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2023 CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

The winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest were: Pool – Sierra Madre

House Decorations:



1st Place, Holly Spangler – 517 Catalina



2nd Place, Ken and Pat Bracher – 1094 La Paloma



3rd Place Tie, 762 Via Del Sol, Joe and Lori Angelilli and 319 San Remo, Robert Brinkerhoff



Honorable Mentions:

199 Las Palmas, 544 Catalina, 4135 Via Aragon, 109 Las Palmas Norte, 808 Via Del Sol, 1210 Buena Vista, 1216 Buena Vista

Thank you to everyone who decorated.

Your holiday spirit makes our community a fun and festive place to live.



2023 SANTA SHUTTLE

The community CERT Team provided 7 residents who would not normally get a chance to view the community lights, golf cart transportation through Del Tura. They presented these residents

with holiday goodie bags. This annual event is always fun for the riders and the organizers.



NEW RESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Del Tura has it's very own Santa and his helper! (Will Jones and Charlie Healy) TYSM for visiting our get together!



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 or drop them at the office. Thank You





VETERAN'S CORNER By Steve Banko

I woke up hardly knowing it was Thursday, much less Thanksgiving. That morning, like every morning before it, my first thoughts were of my disappointment that yet another prayer had gone unanswered and I was still living the nightmare we knew as Vietnam. We didn't get much beyond the break of day before a "Bones Niner-Niner" call on the radio brought me to the captain's foxhole for a briefing. This one was unusual because it started with a "Happy Thanksgiving." The captain told us choppers would be coming out to ferry us back to Quan Loi where we would enjoy Thanksgiving dinner on chairs and at a table. We weren't going to stay at the base overnight, but it was still going to be special because we would be eating off plates with a roof over our heads. In Vietnam, I had learned that the best pleasures were the simple ones - the ones we too often took for granted back in the world.

I went back to tell the squad and started packing my stuff in the rucksack, mentally ticking off the days until my departure from this ungodly inferno. It wouldn't be long until Christmas and less than a month later I'd be winging my way back home. The mere thought of it made me want to sing "Over the River and Through the Woods."

Not long after the birds swooped in and picked us up. Just that quickly I was basking in the rarefied

air over the jungle. Beneath me, the tufted bubbles of foliage boiled up like green brocade as we chased our shadows toward Quan Loi and relative safety. It was a welcome break from jungle walks when the prospect of instant, isolated death perched on your shoulder like a demented long-beaked bird, just waiting to peck at your eye.

I'd made it through the life of a grunt for almost eleven months ... through unspeakable pain and unthinkable fear ... through the death of friends and the killing of strangers ... through days of endless fatigue and nights of unending terror. Now, the end was in sight. As much as I wanted to get home, I was still uncertain about the prospects of a real life in the real world, doubting if I'd saved enough of my former self to be able to function. Those doubts were magnified when we landed at Quan Loi. If I looked anything like the other grunts in Delta, the way back home would be longer and harder than I could imagine. We looked God-awful and smelled even worse. We were weary and worn out. We were dirty and tattered and just plain beat. But what the hell, I reasoned. This is a war zone and we are warriors. What would anyone expect?

We formed up in a rough column of twos for the march to the company mess hall that most of us had not seen since we got to III Corps. The rear echelon



guys stood along the road to watch our ragged band slog our way toward the heavenly smells of real food cooking. When we reached the mess hall, I peeked in the window. The tables were covered in red and white checkered plastic. Each table held a waxy Chianti bottle stuffed with a candle. The room looked good and smelled better. After my window-shopping, I figured it was taking far too long for us to get into the mess hall. I went forward to find out what was going on. Up near the door, our captain was engaged in some animated discussion.

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Checks should be made payable to HOA in the amount of \$12.00. If paying in cash, we ask that you bring the exact amount. For current HOA members, you will only need to verify and/or correct your information we have in our database. New members signing up between

October 1st and December 31st will be required to fill out a new membership form; you will be an HOA member immediately through the end of 2023 and all 2024.

HOA OFFICE HOURS (October thru April)
Monday 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Tuesday after Tuesday Coffee - Noon
Wednesday 9:00 am - Noon
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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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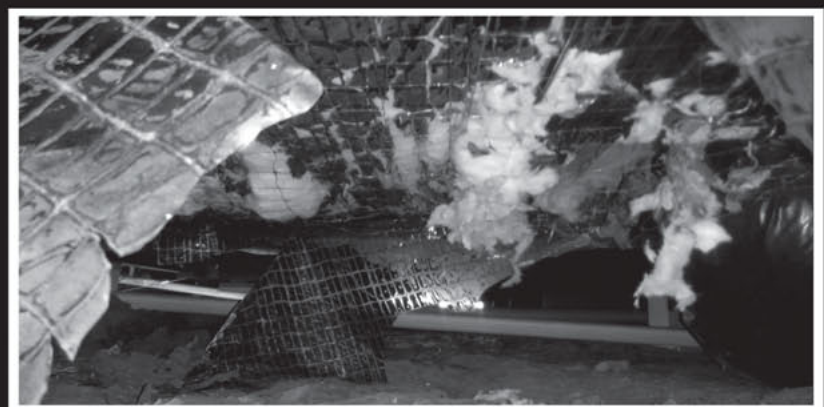
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DEL TURA F.I.S.H. NEWS *By Ginnie Benjamins*

Happy New Year! As the season progresses, we have more residents here in Florida. That means requests for rides and medical equipment increase. We don't like having to tell someone we can't provide a ride or get medical equipment to them because there are no volunteers available. We are looking for more volunteers so that FISH can continue to provide the services required. What does a volunteer do? If somebody needs a ride to an appointment, you coordinate with that person on when to pick them up and where they are going. Then you pick them up, drive them

to their appointment, wait until they are done, and then bring them home. We don't expect people to drive hours away. We go north to Punta Gorda, south to Daniels Parkway, east to 75, and west to Chiquita Blvd. If you volunteer to be a driver you will probably get 1 or 2 requests per month. Medical equipment volunteers go to our equipment shed, get the required equipment, and then deliver it to a person's home. Sometimes you will be asked to pick up equipment when the person no longer needs it. Below is an application to become a volunteer.

FISH of Del Tura

Date: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Cell #: _____ e-mail address: _____

Driver License #: _____

If you are a seasonal resident, months you are available: _____

Programs you would be interested in volunteering for:
 Transportation: _____ Medical Equipment: _____ Birthday Calls: _____ Holiday Baskets: _____

Please return to: Laura Dritt - 630-175-1757, 263 Las Palmas, North Fort Myers FL 33903

DEL TURA GOOD TIMERS *By Sandra Boykin*

We are well into our Christmas season with lots of parties and eating and drinking. We finished the year with our yearly Christmas Party at the Starlight Room. The wonderful food was catered by The Brown Bag Eatery and the delicious desserts were catered by Mario's in Fort Myers.

We started our December by voting in our new board members - President, Sandy Boykin, Vice-President, Laura Dritt, Secretary - Pat Van Fleet, and Treasurer, Nancy Harris. We look forward to a fun season together. We will be touring to Tarpon Springs in February and

Heritage Village in Sarasota in March. We are looking into a restaurant tour in Punta Gorda. We are again having a fabulous fashion show in March with styles from Anthony's. We will be going Chinese for our January luncheon hosted by Ginnie Benjamins and in February we will be going to Keg & Cow in Surfside hosted by Nancy Harris. To enjoy all this fun you must join our club. Dues will be collected at our January meeting January 2 and we will collect until March (checks only). We always meet in the Starlight Room on the first Tuesday of the month at 4p. Hope to see you soon.

DEL TURA HOMETOWN AMERICA

Hometown America would like to Wish all our Residents a very Happy New Year!!

As we start a New Year, we would like to send out to all our residents a reminder pertaining to some of Del Tura's Policies. Listed below are reminders. Look over and pass along to your neighbor. When we all work together, we create a beautiful paradise. Please read the prospectus for further details on policies.

ROADWAY:

Follow the posted Speed Limit Signs, the Community Speed limit is 16 MPH. Please Drive Careful.

When you approach a Stop sign, Stop!! This is for everyone's safety.

No Parking on the Street overnight permitted at all. Larger RVS in the street should not Restrict viewing for oncoming traffic. Be courteous when loading and unloading do not park in the street overnight.

All Cargo, Utility or Manmade trailers are not allowed to be parked in Driveways overnight. Please Park offsite if necessary.

POOL:

Pool Umbrellas - when you are done with them, put them in the closed position to avoid unnecessary damage.

Don't Move Pool umbrellas or furniture, leave them in place. This helps with unwanted wear and tear on furniture. If you desire to bring your own chair, you may place it where you like. (Avoid placement in the walkway.)

Please do not save pool furniture, it is a first come first serve basis. We ask that you don't hold any pool furniture with any towels or objects. The pool furniture is for all Residents use. Be courteous and remove your items if not immediately using pool furniture.

FRONT GATE:

Call Ahead, before the arrival of your guest. (239)731-2523

As a gated Community we must work together to ensure the safest community possible. We understand it is our responsibility to screen every Guest, Contractor, and Delivery driver that approaches the manned gate. With your help it will make it easier for your Guest, Contractors, and Deliveries when they arrive if you have notified the gate in advance. Simply tell your guest or contractor to state the address and Name or Business name when they arrive. This lessens the stress for everyone involved when procedures are followed, this creates a seamless entry into Del Tura.

Please call the gate when Door dash, Instacart, Walmart, Pizza restaurants, furniture store, any delivery you are notified about let the gate know. Resident Event entry: We ask that any Resident, Association, or special club, notify the gate of your event. Please provide a guest list to your event to the main gate no less than 24 hours in advance.

When we work together the process is smoother. Do your part and inform the gate of your Guest, Contractors, and deliveries.

Be kind to your neighbor, Wave, and smile.

NIGHT AT THE RACES!

JANUARY 27TH, 2024!



TICKETS \$10.00! (CASH ONLY)

**TICKET SALES:
JANUARY 9TH, at 7:30 AM
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DEL TURA DERBY HAT CONTEST!

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6 FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS	7 NFL FOOTBALL!	8 FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS 5-8	9 KARAOKE PARTY 5-8	10 LIVE MUSIC COLTON 5-8	11 TRIVIA NIGHT! 5-8	12 LIVE MUSIC "CHARLIE" 5-8PM
13 BETHANNE LIVE 2-5PM	14 NFL FOOTBALL!	15 SMOKN BILL LIVE MUSIC 5-8	16 KARAOKE PARTY 5-8	17 LIVE MUSIC COLTON 5-8	18 TRIVIA NIGHT! 5-8	19 LIVE MUSIC MIKE GLEAN! 5-8PM
20 FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS	21 NFL FOOTBALL!	22 SMOKN BILL LIVE MUSIC 5-8	23 KARAOKE PARTY 5-8	24 LIVE MUSIC COLTON 5-8	25 TRIVIA NIGHT! 5-8	26 LIVE MUSIC "KENNY G" 5-8PM
27 BETHANNE LIVE 2-5PM	28 NFL FOOTBALL!	29 SMOKN BILL LIVE MUSIC 5-8	30 KARAOKE PARTY 5-8	31 LIVE MUSIC COLTON 5-8	2/1 TRIVIA NIGHT! 5-8	2/2 LIVE MUSIC MIKE GLEAN! 5-8PM

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- Holy Land Tour and Scotland Tour 2025

Stay tuned for upcoming details!
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DEL TURA HOLIDAY TOY COLLECTION

We want to thank everyone who donated to the Holiday Toy Collection for North Fort Myers children. We were able to collect 307 toys so that local boys and girls could have a gift to open for the holiday. This collection was done in conjunction with the NFM Fire Department. They came in the Engine on Tuesday, December 12 th and picked up all donated items. Thank you to everyone in Del Tura for taking the time to make a child happy.



CERT
 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM



Ladies of the Lake enjoyed a great luncheon at Magnolia Landing donating a ton of toys that were picked up by the NFM Fire Dept thanks to Pat Steele organizing the event. Thanks to all who attended and contributed. It was a fun luncheon and we all enjoyed the fire department picking up the toys.




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SUNNY DAYS ICE CREAM TRUCK

Be on the Look Out!!!! SUNNY DAYS ICE CREAM TRUCK is back for your Ice Cream enjoyment. Sunny days ice cream will drive around the community with your favorite novelty Ice cream treat for sale. From 4pm- Dark or Sell out on the following dates: **January 7th, February 4th, March 3rd, and April 14th**

BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS

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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DEL TURA THURSDAY NIGHT BINGO *By Jack Blevons*

Hello. Janet & I are happy to be back here to run our Thursday night Bingo again. We ran two nights in October & by the 2nd night we had more people coming & we hope as more snowbirds arrive, that will continue because the more people that come, the more money we can give away. With the holidays & craft fair in December we will only have Bingo on the 14th & 21st. In January we will be back to having it every Thursday night. Everything is the same as last year both for what it costs to play & also the times. Doors open at 6:00 & we sell game sheets until 6:45. Then we start playing at 7:00.

I do want to mention how much we appreciate all the help we are getting in both setting things up before we play & also taking everything down & putting it all away again. Also, for all you team members who help us run it. We couldn't do it without all your help in everything that we do each Thursday night. As long as we have all that help & HOA wants us, we will continue to run the HOA Bingo Thursday nights while we are here. So, keep coming to enjoy playing & like us, hoping we can win once in a while too.

~ Jack & Janet Blevons

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If your children are grown and your mortgage is paid off, do you still need to carry life insurance? It depends on your situation, but for many people, a cash-value life insurance policy, such as whole life or universal life, can be a valuable, tax-efficient source of retirement income. And by drawing on the cash value of your policy, you might be able to temporarily reduce the amount you take out from your retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k). This ability could be especially important when the financial markets are down — you'd probably like to avoid liquidating your assets when their prices have dropped.

Basically, you can use the cash in your policy in these ways:

- Withdrawals** – You can typically withdraw part of the cash value of your life insurance without losing coverage. You generally won't incur income taxes on these withdrawals, up to the amount you've put into the policy — that is, the premiums you've paid. Once your withdrawals exceed this amount, you would generally owe taxes. Also, keep in mind that any withdrawals will reduce your policy's death benefit and the available cash surrender value.
- Policy loans** – Rather than taking a withdrawal from your policy, you could take out a loan. You won't have to go through an approval process or income verification, and policy loans typically have lower interest rates than bank loans and don't assess closing costs. Plus, because your insurer will be lending you the money and using the cash in your policy as collateral, your policy's cash value can remain intact and still potentially grow. However, policy loans do carry some issues of which you should be aware. For one thing, while a loan usually isn't taxable, you could end up owing taxes on any unpaid loan balance, including interest. And if this balance exceeds the policy's cash value, it could cause your policy to lapse. Also, outstanding loans can reduce your death benefit.
- Cashing out** – If you cash out, or "surrender," your policy, you can receive the entire cash value, plus any accrued interest. You will have to subtract any money needed to pay policy loans, along with unpaid premiums and surrender fees, which can be significant. Also, any amount you receive over the policy's cash basis — the total of premiums you've paid — will be taxed as regular income.

1035 Exchange – Through what's known as a Section 1035 Exchange, you can transfer your life insurance policy to an annuity, which can be structured to pay you a lifetime income stream. The exchange won't be taxable but surrender charges may still apply.

Given the potential tax implications of the above options, you may want to consult with your tax advisor before making any moves. Also, be sure you are comfortable with a reduced or eliminated death benefit. Specifically, you'll want to be confident that your spouse or other family members don't need the proceeds of your policy. This may require some discussions about your loved ones' plans and needs. And don't forget that life insurance can help your family pay for final expenses, such as funeral costs and unpaid medical bills.

Whether it's providing you with needed retirement income or helping your family meet future needs, your cash value life insurance policy is a valuable asset — so try to put it to the best use possible.

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DEL TURA GARDEN CLUB *By Sandy Gove*

BUS TRIP to SELBY BOTANICAL GARDEN

January 16 is the payment deadline to confirm your reservation for the bus trip to the Selby Botanical Garden in Sarasota: checks only please payable to Del Tura Garden Club. Checks may be dropped off at the Garden Club table at Tuesday Coffee Hour January 2, 9 and 16, or to Rosemary Eiden (908 Via La Paz, 813-220-9269). New reservations will be accepted no later than January 16 at Tuesday Coffee hours, or Thursdays 4:30-6:30 before Bingo in the clubhouse lobby, depending on seating availability.

UPCOMING CLASSES:

DESIGN YOUR OWN LANDSCAPE

Part I, JANUARY 15, 1PM, in the Jacaranda Room, will be led by Laura Green, an Advanced Master Gardener, who will guide you to create a landscape plan specific for your own Del Tura home, showing plants and hardscape. Once completed it will help you manage and maintain your area in the future using keys for watering, pruning and more-all your landscape needs in one easy to reference master map!

FEBRUARY 12, Part 2 of Design Your Own Landscape allows time to complete your map and how to install it. Please contact Linda at LauraKaycrone@yahoo.com with questions.

SAVE THIS DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 4TH for our annual PLANT SALE & DRAWING!

CONSIDERING A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? You might want to 'dig' into gardening!

According to the Mayo Clinic Health System, there are real health benefits in gardening. While tending a garden, you perform functional movements that mimic whole body exercise such as squats and lunges that can work large muscle groups, and help improve your balance, strength and flexibility.

Getting outdoors is good for physical and mental health. People tend to breathe easier outside, which helps to clear the lungs, improves digestion, improves immune response and increases oxygen levels in the blood. Time outdoors has been shown to reduce heart rate and muscle tension, and gardening has been shown to lower levels of stress and anxiety. Garden activities can be modified if movement is a challenge. A garden seat or small stool to sit on or having raised garden beds can reduce stress on the back; a shovel or rake can help support your knees when squatting; smaller pots are lighter and easier to move than large ones; and small bags of soil etc. are easier to carry. Avoiding the high heat times of day, using sunscreen and wearing a hat is best, and it's important to check

with your health care provider before starting any new exercise routine.

It's very gratifying to plant, tend, and see positive results of a new bloom or sharing a homegrown tomato with a friend. Gardening brings people together and strengthens social connections, as gardeners are eager to share information, often leading to new friendships. It's best to start small. Don't take on more than you can handle. Research the plants you'd like to grow, to learn if they are appropriate for your area (Lee County Extension Service, or google your plant name) so you have the best chance for success. Growing your own vegetables and fruit has many benefits. Whether you decide to pamper that new Poinsettia to enjoy another year, plant the amaryllis bulb outside when it's finished blooming, start a small herb garden, or take on that empty patch of dirt on the side of your home, consider gardening for lots of great reasons.

Del Tura Garden Club's meeting is January 5, 10AM in the Jacaranda Room, and guests are always welcome! HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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News Items for "The Tower" – Please email article, flyer, and photos (if any) to: dttoweredit@gmail.com

THE HOA WEBSITE - www.deltura-hoa.com

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HOA office on 609 Sierra Madre reopened Sept. 5th

HOA OFFICE HOURS

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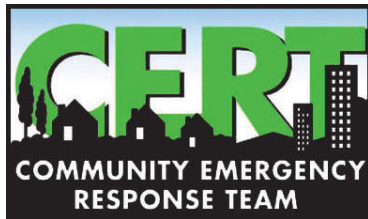
DEL TURA CERT By Lisa Bellanca

Welcome to the New Year! In November CERT collected 27 units at the Blood Drive we hosted. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Many of our CERT members will be taking a refresher course in January. Every two years we are required to take these courses, so we stay on top of the FEMA requirements for all CERT Teams. If anyone is interested in joining our community CERT team you can reach out to Bertie Dugo at 617-974-8502 for more information.

Your community CERT team raises money for items to keep in our community closet. Items purchased with this money includes, but is not limited to, medical supplies, tarps, and emergency equipment. These items are used within the Del Tura community. This year our main fundraiser is a golf outing.

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NINE HOLE WOMEN'S GOLF

By Nancy Ashe

HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we put 2023 in our memory books we welcome a new year of golf in our league. With our northern members' arrivals, we are seeing familiar faces and meeting new ladies joining our league.

Our Club Championship is scheduled for January 24-25, 2024, followed by our general meeting and lunch.

As we begin this new year, we thank the pro shop for all of their services throughout the year. They accept many checks for our events, posting our scores after play and set our courses for both groups. It is always done with a smile and support.

We wish all our Del Tura league members, friends and neighbors a healthy and prosperous new year.



18 HOLE WOMEN'S GOLF

By Margie Blackwell

Women's 18 Hole Golf League Update

The women's 18 hole golf league Member Member Tournament was fun. The tournament is a 2 day event playing Best Ball and Low Handicap. The members were placed into 2 flights. The winning teams were:

- 1st Flight 1st Place: Cherie Maxwell, Connie Racine,
- 2nd Place: Sherry Laverre, Wilma Antaya,
- 3rd Place: Darlene King, Mary Ciezadlo.
- 2nd Flight: Maria Soper, Jane Glancy,
- 2nd Place: Chris Bunker, Pat Steele,
- 3rd Place Jean Wiley, Karen Waterbury.

The new season will begin January 1 with an invitation to all golfers to join. You need to establish a handicap by completing 5 games and putting your scores into the GHIN program. The pro shop will be happy to help with entering your scores. The cost to join for the year is \$35.00. If you would like to join please contact Cilla Canney 978-314-3773 for more information.

The new officers will be installed on December 13 at our annual Christmas luncheon. The officers for 2024 are: Darlene King, President, Deb Gonsalves, Vice President, Kim Bartelson, Treasurer and Pam Price, Secretary.

In January the 18 Hole ladies will be having their annual 18 Hole Presidents Cup beginning on January 17, 18 and January 24, 25. Don't forget to sign up. The Annual Awards Banquet is Saturday January 13. Welcome to our new members: Connie Racine, Annie Borns and Joan Hook.



SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE

By Glenn Tointon

SHUFFLEBOARD RESULTS

First, congratulations goes out to Martha Annessansley for placing second in the Consolation at Bonita Bay on December 7-8. Also, Glenn Tointon took fourth in the Main at Lee County on November 30-December 1. He will also be in the Pro/Am tournament in Riverside on December 14-15. Way to go Del Tura!

In our Friday league, Cyndi and Bernie Grilli are leading with a perfect 12-0 record. In second just two games behind at 10-2, are Craig Evans and Deb Morman. Bruce Blackmore and Lynn Brenfleck as well as Ken and Janice Dodge are tied for third at 9-3.

We have one more week of play then two weeks off for Christmas and the New Year. We want to wish all of you happy holiday's and please be safe if you will be traveling and may 2024 be a great year for all of us.



BOWLING

By Cindy Baron

Hello from Bolero Coral, the new name of Bowland Cape Coral. The Del Tura bowling league began league play on Tuesday October 31. We play Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 and are beginning our new season with 12 teams. 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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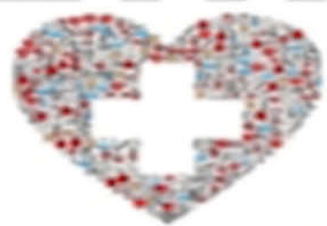
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VETERAN'S CORNER Continued from page 2

I was too far away to hear the words but the arm waving and finger pointing indicated they weren't discussing the menu. The volume was raised a couple notches and that brought the battalion commander to the doorway. As soon as his arm went around the captain's shoulders I knew we were going to get screwed. When the captain's heels got locked, I knew we weren't even going to get kissed while getting screwed. It didn't take long for the lieutenant colonel and the mess sergeant to go back into the mess hall and for our CO to look like he'd just received a "dear John" letter.

I asked the captain what the issue was and he informed us all that we had been deemed too dirty to eat in the newly appointed "dining" hall. We were to do an about face and march our dirty butts back to the airstrip where our Thanksgiving dinner would be brought to us while we sat

asses in the grass. The situation was rife for mutiny, We'd been humping the bush for a month, taking and inflicting casualties and living like animals. Now, presented with the first chance to feel like real human beings again we'd been made to feel like Cinderella among her stepsisters. The utter absurdity and total lunacy of the situation, though, were just too ridiculous to be taken seriously. All I could do was laugh - that deep, thundering laughter that boils in your belly before spilling out in hoots and peals and ends in tears. The laughter was contagious and it didn't take long for everyone to join in. The whole thing was so surreal, it could only warrant laughter, even if most of the kids had nary a notion of what "surreal" meant.

So we retired to the chaos of the airstrip and, as promised, the food was delivered hot and delicious and

plentiful. So what if we had to lean over our plates to shield them from the debris kicked up by each arriving and departing aircraft. So what if our gravy floated a few twigs and branches? We ate and laughed and loved each other in the way men who share life and death on a daily basis must laugh and love to preserve their collective sanity. We belched and burped, laughed and ate some more; happy to merely be alive and to be sharing the intensity of friendship rooted in necessity but blossomed by its unfettered totality. When we'd eaten our fill, we rose unsteadily under the weight of our gluttony but calmed by the knowledge that we shared everything life and death and fear and joy had to offer.

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ALL APPLIANCES - Please call the Administration Office (239) 731-3433. Please consider local organizations for furniture donations: Habitat for humanity, Salvation Army, Goodwill etc.

Horticulture pickup Wednesday only (must be curbside by 6am.) All loose Horticulture - must be in containers with drainage holes. No plastic trash bags. (No water filled containers will be picked up.) All tree limbs/branches must be bundled, 2 foot in length, no bigger than 8 inches thick and weight must be 40 pounds or less. No stumps, root balls, dirt or any plastic bags containing these items at all. All palm fronds must be bundled. 4 foot in length and 40 pounds or less and all facing same direction for pick up. (Please don't block sidewalk or roads.)

Recycling - Monday (addresses 1-3999) and Wednesday (Addresses 4000-6110.) Must be curbside by 6am. Recycling is picked up by Waste Pro and any questions or a missed pickup contact Waste Pro directly at (239) 337-0800.

Construction trash - Is homeowners responsibility. All construction debris/materials are to be removed by Contractor, Handyman or Homeowner. NO EXCEPTIONS! You may contact Dennis with Bright Star to schedule a special pickup (fee will apply) (941) 815-6208. They will not pick up any construction trash without special arrangements. Please don't mix household trash with Bulk, Construction or Horticulture in same container or trash bags, they will NOT be picked up.

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Activity	Location	Contact	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Exercise									
Tai Chi		Bonnie Carrol 309-454-4329	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 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		
Sports									
Billiards, Men's	Billiards Room	Ernie Page 239-599-4272	1:00-3:00						
Billiards, Women's (Nov-Apr)	Billiards Room	Ann DeGrande 989-2206			6:30-9:30				
Bocce (Nov-April)	Bocce Ball Court	Peggy Terrasi 603-236-2209 peggyterrasi@gmail.com	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 allieoop33@gmail.com	8:00-10:00		8:00-10:00		8:00-10:00	8:00-10:00	
Games									
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	Connie Larson 239-768-3316			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 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				Friday w/Claire McNair 508-344-9920
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		
Texas Hold 'Em	Card room 1	Mark Clover 239-980-3964	3:00		3:00		3:00		
Other Activities and Clubs									
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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By Dianne J. Roderick

New Year Treasures

As we think back and reflect at the beginning of each New Year one cannot help to feel a bit melancholy. The holiday rush and the excitement of preparing for the holiday celebrations with our families and friends has come and gone in a blink of an eye, or so it seems. The tree and its decorations are put away and the house feels extremely bare. Once again we are consumed by the quiet that surrounds us and we think to ourselves, how can this be January 2024, wasn't it just ...??? That's when we begin to wander back to the Januarys of the past remembering when the New Year brought us so many unexpected pleasures. Those pleasures became the treasures that we hold dear in our hearts today. Some of us will wander back and relive the times of our youth, while others will reminisce about our later years.

As I write this I'm thinking back to how the Januarys of my youth would bring those unexpected blizzards that would gleefully greet us each New Year. Snowdrifts were as high as the roof tops! I remember how the excitement would grow with each snowflake! My brothers and I would run from window to window, keeping one ear on the radio in hopes of school being canceled.

It seemed that our school district would always be the last to announce the cancellation... but when they did, it was New Year's Eve all over again!

A New Year holds promise, the unknown, the unexpected...we enter it with a feeling of hope that our lives will be blessed with all good things! Although each New Year brings some unpleasanties, we know from our life experiences that we have "no control" over what obstacles we will encounter in the new year. That, my friends, is a good thing! We cannot allow ourselves to think about what might or might not happen tomorrow. We need to focus on each new day and surround ourselves with people that fill our days with lots of love and laughter.

Let the warm, loving, pleasant memories of the past and the pleasurable moments of the present be the fuel that energizes your outlook as you enter this New Year. Listen to your heart and let it lead you. Hug a little tighter, visit a little longer, take time to play a little more. Love, laugh, dwell on the positive and 2024 will bring you beautiful memories. Let the unexpected pleasures throughout this New Year become the treasures that continue to make your heart happy.

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DEL TURA MEN'S GOLF

By Dan Haag, President DTMGA

Greetings to all of you!
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In the Nine Hole division the runner up is Tom Hoffay and the winner is Mike Shore.

The White Division flight 3 runner up is Roy Schuetz and the winner is Greg Roberts.

The White Division flight 2 runner up is Ron Fluett and the winner is Steve Baney.

The White Division flight 1 runner up is Dan Duffy and the winner is John Bevilacqua.

The Blue Division flight 2 runner up is Gene Thomas and the winner is George Lopers.

In the Blue Division flight 1, the runner up is Don Skinner and the Del Tura President's Cup Champion is Tim Trout!

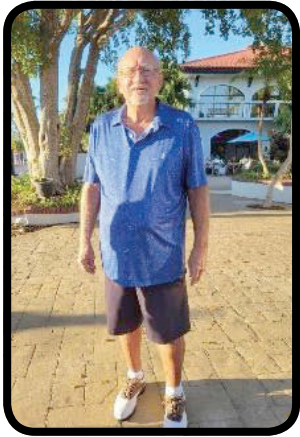
A very special thanks goes to our volunteers, Marty Williams, Jim Vassallo and Jack O'Hearn!

January is a fun filled month starting with the always popular Jack and Jill tournament. It is a 2 day event on January 3rd and 4th, with both a 9 and 18 hole Division. Lunch will follow the Thursday final round in the Starlight Ballroom at 11:30, BYOB, cost is \$40 per couple, payable the first day in the parking lot.

The 3rd event quickly follows the Jack and Jill. It is the Men's 2 Ball tournament, January 10th and 11th. So grab a partner and sign up in the 'Dungeon'. The cost is \$10 per person.

Our annual Award's Banquet and Dinner is on January 13th in the Starlight Ballroom. The cost is \$25 per person. Please take a check and sign up in the pro shop.

Finally, the DTMGA monthly meeting will be January 17th at noon in the Royal Palm room.



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LORI McFERRIN

My husband, Bill, and I have lived in Del Tura for two and one-half years. We 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.

I have worked as a CMA in the medical field for 40 years. I have served on the PTO Board. I have opened and managed a practice from the ground up. I have been a part of numerous boards and committees for healthcare.



SUSAN BELL

I returned to Del Tura 14 months ago and have lived in Del Tura for a total of seven and one-half years. I am running for a position on the Board of Directors. I feel my prior experience of serving on the Board, having served in the past as FMO Representative and recently was again appointed to serve as the current FMO Representative for Del Tura, serving on the Entertainment Committee for many years along with my 30 years of having my own successful business has prepared me well in working with all Directors on the Board.





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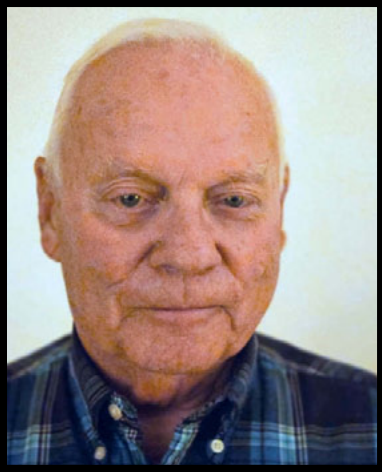
Linda and I have lived in Del Tura for four years. I have served on the Board for three years, the last two years as Secretary. Former member of the Grounds Committee and currently the liaison to the Grounds Committee. My background for most of my years have been in management and finance. I have also worked as front line worker on the union side and also on 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.

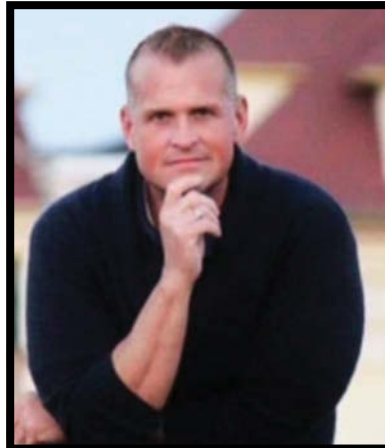
DON DOWELL

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.



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."



DARLA GREER

As a full time resident for three years, my husband Bryant and I are active members in the community. We participate in many events that take place here in Del Tura. I am currently the Chairperson for the Golf Cart Parades. I volunteer at the HOA office, and have assisted where needed in several fundraising events, including golf tournaments. The picture I chose is from the Play for Pink tournament benefiting womens' breast cancer held here in Del Tura annually.

I thrive in leadership roles, enjoy networking and problem solving. My degree in Computer Science and Real Estate license has led to a successful career. Although I'm 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 to not only hear your questions and concerns, but work together as a community to find solutions. I would greatly appreciate your vote!!



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EX-GATE GABBER

By Michael Johnson

Lost and Found

I was working at a Garden Center in Mount Kisco, New York. It was 1971. Mount Kisco is located in Westchester County and populated by some wealthy and famous people. Occasionally some of them would stop in and shop. It was strange seeing some of the la de da folks in everyday clothing and mingling with us commoners. There was a Baskin Robbins down the street from where I worked and there were many occasions when I would take a brief walk and pick up something cold and sweet. I had to pass a laundromat on the way to Baskin Robbins and there was a man in the laundromat almost each time I passed by... I would wave and mouth, "Hello" as I passed the large front window... He would do the same... One day I passed this fellow outside the laundromat. I said, "Hello" and waited for him to return my greeting. He mouthed, "Hello" and passed me by. There was no sound. He just mouthed the greeting. When I returned to the Garden Center I told the manager about my experience. He said, "That's Ray Williams. He owns the laundromat and has had surgery to his throat. He has no voice."

Well, that was a bit of a shocker. All this time I thought he was ACTUALLY saying hello, but, because he was inside and I was outside, I couldn't hear him.

I digress from the title of this little yarn .

You all remember my friend Edgar, from earlier stories . Edgar's father bought his son a Garden store in Yorktown, New York, not far from Mount Kisco. Edgar's dad thought it would be a good idea to get his sons involved in retail and the Garden Store was a good beginning. Strangely, none of the three sons had any background in the garden store / nursery business. Edgar approached me and asked if I'd be interested in managing the store. I jumped at the opportunity. I was always treated as another brother to the three brothers and had grown up with them. So, it didn't seem so strange that I was asked to manage the shop.

The location was originally called The Meadows Farm. When Edgar's dad bought the building and surrounding land he renamed it Underhill Farm and Garden Store. We would sell nursery stock, cut flowers and home gardening equipment as well as produce. Strangely, the original owner of The Meadows purchased the lot across the street from our location and kept the name The Meadows, which he painted in BIG red letters on the front of the new building. I cannot tell you how many customers we had who said they would never shop at the "New place across the street"...

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EX-GATE GRABBER *Continued from previous page*

They couldn't believe someone would do such a thing. I came to find out that those customers thought WE were the ORIGINAL owners of the property and new folks just moved into our territory. Well, when things got slow one of Edgar's younger brothers and I would place a Hula Hoop out in the field behind the store and throw those long hardwood, green tomato stakes and try to land them in the circle. I had a beautiful turquoise ring which I wore on my right ring finger. Following

one of my throws, I noticed my ring was missing. I didn't know if it came off during one of my throws or if it fell off while I was retrieving the poles. Two days later we found ourselves throwing the tomato stakes again. When I went to retrieve them I noticed a shiny object on the end of one of the stakes... It was my ring!!! The stake had landed in the center of the ring!!!
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3. Darlene King, 4. Bruce Mars

11-21-23: 1. Tony Winn, 2. Carolyn Bennett,
3. (tie) Bob Bennett & Lynn Everett

12-05-23: 1. Bruce Barmore, 2. Kathy Boesel,
3. Joanie Kachel, 4. Jeff Czuchaj

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11-08-23
1. Rocco Guerrera
2. Al Oostema

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1. Tom Demshak
2. Marcella Carothers
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WRITER'S WORKSHOP

By Nancy Davy

Another year is winding down, and we're making good progress with our Creative Writers Workshop. As 2024 approaches, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish you good health and happiness in the New Year. We're looking forward to meeting Monday, January 8th and Monday, January 22nd, 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.

The challenge this time is the study of repetition. Repeating a word or particular line, at various planned points of your composition, can be a powerful tool in driving a point home, can help create a tempo (as with poetic expression), or can be a gentle reminder of what you'd like your readers to take away from your work.

Here's an example:

MY HANDS by Mary De Joseph
 My hands today seemed withered...
 Skin riddled with wrinkles and scars
 Joints and veins crooked from arthritis.
 Tears welled up and flowed
 Not from despair, but from pride
 My hands have seen me through
 Soft and tough at the same time.
 My hands held my parents' hands.
 My hands held my sweetheart's face.
 My hands pledged my love for my husband.
 My hands caressed my precious daughters.
 My hands soothed my dying parents.
 My hands clapped for successes
 My hands guided my precious students
 My hands prayed for the protection of my family.
 Through wonderful happiness
 Through trying situations
 From my childhood to the present
 Tears will continue to flow as I fill up
 With emotions because of MY HANDS.

SPORTS by Karen Brennan
 I like playing golf; I like it a lot,
 I enjoy playing golf
 but not when it's hot.
 Skiing is great;
 you zoom down the hill
 Skiing is fun; it's really a thrill.
 Hockey is exciting,
 it moves very fast
 Hockey is dangerous,
 it can leave you aghast!
 I enjoy skating - on a pond or a rink,
 But skating can tire you
 quick as a wink
 It's fun to play sports;
 it's really quite healthy,
 And if you're successful,
 you may become wealthy!

An Anniversary Reflection
 by Nancy Davy
 (from my book, *Tears From My Pen*)

"Till death do us part"
 That promise was spoken
 One day on the calendar
 Now serves as a token
 It holds bright tender memories
 Of young, wistful faces
 Dreams to reach out for
 Unconquered places
 The sky was the limit
 No bars to success
 You had such a love
 You were so richly blessed.
 Next came the children
 And then flew the years
 A whirlwind of laughter,
 Of love, and of tears,
 Occasional times
 Love was put to the test
 When dreams came apart
 When workdays were stressed
 But through every hardship
 A look; a caress,
 And the knowledge that you
 Had been so richly blessed.
 Should you now close the scrapbook
 Because one life is over?
 No! Savor each picture
 From cover to cover
 These treasures have made you
 Who you are today
 And the love that you shared
 Has not passed away

"Till death do us part"
 One heart laid to rest;
 But this day we will celebrate
 Two lives so richly blessed.

I hope you enjoy the following responses:

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1/01 Manuel, Rick | 1/13 Mazzara, Bob | 1/22 Bocker, Harold |
| 1/01 Sloan, Paula | 1/13 Thomas, Tina | 1/22 Gabrielcik, Dave |
| 1/02 Bell, Kathleen | 1/14 Buckland, Linda | 1/22 Koppenhofer, Tim |
| 1/02 Kaufhold, John | 1/14 Davis, John | 1/22 Toth, Donald |
| 1/02 Kleindinst, George | 1/14 Kimbro, Sam | 1/22 Wren, Donna |
| 1/03 Biddinger, Gary | 1/14 Petersen, Freya | 1/23 Adgate, Tom |
| 1/03 Sergeichik, Ron | 1/15 Dana, Linda | 1/23 Ellmann, Eric |
| 1/03 Zadrozny, Linda | 1/15 Straw, Jerry | 1/23 Sunick, Beverly |
| 1/04 Baird, Martha | 1/16 Dupell, Doug | 1/23 Thurlwell, Richard |
| 1/04 Fincham, Darlene | 1/16 Rosamilia, Lou | 1/24 Cunningham, Kim |
| 1/04 Griffin, Hilda | 1/16 Wedge, Ruth | 1/24 Hoffay, Janet |
| 1/04 LeCause, Carl | 1/16 Welty, Earl | 1/24 Sandberg, Mary |
| 1/05 Carroll, Jim | 1/17 Hernaez, Lorraine | 1/25 Anzalone, Irene |
| 1/05 Czuchaj, Jeff | 1/17 Mulcahey, Marion | 1/25 Olson, David |
| 1/05 Fiedler, William | 1/17 Peplinski, Cathy | 1/25 Sinicropi, Vito |
| 1/05 Sommer, John | 1/17 Sears, Mary | 1/25 Stephens, Amy |
| 1/06 Berlin, Jeffery | 1/17 Urbanek, Ed | 1/26 DeGrande, Ann |
| 1/07 Brown, Carolyn | 1/18 Angelilli, Lori | 1/26 Patton, Deborah |
| 1/07 Everett, Lynn | 1/18 Arnold, Susan | 1/26 Tobin, Diane |
| 1/08 Devlin, Deb | 1/18 Grimes, Lory | 1/26 Voegeli, Harold |
| 1/08 Hurson, Terry | 1/18 Hickey, Michael | 1/27 Hanrahan, Mildred |
| 1/08 Sidorowicz, John | 1/19 Barney, Rick | 1/27 Naumchik, Marla |
| 1/08 Simmons, Dale | 1/19 Barney, Rick | 1/27 Soper, Maria |
| 1/09 Guarrera, Patti | 1/19 Light, Floyd | 1/28 Billins, Donna |
| 1/09 Samuelson, Elaine | 1/19 O'Hearn, Jack | 1/28 Feiner, Cookie |
| 1/10 Abascal, Ron | 1/19 Pribyl, Joan | 1/28 Richmond, Wayne |
| 1/10 Cabrera, Brian | 1/20 Cabrera, Arturo | 1/29 Brinton, Cindy |
| 1/10 Furlong, Joseph | 1/20 Moreton, Peter | 1/29 Simmons, Carol |
| 1/10 Vohs, Linda | 1/20 Naumchik, Joseph | 1/29 Wilson, James |
| 1/11 Boesel, Kathy | 1/20 Silvaroli, Angela | 1/30 Biddinger, Dorothy |
| 1/11 Bourget, Cheryl | 1/21 Daniels, David | 1/30 Colligan, Bob |
| 1/11 Harding, John | 1/21 Kaiser, Sharon | 1/30 Davies, Diana |
| 1/11 Murray, Dave | 1/21 McGraw, Denise | 1/30 Major, Paula |
| 1/11 Sinicropi, Joyce | 1/21 Nolan, Paul | 1/30 Olson, Nancy |
| 1/12 Lippard, Brian | 1/21 Reisenfeld, Sharon | 1/31 Bevilacqua, John |
| 1/12 List, Randolph | 1/22 Bartleson, Kim | 1/31 Macomber, Christopher |
| 1/13 Johnson, Susan | 1/22 Bocker, Harold | 1/31 Rivet, Karen |

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1/01/94 Bobby & Michelle Iwankow, 30 years | 1/17/70 Tom & Connie Ziegler, 54 years |
| 1/02/03 Don & Diana Davies, 21 years | 1/18/00 Michael Fuchs & Candace Starr, 24 years |
| 1/02/60 David & Marianne Denman, 64 years | 1/18/67 Henry & Dalia Shahar, 57 years |
| 1/06/84 John & Marlene Eck, 40 years | 1/19/20 Donna Daley & James Wilson, 4 years |
| 1/06/96 Sam & Kitty Kimbro, 28 years | 1/19/74 David & Trudy Wilson, 50 years |
| 1/07/17 Ron & Barbara Turner, 7 years | 1/20/68 David & Betty Scheetz, 56 years |
| 1/08/00 Richard & Carol Dohrn, 24 years | 1/24/53 Ed & Judi Urbanek, 71 years |
| 1/12/74 Ken & Patty Bracher, 50 years | 1/25/86 Brian & Roseann Lippard, 38 years |
| 1/12/89 Rolando & Marianne Tecun, 35 years | 1/29/57 Roy & Linda Schuetz, 67 years |
| 1/13/68 Dennis & Paula Major, 56 years | 1/30/07 John & Sue Evans, 17 years |
| 1/14/67 Bill & Mary Dold, 57 years | 1/30/65 Dave & Beverly Magnone, 59 years |
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In Memory of ELAINE DICKMAN

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JANUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 1-3999) Household Trash Pickup 6AM	2 Bulk Pickup (2 Items) 6AM	3 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 4000-6110) Horticulture Pickup 6AM	4 Household Trash Pickup 6AM	5	6
7	8 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 1-3999) Household Trash Pickup 6AM	9 New Resident Get Together 4:30-6pm	10 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 4000-6110) Horticulture Pickup 6AM	11 Household Trash Pickup 6AM	12	13
14	15 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 1-3999) Household Trash Pickup 6AM	16 Bulk Pickup (2 Items) 6AM	17 Country Western Chow Down Recycling 6AM (Addresses 4000-6110) Horticulture Pickup 6AM	18 Household Trash Pickup 6AM	19	20
21 DIVAS 3	22 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 1-3999) Household Trash Pickup 6AM	23	24 Health Fair Recycling 6AM (Addresses 4000-6110) Horticulture Pickup 6AM	25 Household Trash Pickup 6AM	26	27 Night at the Races
28	29 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 1-3999) Household Trash Pickup 6AM	30 New Resident Fair 4:30-6pm Bulk Pickup (2 Items) 6AM	31 Recycling 6AM (Addresses 4000-6110) Horticulture Pickup 6AM	1	2	3 * NOTE: For Trash Pickup Rules See Page 14