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HOA AT-A-GLANCE

For more information on these HOA Sponsored Events see center section

- ▶ Music of the Heart: Bachelors of Broadway and Electric Lipstick
- ▶ Comedy Show

Christmas Golf Cart Parade

The Christmas Parade was spectacular!! We had a great turnout with some awesome carts, and Del Tura residents lined the streets and enjoyed the creativity of the participants. Thanks to all who entered. Great job!!

A huge thank you to Darla Greer, Chair and Beth Wilkinson, Co-Chair and all the volunteers who helped make the evening

such a success and spread much needed Christmas cheer: Bryant Greer, Greg Wilkinson, Dustie Laurie.

Judges: Lousie Christianson, Martie Christianson, Susan Sprague, Steve Schwiger and Bev Schwiger.

Thanks to our Del Tura Rover, Dave Wilson, for leading the parade.



1st Place: Margaret and Eric Ellman
2nd Place: Dorinda Doyle (and Englert)
3rd Place: Holly and Estelle



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



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DEL TURA ZUMBA/DANCE FITNESS CLASS

On Wednesday, Dec 21st the Del Tura Zumba/Dance Fitness Class celebrated the spirit of the Holidays with Dance Fitness exercise to Holiday music.

Our goal is to have fun while we exercise to stay strong and healthy. Routines can always be adapted to high or low impact steps. Join in the fun...even if you would just like to sway to the music. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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For more information about the classes, contact Adele Guthreau at algdesigns@optonline.net or text/phone 973-865-8336.



DEL TURA LAWN MOWING SCHEDULE

Mowing schedule for 2023

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By Lisa Bellanca, President - Board of Directors

When you read this, I will be serving my last few weeks as President of the Del Tura Homeowner's Association. After the winning 2023 candidates are announced at the February 15, 2023 Board of Directors meeting, the Directors will reelect a new President (as well as Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer). Those currently serving in officer's positions can be nominated and voted in to hold the same position for another year.

In my case, I have decided that it is time for a new Director to step in as President. I will continue to serve the community on the Board of Directors through February of 2025.

I have enjoyed serving the community for the last couple years. Thank you to those who have supported me. I cannot say enough about all the kind residents

and volunteers I have had a chance to work with.

Some of the issues I have faced were challenging. We had small groups of residents who did not understand the limitations that are place on the Board of Directors by FL Statue 723, Del Tura Community Bylaws, or community established policy and procedures. The board is required and swore in to follow the above rules. Deviating from them would violate the position(s) we are elected to. I have no doubt that the Board elected in 2023 will service the community to the best of their ability and Del Tura will continue to be the outstanding community that it is.

If I could wish anything for the next Board of Directors, it would be that residents first read their contract with the property manager as well as their

prospectus. If they have questions, then contact board members to get factual information. I wish residents would not use Facebook as a tool to collect information. The HOA has established an official Facebook page and Website to relay correct information, dates, and to answer questions. Information gathered anywhere other than those two HOA approved social media venues, your buyer's contract, or the prospectus you agreed to, are not reliable.

All of your board members' contact information is located in the Tower newspaper as well as on the Official HOA Website. If you want facts, go to a source that can provide them to you.

I would like to thank the 2022 Board members, residents, and community employees for making my time as President a rewarding experience.



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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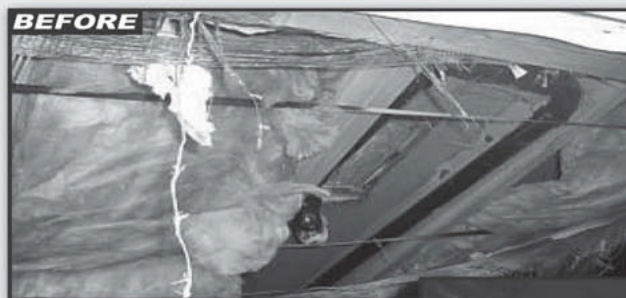
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BEGINNINGS

By Cindy Swisher

Imagine you're settled in for the evening watching your favorite TV show, enjoying a late dinner, or showering after a long day when you are shaken by a low rumble overhead, a deafening bang, and flames bursting high into the air a few houses down the street.

That is exactly what happened here in Del Tura in June of 1991 when a Twin Engine Cessna 114 crashed into 3926 Santa Clara, destroying the home and damaging three nearby.

The private aircraft took off from Pine Shadows Air Park across 41 from Del Tura at 8:40 p.m. June 27,

1991. A few minutes later it was on its nose in a Del Tura home. According to Jeff Kennedy, an air safety investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board at the time, "The aircraft cartwheeled, spun and probably bounced a little when it hit the ground."

The two adults and three children that were on the plane were all injured, but survived. Thankfully, none of the homes involved were occupied at the time as all belonged to snowbirds who had already traveled home for the summer.

Dave Moorhead, who was visiting his mother, ran from the shower barefoot, doused the burning debris

with a garden hose and pulled an injured child from the plane. Tom Murphy, who lived just down the street from the crash, helped pull the two adults from the cockpit. Their heroic actions helped save those lives.

It has been over 31 years since the crash and we've not experienced another, but, I have to admit after finding and reading this News Press article, I've been keeping a watchful eye on those low flying planes that seem awfully close to the golf course.



KEN RIDDICK/News-P
Investigators sift through the wreckage Friday of a private plane that crashed Thursday night in the Del Tura community in North Fort Myers. The crash destroyed one home and damaged others. Five people were injured in the crash.



THOMAS A. PRICE/News-Press
A man pours water on a smoking home after it was hit by a plane.



T. MURPHY



EDITOR'S NOTE

HELP WANTED!!

Del Tura residents, I need your help. When you attend events around the community, please consider sharing photos of them with me so that I can include them in future issues of the Tower. Whether parades, shows, bake sales or other happenings, help me to share the experience with all residents, especially those that are not able to take part. You can email them to dttoweredit@gmail.com or text them to 727-542-9653. Please include your name and the event the photos are from. Thanks for your help in keeping the Tower an important community resource. ~ Cindy Swisher



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DEL TURA GOOD TIMERS'

By Sandra Boykin

We had our first meeting of the year on Tuesday, January 3. Twenty-three ladies attended and we welcomed four new members. We discussed the events we will be planning for 2023. Some suggestions were day trips to St. Petersburg to tour Heritage Village, Tarpon Springs, Naples Botanical Garden and many more. Overnight trips discussed were Mt. Dora

and Charleston/Savannah. Dianne Bevilaqua will be planning a 2024 New Year's cruise. Our first luncheon in January was at Izzy's Seafood in downtown Fort Myers.

We will be playing bingo in the Royal Palm room on Saturday, Feb 11, 1-3p.

Come, join our club and join in the fun and games!

DEL TURA BOWLING

By Cindy Baron

The 14 teams of the Del Tura Bowling league have begun play at Bowland of Cape Coral on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30.

After 7 weeks of play, "This Is How We Roll", with team members Betsey Donovan, Rita Kidwell, Bill Hyatt and Dan Larson are in first place.

In second place is "Hurricane Alley", with team members Nancy Ashe, Chris Bunker, Jane Larsh and Steve Stigall.

Individual high average for the men is Tom Wight with 173.32 and for the women, Denise Rose with 180.0.

Handicap series high for women is Denise Rose with 696 and Kevin Trombley for the men with 694.

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

We are always looking for new players to add to our subs list. If you are interested in joining or would like additional information, please contact Denise Rose at 816-222-6466



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DEL TURA AT THE HYDRANT *By Justine Fitzgibbons*

I know we've run this article in the past. However, with so many new homeowners and renters we feel it important.

If you have a story you would like to share about your dog, please email me at jfritz818@aol.com. Please send a picture along with your story (300 words).

Even though we have talked about these toads in the past it is important that you are aware of their danger to our dogs and cats.

If you see one you should humanely kill the toad. This is the recommended way:

The University of Florida recommends euthanizing them by **rubbing or spraying 20% benzocaine toothache gel or sunburn spray (not 5% lidocaine) on the toad**. In a few minutes, it will become unconscious. Put the toad in a sealed plastic bag in the freezer for 24-48 hours to ensure it is humanely euthanized.

Identify:

Unlike native frogs, adult cane toads have all of these features:

1. Distinct bony ridges above the eyes, which run down the snout.
2. A large parotid gland behind each eye.
3. Unwebbed hands but webbed toes.
4. Dry, warty skin.

IF YOUR PET IS SPRAYED

If you think that your pet has come into contact with a bufo toad, **immediately rinse out your pet's mouth with a soaking wet washcloth several times to remove any toxin from the mouth**. Thoroughly wipe out the insides of the lips and cheeks, as well as the gums on the outside of the teeth. *Rush to the vet.*



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DEL TURA CERT INFORMATION

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Late December and January have been quiet in Del Tura; there is not much to report.

We will be holding a blood drive on February 17th. If you are interested in giving blood, please contact Bertie at the phone number above.

Always have a plan.



Your Del Tura CERT Committee
Written by Lisa Bellanca

DEL TURA 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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SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE By Glenn Tointon

FRIDAY SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE

After six weeks of competition Glenn and MaryKay Tointon lead the league with a 15-3 record. Just one game back is Bernie and Cyndi Grilli. We have three teams just two games back. They are Kathy Boesel and Marcella Carothers, Cam Smith and Martha Anneshansley, and Lynn Brenfleck and Bruce Blackmore.

In a side note, Glenn Tointon and Martha Anneshansley paired up in a state amateur tournament on January 9th and placed third. Nice going to both players.

SHUFFLEBOARD INVITATIONAL

On Wednesday January 11th, Del Tura hosted Six Lakes and Sable Springs shuffleboard teams for a fun day invitational. We played three games, then filled our tummies with homemade goodies under the pavilion. The best part of our day was the friendships we developed during the course of the day. We plan to do this again in February, so if this sounds like fun to you then by all means join us. Everyone is welcome. We play open shuffleboard on Tuesdays at 2:30. No experience is necessary as we will teach you the fun basics. Give it a try you just might be a pro someday!



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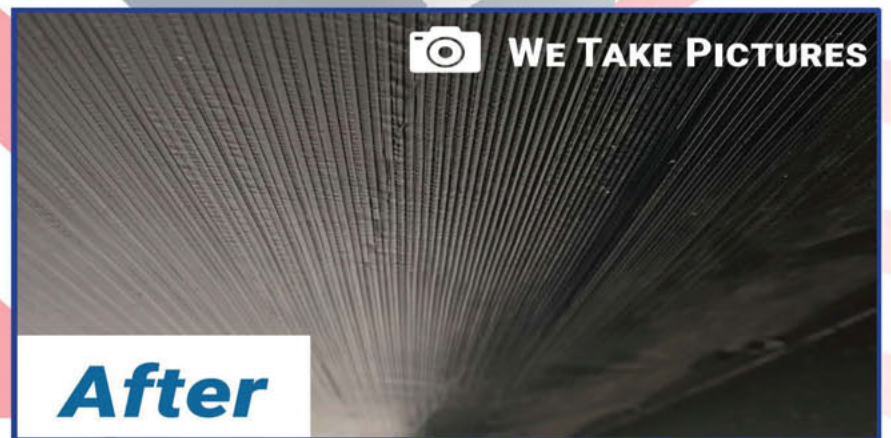
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REFLECTIONS

By Dianne J. Roderick

“Heartfelt Tradition”

This past January was a time of reflection for me. As I sat and thought about times spent with family up north and the wonderful memories we have shared, my thoughts kept returning back to “traditions” that are so very important to each of us. It’s not unusual for me to wander back and relive the time spent with family during the holidays, but memories of long ago holidays kept tugging at my heartstrings. Cooking and baking many cultural Portuguese foods of our heritage has always played a very important part of our family celebrations for many generations. Only this time my thoughts propelled me back to my childhood past and I found myself focusing more on the times spent in my Grandma Souza’s kitchen.

Usually by the time we return home from our family visits I’ve had my fill of cooking and eating these cultural delights, but this time I found myself yearning for more... something was missing. I couldn’t put my finger on it, but for some reason I had a need to recreate some very special memories of the past. My thoughts led me to my bookcase, and I found myself opening a cookbook that our youngest daughter had given us for Christmas a few years ago. It was filled with recipes from Saint Michael (Sao Miguel), the island in the Azores that my maternal grandparents emigrated from in the early 1900’s. As I started thumbing through it I started thinking about when I was a young girl in my Avo’s kitchen. (Avo is Portuguese for grandmother). There she was standing there with her

hair all neatly tucked under a white scarf, a white cobbler apron covering her housedress. Her hands were white with flour as she kneaded and pounded the huge mass of dough that would later be baked, filling the house with that luscious smell of Portuguese Sweet Bread.

I spent many hours in that kitchen watching intently as she busily prepared her delicious recipes for our holiday feast. Once in a while she would let me stir the pot of fava beans, knead some dough, or sugar the Malasadas (fried dough). Oh, so good!! I think I ate more than I sugared! I can still hear her say in Portuguese, “nao dizer mais” (no more!). We’d laugh and then she would break one in half and we shared just one more! The memories are priceless and go beyond what my heart can express.

That vision of my grandmother has inspired me to try some of those memorable recipes she shared with me as a child. Grandma’s measurements were estimates, a little of this, a little of that, and her sense of taste made it all so delicious! So, with the help of the cookbook and the memory of those childhood experiences, I was inspired to try some of those recipes. Since they were not our usual Portuguese holiday dishes I felt a bit out of my comfort zone, but with my husband’s assistance and a little help from above it just might work!

So last week my husband and I deemed it “Portuguese Cooking Week” at Roderick’s. On Saturday we decided to try to make sweet bread. Have you ever watched the “I Love Lucy” reruns? Well, I think it could have made one

of the shows. I truly felt that I was organized...studied the recipe, premeasured all the ingredients, and even threw in a pinch of this and a pinch of that. I thought to myself, this is going to be great! Our hopes were quickly diminished when the mixer decided to turn on us and do its own thing. This definitely did not resemble the organization of my grandmother’s kitchen, and the sweetbread wasn’t looking familiar either! Not a good beginning! How did she do this without any recipe? We didn’t give up though and were very surprised when the bread rose and yielded four huge loaves. I think there was a kitchen angel looking over our soldiers. On Sunday we made kale soup, a huge panela (big pot) full! We even tried our hand at making some Portuguese rolls to go along with the soup. Thank you, Vao!

Crazy, isn’t it, how our senses become heightened when we start reminiscing about people and events that are closest to our hearts? As children we live each day and enjoy the moments, taking them for granted. Never realizing that when we reach a certain time in our lives that these moments take on a new, deeper meaning. Maybe it’s the nostalgic mood that the holidays bring with it, or maybe it’s the pride that we feel when we see our children carrying on the traditions of their parents, grandparents, and their ancestors before them. For me, the connection to the past is more than a sense of tradition, it is what each of us carry within our hearts that makes every year even more precious.



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HOA Membership	HOA Office	239-731-3461
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Please send changes to Dennis Cottini 847-707-1435 or dcottini@comcast.net Secondary contact: Cindy Swisher - dttowereedit@gmail.com		
NON-EMERGENCY CALLS - SHERIFF'S DEPT. (239) 477-1000		

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MONDAY 1:00pm - 4:00pm
 TUESDAY 8:00am - 9:00am & after coffee - until noon
 WEDNESDAY 9:00am - noon
 THURSDAY Closed
 FRIDAY 9:00am - noon
 SATURDAY & SUNDAY Closed

Should you need assistance contact Ruth Ann Blevins (239) 220-9381

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HOA Liaison: **HOA President**
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GARDEN CLUB

By Rosemary Eiden

An Informative Class You Don't Want to Miss

I have put together a powerpoint presentation on native plants that do well in Florida, Zone 10A. These are the plants that have been growing here for hundreds of years. They have adapted to our monsoon season as well as our arid winter season. Most importantly, they have survived Ian and other hurricanes that have visited our state.

I plan to present native plants this year, shrubs next year and trees the following year. The presentation on perennials will be in 2 parts. The first hour and a half I will cover why it is important to establish a plan or design, important points to consider when making that design, and how to go about doing that.

The next hour and a half I will talk about the individual plants. Once you get to know them it will make the design easier to do.

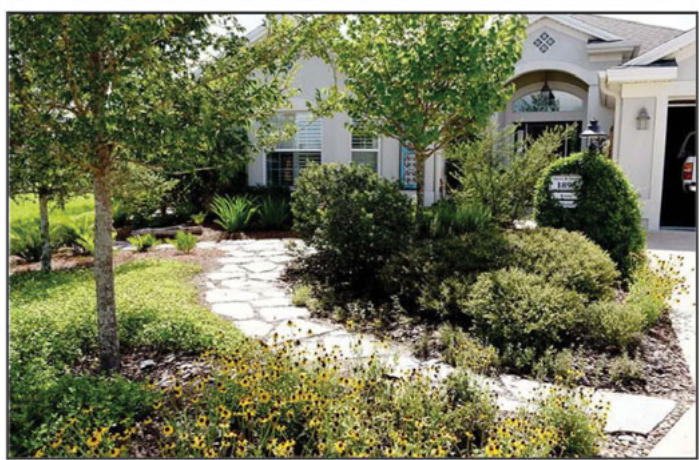
Unfortunately when you go to the box stores you don't get any help on how to choose plants. They are in the business of selling plants. Plant nurseries tend to offer you help and can come to do the planting.

I have been in Florida for 5 years and have learned a lot about which native plants do well, which ones are reliably colorful, and which ones don't require a lot of maintenance. I am happy to share this knowledge with you.

Having a Florida landscape can be particularly challenging. Many of us are used to gardening in the North. When we come to Florida it's a brand new slate. "Right plant, right place"

If you would like to take the class, send me your email. The week before I will send a reminder.

rosemary_eiden@comcast.net



February 15th
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by Rosemary Eiden
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7:45-9 Individual plants

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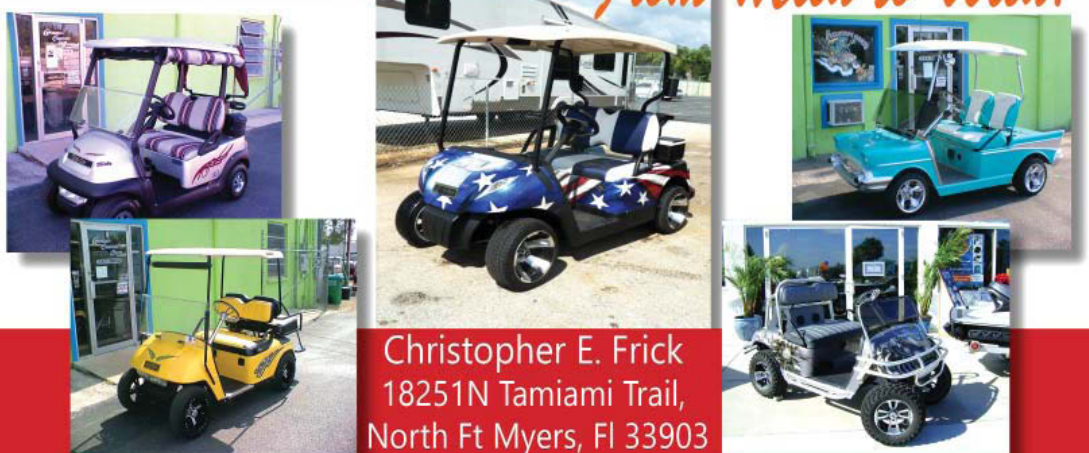
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****FURTHER DETAILS POSTED IN THE DUNGEON****

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***Drawing will take place: Monday, Feb. 20, 11am in the Courtyard**

Play for P.I.N.K., a 501c3 charity, raising funds through sporting events such as golf with its sole beneficiary the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, BCRF, the highest rated Breast Cancer Charity in the Country.

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SAVE OUR STRAYS

Huge Success!

Thank you, Del Tura! Save Our Strays had a wonderful turn out for our Bake Sale.

All of the delicious treats made by the "baking" members of our community were gratefully received and packaged for the sale by Karen and Mark Azza, Robyn Gerens, Lorraine Hernaez, Denise Rose, and Sherry Plisch. (Of course, we taste-tested before packaging!)

Thanks also to those of you who donated money; we appreciate your help and support.

And, most of all, thanks to all who supported us in our efforts to take care of the community cats by buying our delicious goodies!

Thank you, Del Tura!

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~ Karen Azza and Sherry Plisch, Co-Chairs, Save Our Strays



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Box Office in Clubhouse Lobby 6:00 – 7:00 PM
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For More Info, Call Lynn Brenfleck 603-738-1001



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Del Tura HOA

This form may be used for initial or renewed HOA Membership, Birthday/Anniversary info and/or Tower Delivery Info. You do not need to complete each section if not applicable to your needs.

Membership Application

\$12 US per household, per year. Make checks payable to Del Tura HOA

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

Birthdays	Anniversary
Name: _____	Names: _____
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Month: _____ Day: _____	

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If you plan to be away and do NOT wish to have "The Tower" delivered, please complete this section

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If you don't know your return date, please email toweredit@yahoo.com when you have a date delivery should begin again. Also, if you wish to have your Tower mailed to your alternate address, please contact the same email address to set-up delivery (there is a charge for mailing the tower) or complete the form in the Tower or at the HOA office.

Please return this form to the HOA Office, 609 Sierra Madre

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*Phone: (s) () _____	<input type="checkbox"/> May <input type="checkbox"/> Jun <input type="checkbox"/> Jul <input type="checkbox"/> Aug
*Park Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Sep <input type="checkbox"/> Oct <input type="checkbox"/> Nov <input type="checkbox"/> Dec
*I am a: Lot Renter <input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	We are unable to mail the FMOnews out of the U.S. It can be obtained via email or online at members@fmo.org or at www.fmo.org
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 Membership # 316 244

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*****Keep this bottom portion as your receipt. Return the application portion to FMO*****

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TENNIS AT DEL TURA By Jacqueline St-Jean

WELCOME TO WINTER TENNIS

The Del Tura Tennis Association had their Annual General Meeting on January 8, 2023. The new Board of Directors members are: President, Stuart Rosenthal, Vice President, Patricia Somers, Secretary, Eric Ellmann, Treasurer, Karen Waterbury, Event Coordinator, Marianne Tecun and Member at Large, Roy Musgrove,

The Winter Friendship tournament was held on January 14, 2023. We had a great time and were able to play with people of all levels. Thank you, Denny Erickson, for putting it all together. Great job!

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.

There are (4) FREE lessons left for our winter session. They are held on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 11:00 am for beginners or people who need to refresh their skills. It's not too late to join us if you are interested.

The winter intra-mural leagues started January 9. There are two leagues of eight players each this winter: Group 1 and Group 2 made of men and women according to a rating system that tries

to encourage players of similar strength to play together. Our women will be playing at home in the Lee County Women Tennis League on the following dates:

- February 2, 2023, 10:00 am SWIFT at Six Lakes
- February 3, 2023, 10:30 am Nickel team at Seven Lakes
- February 8, 2023, 10:30 am Bronze team at Pelican Preserve
- February 10, 2023, 10:30 am Nickel team at Gateway
- February 15, 2023, 10:30 am 3.5 minus team at Lexington
- February 15, 2023, 12:30 pm Bronze team at Langings
- February 16, 2023, 10:00 am SWIFT at Sabal Springs
- February 17, 2023, 10:30 am Nickel team at Plantation Somerset
- February 22, 2023, 10:30 am Bronze team at Pelican Landing

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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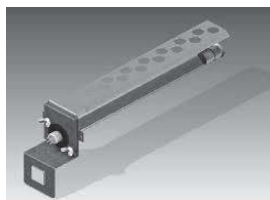


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Activity	Location	Contact	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Exercise									
Tai Chi		Marjorie Lord 543-9072	8:00-9:00		8:00-9:00		8:00-9:00		
Tap Dancing	Starlight Ballroom	Deb Cali 239-567-2925				11:45-12:45			
Tura Zumba / 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		
Sports									
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 peggyterrasi@gmail.com	4:00 PM						
Bocce and Burgers (Sept-May)	Bocce Ball Court	Janet DeCosmo 239-776-9161							3:00
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 Gronck 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 (Oct-Mar)	Shuffleboard Court	Judy Lessard 239-217-0924		2:30					
Shuffleboard, Open (Apr-Sep)	Shuffleboard Court	Judy Lessard 239-217-0924		10:00			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 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)	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		
Other Activities and Clubs									
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	
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THURSDAY NIGHT BINGO

By Jack Blevons

Welcome to February. Writing this article on January 7th so I don't forget.

Now that the holidays are over, we have been really having some great crowds of people coming to play bingo on Thursday nights, and because of that, with crowds of 70 or more, we have been paying out some nice, large amounts of money to those who are lucky enough to win. The regular games have been paying \$50 a game or higher and the Specials last week paid out a

\$125 each game, which is really awesome to win if you're lucky.

Times are still the same. Doors open at 6:00 to come in and buy your games. We stop selling at 6:45. Play begins at 7:00 so if you intend to come and play, be there no later than 6:45 as we cannot sell after that. Prices remain the same. Everyone playing must buy the \$6 pack of games; however, there also are half-game packs, Specials, share the wealth and hot-ball available to buy if you so desire.

Our HOA Bingo goes until the end of March. After that the Summer-style bingo will take our place. Everyone must be 18 or older to come, and also please remember, state law says that no alcohol is permitted inside the bingo room.

So, bring your neighbor or your friends and come on up, have some fun and get lucky.

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NINE HOLE WOMEN'S GOLF By Sandy Gove

The new year has already offered us a variety of golfing opportunities, from the Bloody Mary Scramble sponsored by our Pro Shop and Hometown, to the Jack & Jill Tournament sponsored by the Men's League-we appreciate all your efforts!

The Valentine Couples Challenge, Dinner catered by HogBody's and Annual Awards is February 8!

This is a popular event that fills up quickly so if you want to join in the fun, signup soon.

Happy Valentine's Day!

We'll host our **Member-Guest** on **February 23rd**. This is always fun and a great way to include someone you may not golf with often, so consider inviting someone who is not a Nine-Hole League member for a morning of golf and lunch.

HOLE IN ONE Congratulations:

Liney Baney 3 North & Karen Wight 2 West.
Whoohoo!

Our two-day Club Championship and luncheon took place January 18 and 19.

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all those who participated and helped with the event. Take a moment to check the dungeon for posted results of this friendly competition.

Kathy Klein, Membership, announced three new members:

Tammy Carleton, Susan Johnson, Janice Neeb, and Assya Shaprio-welcome!

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Flight 2: Anne Stephens & Ann Abramczyk

Flight 3: Marianne Denman & Molly Brown

"Girls just want to have fun!" which applies to girls of any age and most definitely some members of the nine-hole league... The costume contest held prior to our Member-Member in December included a variety of clever and creative costumes including a Christmas Tree, Elves, and Reindeer and more-a tradition that's great fun.

After the judging, as things quieted prior to actual play, there was bizarre ominous jungle music coming from trees nearby. Slowly emerging from the dark were two 'exhausted hunters' in khaki, with safari hats and boots, their faces covered in mud, one carrying a machete and dragging an "alligator" with the other dragging

The Grinch! They certainly got everyone's attention and laughs. These two girls truly had fun & 1st Place!

Kudos to Bob Lussi for the dramatic music!



Maureen Monroy & MaryAnn Light back from safari



FISH NEWS By Ginnie Benjamins

ATTENTION ALL FISH VOLUNTEERS

You should have received your invitation to the Appreciation Luncheon on February 3rd. If you have been a FISH Volunteer in 2022, we would like to thank you for your service by inviting you to a luncheon. If you have not received your invitation, please call Ginnie at 239-322-9863.

This will be the last event given by me, as I am stepping down from being the president at the February meeting. It has been my honor to serve you as a FISH volunteer for 16 years; as a driver, as a bookie, and as president. Now is the time for someone new to take over. Look in the February issues of The Tower to see who that would be.

Please come to our February meeting on

February 14th to see the FISH Board members elect a new president. Our January meeting became a bit loud. We have reorganized responsibilities and from now on our vice president will keep track of our members.

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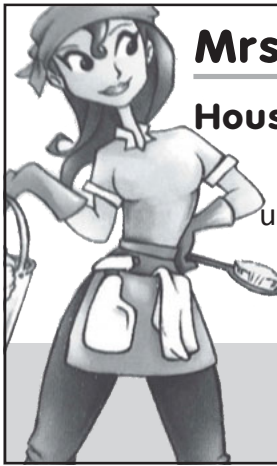


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Submitted by Dianne Roderick

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and then a couple more,
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 I couldn't seem to stop myself,
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Fourth: Linda Czuchaj

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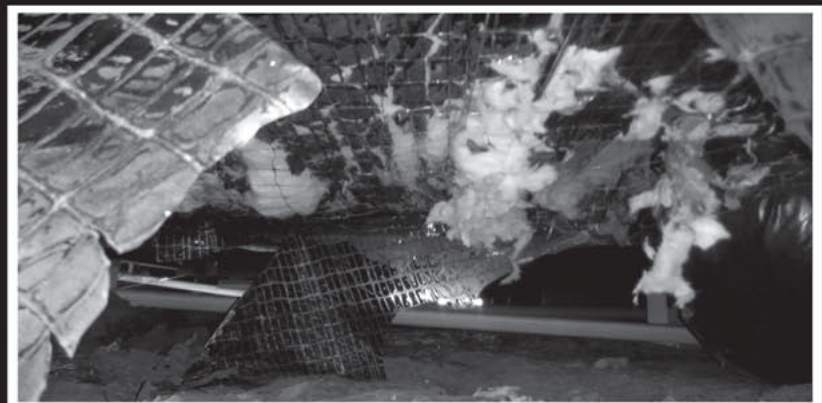
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2/07	Steve LaFreniere	2/17	Kevin Vandenwyngaert	2/26	Joyce Horne
2/07	Albert Hauptman	2/17	Sam Maddie	2/28	Jerry Norve
2/07	Becca McDaniels	2/17	Robert Stahl	2/28	Janet Leger
2/08	Bob Larson	2/17	Jeff Polglaze	2/29	John Millson
2/08	Janet Lazarczyk	2/17	Bob Stahl		

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2/02	Maura & Mark Englert, ? Years	2/14/87	Ron & Patty Wehrs, 36 years
2/02	Robert & Margaret Walsh, ? Years	2/16/69	Jerry & Pat Pyle, 54 years
2/03/79	Steve & Paula Lafreniere, 44 years	2/18	Michael & Carol Parker, ? years
2/04/61	William & Virginia Born, 62 years	2/18/66	Karl & Dagmar Ruester, 57 years
2/04/89	Scott & Melinda Gallup, 34 years	2/19/97	Don & Jeanne Liedel, 26 years
2/08/69	Wayne & Karen Runner, 54 years	2/20/16	Thomas & Janet Hoffay, 7 years
2/09/85	Susan & Edward Moszynski, 38 years	2/21/64	Bill & Faye Dean, 59 years
2/14	Neil & Lynn Miller, ? years	2/21/70	Glenn & Diana Camp, 53 years
2/14/00	Anthony & Lucille Mineo, 23 years	2/22/64	Richard & Charlotte L'Heureux, 59 years
2/14/13	Chuck & Mary Kato, 20 years	2/22/90	Wally & Nalita Stos, 33 years
2/14/15	Hank & Donna VanDuiven, 8 years	2/24/01	Ricky & Patt Glenn, 22 years
2/14/80	Dennis & June Andrews, 43 years	2/25/66	Paul & Doris Hartenberger, 57 years
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CREATIVE WRITERS By Nancy Davy

I hope the beginning of your venture into 2023 is proving to be enjoyable so far. Our latest meeting, at the banyan tree, was inspiring, as we shared some spirited reflections and commentary on the current challenge. 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 challenge, which explores the exercise of freewriting, to help identify subjects in which you are interested. We did two sessions of three timed five-minute writings. The sessions could be done the same day (morning, then afternoon) or over two days. We ended up with six resulting freewrites. The next step was to take a highlighter and read through each result, highlighting any common threads and thoughts the writer felt were worth saving. Then, one article was composed, drawing thoughts and observations into one polished work. The subject was determined by where the freewrites took the writer.

I hope you enjoy the following responses. Please note that I'm including the finished work only.

Challenge #3 Freewriting by Nancy Davy

Timing is everything, and my swirling thoughts as I sat to put pen to paper involved worry about loved ones, thoughts about aging, and acknowledgement of what we have control of.

It must be a normal chain of progression that the end of one year and the transition into another prompts self-reflection and feelings about aging. We sometimes shift the blame for physical shortcomings to getting older, when, in fact, there may have been a slip of discipline or of steady practice on our part.

This time of year causes us to take a hard look to see what we may be doing wrong, and ask ourselves what we can do to make it right. Hence the compulsion to make New Year's resolutions; as we perceive the unfolding year to be a clean slate.

I've reached an age considered by some to be old. That's a relative term, but I've at least been around long enough to have learned some important lessons, as each year seems to bring witness to more illness and the loss of those dear to me.

So...resolutions? Here's one. Be grateful. For every day we're given. For those we love- our family, our friends. Try to remember that we don't have the power to control our lives. The future may or may not include us, so try not to look so far forward.

Live for today. Be kind. Be a good person. Treat others as you would like to be treated, and practice positivity by savoring the blessings of every single day.

Challenge #3 Love, Loss, & Beautiful Memories by Dianne J. Roderick

I don't know if this time of year influenced my free-write "common threads" in a nostalgic direction but given the time of the year, I do feel that it was definitely a strong factor. With each freewrite, my main focus led me from the present to the past and clearly pointed out the importance of times spent with family and dear friends...

I think that during this time of year, we all become a bit sentimental and can't help but to think about our families and friends. We all think of the past and reflect on the way things used to be throughout the year, but somehow the holidays seem to strongly influence our emotions. Even with all the merriment that surrounds us it just takes a song lyric, or a beautiful verse from a Christmas card to overwhelm us with a touch of melancholy. Hopefully, those feelings will evoke more memories of happiness than sadness.

My first thoughts as I was writing brought me to a time when our children were toddlers. Memories of them on Christmas morning inching down the stairs one by one with the youngest one sliding down on her tummy following the lead of her brother and sisters. My husband and I are at the bottom of the stairs with our Super 8 camera trying to capture every magical moment. What a circus! There I stood trying to direct saying, "Wait! Stop! Dad's not quite ready!" I'm not even going to explain the looks on their faces, including my husband's. It's a memory that we all laugh about today...well most of them. It took Ray a little longer!

I miss those years but I love the adult times we spend together as a family. We have those beautiful childhood memories and believe it or not, they didn't all have to be filmed with that Super 8 camera. They are implanted in our hearts and sealed with love.

Unfortunately, we won't be able to go up for the holidays this year. I think about the things we would be doing together right now to prepare for Christmas Eve and I get very sentimental. I picture standing in my youngest daughter's kitchen with my girls cooking, laughing, and sharing a holiday cocktail reminiscing about what they remember their childhood to be. How different they see it than it actually was! I can't help thinking about what they are doing right now. How wonderful it would be if we could just magically be able to recreate past holidays with our loved ones!

Sometimes when I'm supposed to be sleeping, my mind takes on the life of a motion picture wheel that never seems to stop. Flashes of the past take me to holiday times with Mom and Dad. Dad in the parlor, patiently hanging the tinsel strand by strand on our tree; and Mom in the kitchen, singing Christmas Carols and preparing all the festive goodies that will be enjoyed by family and friends later that evening. The memories are so vivid! Fast

forward and my thoughts are of friends and our times here in Del Tura.

Our group of friends became our extended family and we were so blessed! The group has become smaller over the last nineteen years due to sickness, moves to assisted living, and sadly, death... but boy-oh-boy, do we have the best memories! I so miss those crazy Sunday afternoon get-togethers, cheering for our favorite football and baseball teams...especially the Super Bowl, or World Series games! Wow! When that memory pops into my head I see a group of crazy 70 and 80-year-old's- jumping up and down, wildly cheering like we were 20 year old's again. Good times!!

Life, in many instances, can present many unexpected situations but even with all of its inconsistencies, it can be beautiful! The love, the losses, the hopes and beliefs that we share with family and friends will forever be a part of us. God, do I wish I could turn back the hands of time to relive those memories. For now, I'll have to be content with my motion picture thoughts of those special times... even though I should be sleeping!

Challenge #3 Freewriting by Nancy Ashe

Fun exercise? A bit frustrating but a learning curve most definitely. The common thread in my thoughts came through without effort.

Perhaps it is the time of year. I often try to understand different opinions of the world revolving around us. I seek respect and never judge unless it is an action by an atrocious individual and yet it is hard for me to judge. I most certainly have an opinion of my own and choose whether I will dedicate much time with a particular person but I am not justified to judge. I would never aspire to be a judge!

I hope that the year ahead is safer and kinder than the last three years. Serious pandemic, war raging on the innocent, shootings, anger, dishonesty, cruelty and deceit just to name a few.

Looking at history, this is who we are. There will always be these factors among human beings. Thankfully, we also have many who give all their heart and ability to feed the hungry, help in times of crisis, put themselves in danger to protect others, help the ill, addicts and disabled individuals. This sets the balance to survival and humanity.

Many will make resolutions as the New Year approaches. Many resolutions last a couple of weeks and then become the resolution for the next new year. I do not make resolutions. I live the best I can everyday of every year.

No doubt I have a backbone and will stand for my beliefs. Wishy washy has never entered my body or mind. I am not a fence sitter. I'm on one side or the other, simple and direct but not judgmental of others.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 GROUNDHOG DAY	3 FEED THE BIRD'S DAY	4 WORLD CANCER DAY NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY
5	6 PAY A COMPLIMENT DAY	7 BACHELORS OF BROADWAY TICKETS \$22. HOA MEMBERS \$24. NON MEMBERS PANCAKE BREAKFAST TICKETS \$8	8	9 BACHELORS OF BROADWAY TICKETS \$22. HOA MEMBERS \$24. NON MEMBERS BOX OFFICE IN LOBBY	10	11 ELECTRIC LIPSTICK STARLIGHT BALLROOM 7pm
12 SUPERBOWL SUNDAY LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST TICKETS \$8	15 HOA BOARD MEETING 7PM STARLIGHT BALLROOM NATIONAL GUMDROP DAY	16 BACHELORS OF BROADWAY TICKETS \$22. HOA MEMBERS \$24. NON MEMBERS BOX OFFICE IN LOBBY	17 RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY	18 PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8AM-11AM STARLIGHT BALLROOM TICKETS AT DOOR \$10. (while supply lasts)
19 BACHELORS OF BROADWAY STARLIGHT BALLROOM 7 PM	20 PRESIDENT'S DAY LOVE YOUR PET DAY	21 MARDI GRAS	22 GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY ASH WEDNESDAY	23 NATIONAL CHILI DAY NATIONAL MARGARITA DAY	24	25 NATIONAL PANCAKE DAY
26 CARPE DIEM DAY	27 NO BRAINER DAY	28				