th, Glenn and his pro partner took second in a thirty-team tournament. In all, they played fifteen games over the two days. Glenn said he enjoyed winning and learning but most importantly he enjoyed meeting so many wonderful people. Martha Annessansley has also entered several tournaments, taking third in the amateur one held at Lee County.

If you want to get involved and learn how to play the game, we meet every Tuesday at 2:20 at the Del Tura courts and play two games. Those new are paired with those who know the game and will help you get started. Everyone is welcome. Our goals are simple - help you learn the game and meet nice people. It's not about winning but making new friends.

## FRIDAY SHUFFLEBOARD SHOWS OFF THEIR ATHLETICISM

The Friday eighteen-team shuffleboard league started with a mixture of advanced and beginning players. After four weeks we have several tied at the top with 10-2 records. They are Cam Smith and Martha Annessansley, Marcella Carothers and Kathy Boesel, and Glenn and MaryKay Tointon. Close behind are Dave and Judy Lessard at 9-3, Lynn Brennfleck and Bruce Blackmore, and Cyndi and Bernie Grilli, all at 8-4.

Our league goes late into March so, while these people enjoy their glory at or near the top, it's proven that the records will change weekly. Come down to our courts on Fridays at 12:30 and watch some fun competition. You won't be disappointed!



# THURSDAY NIGHT BINGO By Jack Blevons

First of all, Janet and I want to wish you all a safe and happy 2023. We hope you all had a safe and blessed Christmas. Can't believe it's 2023 already. I guess we can't slow down father-time.

We will be having bingo every Thursday this month after missing a few in November and December because of the holidays and craft fair. We have been having really good turnouts which means we paid out some really nice pots to those lucky enough to win. Let's keep that going now into the new year.

We want to give a big thank you to all of you that have come early and stayed after bingo was done to help Janet and myself get everything set up and then taken down and put away again every Thursday night because of physical conditions that limit us as to what we can do. We certainly couldn't ask for better friends than all of you.

Looking forward to seeing you all on those Thursdays and best of luck winning to all of you.  
~ Jack & Janet

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# TUESDAY NIGHT EUCHRE By Marcella Carothers

11/15/2022  
**First:** Tony Winn  
**Second:** Dick Boesel  
**Third:** Terry Huddleston  
 Chris Bunker (tie)

11/22/2022  
**First:** Tony Winn  
**Second:** Dick Slosarski  
**Third:** Hennie Oostema  
**Fourth:** Jeff Czuchaj  
 Bill Ophsahl (tie)

11/29/2022  
**First:** Sherry Levere  
**Second:** David Ehrenman  
 Kristy Glovo (tie)  
**Third:** Elaine Slosarski

12/06/2022  
**First:** Kristy Ciovo  
**Second:** Greg Roberts  
**Third:** Kathy Boesel  
**Fourth:** Marcella Carothers



# WED NIGHT PINOCHLE By Marcella Carothers

11/16/2022  
**First:** Rocco Guerera  
**Second:** Hennie Oostema  
**Third:** Greg Roberts

11/23/2022  
**First:** Henni Oostema  
**Second:** Sonny Jelonek  
**Third:** Marcella Carothers

11/30/2022  
**First:** Al Oostema  
**Second:** Sonny Jelonek  
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12/07/2022  
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# CHRISTMAS ENTRANCE LIGHTING

By Marylou Buss

When the entrance was first decorated – several years ago – permission had to be given by Hometown America for the committee to decorate the entrance. Over the years phone calls have come into the office from the public telling them how much they enjoy the lights from 41. Hometown America purchased commercial lights for the nine palm trees at the corner of the entrance and 41 – four of which were lost to Ian. The committee also had to get permission to design and light the arches and had to agree to make them high enough so as not to interfere with trucks coming and going in Del Tura. Ever since residents have driven through the entrance nightly on their golf carts to enjoy the lights and sometimes the music. The donations from the community have been incredible. Hometown America has increased the electricity at the entrance and this season 20-amp GFI's were installed.

A huge thank you to HTA and the Del Tura administration staff. Thank you to the maintenance crew. Thank you to all the residents that participated in the lighting. Thank you to Ray Hahn and his golf buddies for setting the Christmas Forest in place. Thank you to the residents that lay the ground lights. Thank you to the residents that participate when receiving a last-minute phone call and thank you to the core committee that has helped every year

– thank you Jeff, Greg, Gary, Mark, Deb, Beth, thank you Rick and Jim for the music, thank you to Hank and Gail Reed for the large star, and thank you to Lynn Bailey and her husband for the Santa sleigh 25 years ago. THANK YOU TO THE RESIDENTS again and again – it is you that keep this tradition going. Thank you to Jim O'Brien and Leon Buss for your vision and incredible work over the years – you reached 150,000 lights in 2021 and even though the lights were less this year they were still the best display on 41.

However, the time has come for new ideas; therefore, I am stepping down from the Christmas Entrance Lighting committee. If you are interested in taking over, please contact myself or anyone that has helped, and we will give you all the support and help that we can. This is an incredibly fun and rewarding tradition in Del Tura and I know there is someone out there that has ideas and will keep it going!

I want to personally thank everyone that has helped over the years – so many of you and you have no idea how grateful Leon was or how grateful I have been the last couple of years. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart – you have made it a rewarding and beautiful event for so many people!!

~ Marylou Buss



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# CREATIVE WRITERS

By Nancy Davy

I know I speak for our entire Creative Writers Workshop in wishing all good health and happiness in the New Year. Our latest meeting, thanks to the efforts of the "tree crew" was back at our beloved banyan tree. Just a reminder that if you'd like to join us as a new member, please text me (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. We try to meet twice a month, and I routinely contact everyone with reminders before each meeting.

I'm attaching our latest challenge, which is to go back in your memory to an early part of your life. Try to insert yourself back into the image of younger you and remember what truly made you happy at that age. Slowly scan forward through your life, looking at how your perspective changed and how you see things now.

Define "happiness" as you presently view it and tell how that perception may have altered throughout your lifetime. What have you learned about what happiness really means? How do you think one achieves true happiness? I hope you enjoy the following responses.

**What Defines My Happiness?** by Dianne J. Roderick

At this point in my life I, without uncertainty, will tell you that my happiness is not defined by how much things glitter and shine. Nor do they include dreams that long for that mansion in the sky, or anything that is defined as material and not a necessity. My happiness comes in the form of little things; such as a smile, a kind word, an unexpected hug. Contentment with the basics of life, surrounded by love of family and good friends are the things that make my heart happy. I think from the very beginning of our lives our experiences have a way of shaping our thoughts... subtly teaching us lessons about true happiness as we go through each stage of life. Seemingly bringing us full circle so that when we get to this age we are reminded that what we really need is what we were shown at the beginning of our lives.

As a young child, the things that made me happy were spending lots of time with my cousins swimming at the beach; laughing, fishing, walking up to the dairy farm, and enjoying an ice cream cone as we watched the cows being milked. We had so much freedom back then. We didn't need a lot of material things to be happy, and very rarely asked. But let me tell you, we were creative when we had to be! We made dolls out of clothespins, put on shows in Gramma's living room, made costumes from Gramma's junk box of leftover material and even made stage backgrounds from old cardboard boxes. My cousins were my first friends. There are not too many of us left anymore, but the bond that we shared was priceless.

The teen years eventually led us into different directions and although we stayed close, it was time to make new friends. During those years I found my love for dancing. I couldn't wait for Friday night, and sometimes Saturday. Of course, my chores had to be done by the time Mom got home. Happiness at that point was rushing home from school, putting on American Bandstand, dancing and swooning over the dancers, and the rock and roll stars. Of course, like many teenagers, my priorities were a bit out

of order. You guessed it! No dancing that week! Priorities - lesson quickly learned!

Those teen years left me with many happy memories and friendships that I will cherish always. It seemed all too soon I was facing my adult years and my happiness moved to a different level. I loved my life...it was carefree and fun but there seemed to be something missing in my happy heart. I couldn't put my finger on it until I met this wonderful guy at work. We became instant friends, enjoyed each other's company, and started dating. You know that missing piece of happiness that was missing? Well, he filled it and I felt a new kind of happiness that I had never experienced before in my life. My heart was overflowing with happiness!

We married two years later, two wet-behind-the-ears kids with stars in our eyes, looking ahead and dreaming about our future. Could it get any better than this? We were blessed with four beautiful children and four grandchildren. Just when I thought my heart was overflowing with happiness, I found out that the heart has no limits on love. It seemed all too soon our babies grew into adulthood and are now pursuing their own dreams. Now in this chapter in my life, it is even clearer to me that true happiness has nothing to do with material things. The kindness, love, and caring of my family and friends is still what defines me and the happiness in my life. True happiness reflects what we have experienced and learned at the different stages of our lives. It's knowing that there is always room for more love within our hearts even when we think it's full.

**Happiness** by Charlotte Ping

As a child, I lived in the Polish neighborhood of Chicago until we moved to Indiana when I was 7. There were so many fun and exciting things to do there, and I enjoyed them all.

One of my favorite things was to take the L-train downtown to State Street to see the Christmas displays at Marshall Fields. The upscale department store had eight floors of shopping. The windows had beautiful displays during the Christmas season. This was in the late 1940's. My grandmother, who lived with us, would take me and my twin brother to see them. The amazing thing was that she was born in Poland and never learned how to speak English. In spite of that, she knew her way around the town and how to navigate the L-train system. We would walk to Lake Michigan in the summer to go swimming, and she would take us to the Lincoln Park Zoo, which had free admission. We would also go downtown to see the Easter Bunny in the spring.

These are all cherished memories. Fifty years later, Christmas would not be one of my favorites. It would be a time of immense sadness.

My first husband died on December 19th, 1994. He had a heart transplant three years earlier and had complications. He never regretted his decision to have it. He said he had three more years to see more grandchildren born and come back to Florida for three more seasons without the snowy and cold Indiana winters.

Fourteen years after that I remarried. We got married on my favorite holiday, Halloween. Unfortunately, he died

on our fourth wedding anniversary. A sudden growing brain tumor took away my happiness.

So many memories, happy and sad, are filed in my memory bank. Thinking back, I feel the happy ones outweigh the sadness.

**Happiness** by Maureen Monroy

The pursuit of happiness is a basic human goal. Our Founding Fathers even included it in our Declaration of Independence as an inalienable right endowed by our Creator. Pursuing happiness and actually finding happiness are very different things. It would be a lot easier to find happiness if we knew what it was.

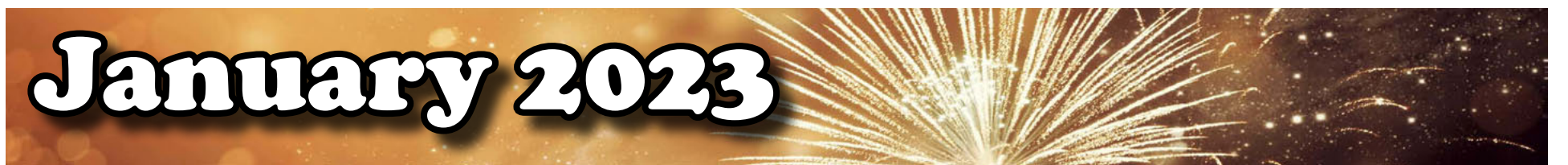
When I was a child, I knew what happiness was! I even knew how to get there! I grew up in Anaheim, CA. and when you turned down what was then a barely-paved road - Katella Avenue, you would come upon the epicenter of happiness - Disneyland. Admission was \$3 - affordable even in the 1960's. Several times a year, my brothers and sisters and I would spend a day filled with rides, music, an occasional sighting of Mickey or Donald, and cotton candy. Our parents would show up in the evening and we would eat burgers at the Carnation Restaurant, then we'd head over to the Castle to watch the parade. Every memory I have of Disneyland as a child is of an uncomplicated day filled with happiness and adventure.

When I became a teenager, happiness was much harder to find. The teenage-me had no idea what happiness was. Much of my teenage years were spent trying to achieve something - a better grade, or a better athletic time. But the happiness from these achievements was illusive - or at best short lived. There were times I thought a good hair-day and clear skin would bring me happiness. In my memories, the happiest day of my teen years finally occurred when I realized that those days were over - Thank You, Lord!

The busy and hectic adult years brought other ideas of what happiness might be. Marriage, children, and career progression brought much happiness - but with a hefty price of hard work and stress. And again, happiness seemed illusive. As I was celebrating one moment of family or work joy, there would be several other areas of stress that competed for my attention. There were no uncomplicated days of happiness but, rather, moments of happiness that ran side-by-side with worries and work.

Now, as I watch the children and grandchildren move through their lives, I see life through my Senior perspective. It's easier to enjoy the family members' journeys because I've come to see that -usually- things turn out the way they should. With fewer responsibilities, I'm able to enjoy the moments of happiness in my life and my family's lives.

After a lifetime of looking for happiness, I wonder if perhaps the pursuit of happiness might be a rather silly and vain effort after all. In looking at my life, I can see that the times I pursued doing "what was right" often brought about periods of calm contentment. Maybe this contentment - with an occasional trip to Disneyland - is what happiness is all about.



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