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Thank you, Island Aire of SWFL for donating an HVAC Mini Split to raffle!

Thank you, Del Tura, for purchasing tickets and to our lucky winner Congratulations - ALL PROCEEDS WENT TO PURCHASE TOYS FOR SO MANY FAMILIES IN LEE & COLLIER COUNTY for Children's Advocacy Center & Redland Christian Migrant Association <https://rcma.org/> & <https://www.cac-swfl.org/>

Winner of the Island Aire of SWFL HVAC Mini Split Ductless AC Unit - Donald and Dianne Skinner

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TOWER DEADLINE: The 9th 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: Toweredit@yahoo.com or drop them at the office. Thank You





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PRESIDENT'S KORNER

By Tracy Messina

Well, we are officially into a new year. We have said goodbye to 2020 and look forward to a better and brighter 2021. A new year and a fresh start. I look forward to being able to dance, sing and just hang out with friends and I'm sure all of you have the same desire.

Unfortunately, last year ended with Board of Directors member, Ray David passing away. He was a true gentleman and a valued member of this board and he will be missed by this board and community.

The time has come to elect new board members. The January 13th monthly meeting will be held in the Starlight Ballroom at 3:00 pm and the candidates have been invited to introduce themselves to you all. This will give you a chance to see and hear from the residents running for the Board of Directors. There will also be a Meet and Greet held under the Clubhouse Canopy on January 16th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Come out and meet the candidates for the board and our current members.

Ballots will be mailed to all current HOA members on January 25th. The deadline for the receipt of ballots is February 9th. The Nominations and Election Committee will begin counting the ballots on February 10th and will conclude on February 12th and the results will be posted on the HOA bulletin board as well

as on the HOA website. The new board will be seated at the February 17th meeting.

The existing board had a meeting with the management here at Del Tura on December 15th and I have a few things to pass on to you. Many residents have been asking about the replacement of mailboxes. If your mailbox is damaged or in disrepair, you need to contact the main office at (239)731-3433 and your mailbox will be replaced as soon as possible. There is currently no plan to replace all mailboxes, however, new posts are scheduled to be installed and painted. Please be patient, there are 360 mailbox stations.

Another issue that the board inquired about is the repair of the sidewalks throughout the complex. Some are in dire need of repair. Beginning this month, HTA will be inspecting the sidewalks and repairs will be in accordance with those that are the most in need of repair.

We were assured that the Nature Trail will be checked once a week and any issues would be corrected.

I would like to inform you all that Bill Nezamis is still broadcasting. Just a little FYI.

On behalf of the HOA BOD, I would like to wish each and every one of you a very healthy and happy new year. I look forward to seeing you all enjoying our beautiful surroundings in this little piece of paradise.



NEW SUGGESTION BOX

You can now send your suggestions to your HOA office at the following email address: DTHOASuggestionBox@gmail.com. With the current pandemic situation and everyone not readily having access to suggestion boxes in the Starlight Ballroom and the HOA Office the HOA Board created the new email address to make it easy for you to send your suggestions to us! Each Suggestion MUST have your NAME, STREET ADDRESS and PHONE NUMBER on

it along with your suggestion that you would like the HOA Board to address with Hometown America. Along with the suggestion you should write a brief solution to help us address your concerns more quickly. You will be notified upon receipt, when your suggestion is brought before the BOD, and what actions will be taken with it. Please let us know what your concerns are so we can make Del Tura our continuing Paradise! ~ Your HOA Board of Directors





ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS!

Beginning this month, HTA will also be looking for your house number and name signs. According to the documents you signed upon becoming a resident, you are required to have your house number and name posted over your garage. Residents who purchase through Hometown America are automatically issued these signs. Homes bought through other realtors are not issued these signs and it is the resident's responsibility to either purchase one through HTA or display is information on their own.

Whether you are a full-time resident, part-time or own just to rent, these signs are required.

It is the responsibility of all residents to comply with this requirement. Homes that do not have both the house number and name(s) of the owner(s) displayed will be notified by HTA. Should you wish to purchase an approved sign, you may do so through the main office.

Hometown America will also be inspecting the condition of residences and lots. Each resident is responsible for the upkeep of their lots. There should be no debris or any other waste (such as piles of wood, garden cuttings, nonworking autos, etc.). Homes that are not up to community standards will be notified of any violations.









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REFLECTIONS

By Dianne J. Roderick

"Keep a Song in your Heart"

"Heart Of My Heart", I love that melody... "Heart Of My Heart" brings back a memory... When we were kids on the corner of the street... We were rough and ready guys... But Oh! How we could harmonize to that tune that played "Heart Of My Heart"

When we stop and think of our favorite songs of the past one can't help to stop and think of our favorites from the good 'ole days. Suddenly we find ourselves humming or singing the tune and a flood of memories come rushing in. Many of these songs are uplifting, my favorite kind! Then there are the sentimental ones that make our eyes misty. These are the ones that we love to slow dance to, the ones that touch our hearts and bring to mind places and people that have left imprints on our hearts. Songs like, "I Left My Heart in San Francisco", "Let Me Call You Sweetheart", and "Goodnight Sweetheart".

Remember the sing-a-longs? Some may have been from our era, but surprisingly the ones that I remember the most are from my Grandparent's and Parent's era. I think it's because of those Sunday afternoons we gathered around the piano all those years ago, harmonizing to the songs of the day. Talk about good feelings! Families seemed to do a lot of this in the good 'ole days. There seemed to be a Pianola, or piano in every household.

Our grandmother had a Pianola in her parlor that played rolls and rolls of music. As a very young child I remember the keys moving up and down and wondering how could that be happening without someone actually touching them? That's where it all began in that small front parlor many years ago on Sunday afternoons. The rest of the week that front parlor was off limits, unless we had very special company, or it was Christmas.

Later when Mom and Dad bought a home in the 50's we were lucky enough to purchase a second hand upright piano and the family tradition of Sunday sing-a-longs continued. Picture an old white upright piano surrounded by our family ranging from age 4-84 singing to songs like, "Peg of My Heart", "Goodnight Irene", and our all time favorite- "When the Saints Go Marching In".

We didn't have anyone in our immediate family that played but a dear family friend played by ear, and she played beautifully! Dear Aunt Ethel.....My Mom's best friend. As soon as Mom said, "Hit it Ethel!" she'd pound those ivory keys to every request-from Patriotic to Rock 'n Roll.

I can picture her playing her heart out and rolling her eyes as we belted those songs out, more off key than on. Aunt Ethel had a big heart and lots of patience!

Just to let you know how big that heart was. When our youngest daughter had her preschool graduation, she volunteered her Aunt Ethel to play at the ceremony. She was so honored, and the children were as proud as they marched to the stage in their little white caps and gowns. Talk about a tugging of the heart strings!

Hearts! It's funny how our emotions can control our heart strings. So, my friends during this month of hearts, let's think good thoughts and let yourselves think about some of your old favorite songs. Let yourself go and start humming, it's okay if you don't remember all the words. Before you know it you'll find yourself singing one of those feel good heart songs. Maybe if you're lucky someone will join you for a duet, a trio, or a quartet? Nothing is impossible in Del Tura!

"Life makes up what songs we sang and continue to sing. Sing the songs that make you happy and make your heart feel light."



FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER!

By Gail Hodge

This article will be the last one I write as HOA Treasurer, as my term ends as of the February HOA meeting. I have decided not to put my name in the hat for the coming election. I will however make certain that whoever is the next treasurer, I will do my best to help with a smooth transition.

I want to thank all of those that helped

me with my duties as treasurer. It was a pleasure meeting new residents and working with previous acquaintances. I do hope that if you see me in the community in the future that you will stop and say hi.

I very much believe in volunteerism and will continue to do my share by co-chairing Welcome Committee and fruit picking for FISH, as well as other opportunities that arise.



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Here are a few suggestions:

- *Use multifactor authentication or other extra security options with online accounts.* Many of your online accounts offer extra security by giving you the option to prove your identity in different ways. With multifactor authentication, you must provide at least two different factors to prove your identity when you log in to an account. This additional layer of security provides you with much greater protection.
- *Be creative with passwords.* Create different passwords for work, financial services sites, social media and email – and give each password some length and complexity. Consider passphrases – actual words combined with symbols and numbers (for example, “ThisIsAPassphrase!2468”), for sites that allow them.
- *Protect your computer and your key data.* Keep your antivirus software updated. And don’t install bootleg or unlicensed software, which could infect your computer with a virus. Also, back up your important data.
- *Watch out for fake websites or apps.* When making financial transactions, be sure you’re on the website of your bank or financial institution – and not on a fake site established by hackers. Your financial statements should have the legitimate website, so bookmark it and use it when doing anything with your accounts. Also, be careful when downloading apps – stick with those from established providers such as Google Play or the App Store.
- *Avoid “over-sharing” on social media.* Cyberthieves constantly stalk social media platforms for information they can use to commit their crimes. You can help stymie them by limiting what you share online. It’s a good idea to keep your full name, address and birthday private. You might also avoid discussing your plans for upcoming vacations. And review your privacy settings periodically so that only people you know or approve can see your information.
- *Limit use of public Wi-Fi.* Hackers often set up their own Wi-Fi networks in public areas, such as the computers found in hotel business centers. Ask an employee for the name of the legitimate network. And even when you use it, log off when you’re finished.
- *Don’t take the bait of “phishers.”* Cyberthieves go “phishing” for sensitive information – usernames, passwords and account numbers – by sending communications, such as emails, purporting to be from a business or financial institution with which you often do business. They may claim your account was “suspended” or that an “unauthorized transaction” was made, and you’ll be asked to click on a link that takes you to what appears to be the company’s website. If you go along with this request, you could find malicious software being downloaded on your computer. But legitimate businesses generally won’t ask for account numbers or passwords unless you initiate the transaction. Other signs of phishing include threatening language, “urgent” requests, misspelled words or odd word choices. If an email does look suspicious to you, delete it without opening it.

This list is not exhaustive, but by putting these steps to work, you can at least reduce the risk of becoming victimized by cybercriminals.

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Let's Celebrate our Essential Workers!

How can we do that? How about a parade on Valentines Day?

And lets do it up right and just maybe WINK TV will get us on the nightly news! No promises, but if they have time, they'll be here... That's right, Del Tura does it **BEST** and we want everyone to know it!

So how can you participate? Just the usual way, **DECORATE** your golf cart or bike, or car and honor some people who have been there for us throughout this pandemic. Want some examples? How about...

- Police
- Military
- Grocery
- Delivery (Food/Pkgs)
- Pharmacies
- Gas Stations
- Liquor Stores
- Fire
- Medical
- Restaurants
- Uber/Ride Services
- Banks
- TV/Media
- You name it...

We're not going to have prizes, but the best carts will have front places so if we do get on TV you have the prime spots! Get creative, if you choose a Pharmacy for example, go to Walgreens and see what promotional things they have that you could dress up your cart with. Call me (Linda Storma (239) 997-9066) and sign up for a particular store and I'll stop others if they call me to say they are going to go to them. HOA & HTA sponsored.

So, let's meet at 2:30 on **Sunday, February 14th** at the Clubhouse if you're in the parade. It will leave at **3PM** and we'll go the same route as most of the shorter parades; Left out of the parking lot on Las Palmas then Left on Via del Sol all around till you hit Las Palmas, then Left back to the clubhouse. I have a feeling we'll get some spectators to watch us too!!!

**Let's show our love and appreciation!
for these Front-Line Workers who went in every day
to keep us going while we stayed safe at home.**

DEL TURA FMO CORNER

By Alberta Dugo

I encourage all residents of Del Tura to start the New Year (2021) off by joining the FMO.

The FMO (Federation of Manufactured Homeowners is the only organization that represents manufactured homeowners. Nancy Black Stewart is employed by FMO as a fulltime lobbyist to represent our interests in Tallahassee.

There is an excellent FMO webpage on our Del Tura website managed

by Meg Valentino that covers news regarding the FMO and when bills pertaining to Manufactured homes and Statute 723 are pending in the legislature.

Soon, we will be conducting a door-to-door campaign to drop off membership forms and to answer any questions you might have.

Please consider joining. Call Alberta Dugo 617-974-8502



GATE GABBER By Michael Johnson

Greetings from the gate....

I know I promised you all The Legend of Fabio at the end of The Black Cat issue...But, I submitted a story Let's call this story SILENT NIGHT.

By the time this goes to press, Christmas will be in the rearview mirror...But, to me, it will be sitting in the passenger seat; like an old friend, accompanying me on a very pleasant ride..

As I sit here in the gatehouse, looking out over the exquisite Christmas light display here in Del Tura, I'm touched by the realization that so many of my neighbors here participate in and enjoy our holiday season. From the many volunteers who spent countless hours planning and erecting our light displays, to neighbors who erect their own home displays...I watch as residents approach the front gate in golf carts, cruising back and forth. Often with smiles and laughter lighting up their faces...Getting so much joy from the lights surrounding them. To sit in the gatehouse throughout the night, alone in quiet solitude, looking out at all the lights, is a joy. So, thank you to our volunteers..Here's to a job well done.

And, while I'm thanking people, let me take this opportunity to thank the folks who have been so kind as to drop of Christmas snacks at the gate. I believe I speak for all the gate persons and rovers, Dave, Floyd, Chuck, Barbara, Ed, Barry, Ron, Jerry, George, Mike and myself, when I say, "Thank you."

I know my faithful readers are thinking, "Between Thanksgiving and Christmas you folks sure do a lot of eating!"..Well, it's true. We do enjoy a snack or two at this time of year...Personally, I am thankful for the cookies, the cupcakes, the popcorn, the candy and all sorts of sweets...Carrots and celery stalks, while healthy, really do not reflect the holiday season..... Besides, I get plenty of encouragement to feast on those items at home!!

I especially enjoy the solitude and serenity of each Silent Night. It (the night) provides me with an opportunity to reflect and to appreciate all that which surrounds me.

...Next issue I promise to be more entertaining and less introspective...I'll tell you the Legend of Fabio....Until next time, it's your old Gate Gabber, signing off.



RESIDENT HEALTH AND SAFETY

Several residents have come to me to express their concerns regarding fellow residents ignoring safety requirements with regards to the COVID-19 pandemic. People have been golfing and going to the pool(s) while either sick or having a person in the home sick with COVID-19.

I want to make it perfectly clear that this is not a political issue, it is a safety and well-being issue. We should always take into consideration the safety of others. The following information has been taken from the CDC website.

It is extremely important that if you have any symptoms of either flu or COVID you should isolate. COVID-19, the flu, a cold or seasonal allergy can all have very similar symptoms. They are as follows: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea. Isolation means no pool, no golf and especially no interpersonal contact with other residents. No one should ever

put others at risk of illness. If a member of your household is exhibiting symptoms of COVID or flu, you should isolate. The safety and consideration of others is paramount to this community's health.

If you have traveled, consider getting tested 3-5 days after your trip and reduce non-essential activities (i.e., stay home) for a full 7 days. If you do not get tested, reduce non-essential activities for 10 days.

Even if you have been exposed to COVID, you may feel well and have no symptoms, but you can still spread the virus to others. That is why it is so important to take precautions.

To protect yourself and others you should stay at least 6 feet away from others whenever possible, cover your mouth and nose with a mask, wash your hands often and avoid crowded indoor spaces.

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2. All notices are to be posted for no more than thirty (30) days unless an extension is approved by the HOA office prior to the expiration date.
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3" X 5" or 4" X 6" photograph. There are no other exceptions to this rule.

5. NOT allowed is the posting of letters of opinion or personal feelings.

6. Flyers that offer cultural events or club activities or other communities' events will be allowed. Except for advertising from the Del Tura restaurant and pub, the posting of any business cards or advertising of services will NOT be allowed.



7. NOT allowed is the posting of any literature pertaining to politics, campaigns, or elections whether local, state or federal. An exception is made for the posting of information on individuals running for the HOA Board of Directors. Such literature should not exceed 8 1/2" X 11" in size.

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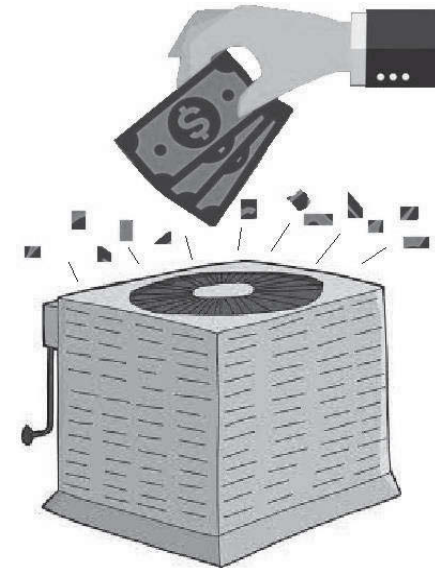


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IMPORTANT FISH NEWS

By Ginny Benjamins

February, the month of love, it would be so nice to be able to see your grandchildren and hug and kiss them. It would be wonderful to spend time with your friends, perhaps entertain them in your home. How great it would be to be able to enjoy a dinner out in a restaurant. Of course, Covid-19 is making that impossible.

Many of us are waiting for a chance to receive the vaccine that will help us be able to do all the things we want. I understand a few lucky people in Del Tura have their shots already and a few more are on the schedule for the next release of the medication but many more are waiting for the chance to be injected. My advice to you is to keep watching the website: leegov.com/vaccines. The news each night will inform you of when the next release of medication will come. Let us hope that that the news comes quickly.

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To our FISH members, you no longer need to turn time slips into Betty. February is FISH month, and I would like to personally thank you for all the time you have donated to help your fellow Del Tura residents. THANK YOU!



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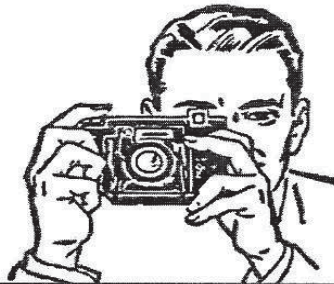
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DEL TURA'S HOA TECH TEAM

Many of you have probably never heard of the newly formed HOA Tech Team. Who are they, what do they do? This article is intended to introduce you to the team and give an overview of what they do for the Del Tura residents.

The team is co-chaired by Meg Valentino and Cindy Brinton. Both members have varying degrees of Information Technology (IT) in their background and strive to use that experience to bring the HOA into the 21st century with their technology needs.

At a quick glance, the Tech Team is responsible for the Del Tura website, the electronic sign at the entrance, creation and maintenance of a comprehensive HOA membership database, and the creation and maintenance of the HOA resident approved email list. Read on for a little more info on our responsibilities and how they can benefit you.

Del Tura Website – the new and improved website is available to all Del Tura residents and includes tons of information such as:

- Announcements
- Events
- HOA member info
 - Board meeting agendas and minutes
 - Board of Director bios
 - HOA Office info
 - Prospectus info
- Florida Bills & Statutes
- FMO
- Committees, Clubs, Groups, Associations & Activities info
- Health & Wellness info
- Coffee Videos
- F.I.S.H. info
- A link to the Pool Side Pub website
- A way to submit to the suggestion box

The website is as good as all of us can make it. The information on committees, activities, events, etc. are driven by you, the residents, and in some cases is directly updated by committee chairpersons. Information and guidelines for submission can be found on the website under: Committees>Tech Services Committee>Website Guidelines". The email address for the Website Admin is DTTHOAWebsite@delturahoa.com.

Electronic Sign – the electronic sign is intended to include announcements of upcoming events and important meetings. The sign is limited as to how much information can be included and still be readable so a lot of care and editing must be done with the information provided and in many cases the details on the announcement will be included on the Del Tura Website. Information and guidelines for submission of requests to the electronic sign can be found on the website under: Committees>Tech Services Committee>Electronic Sign Guidelines". The email for the electronic sign Admin is DTTechSvc@delturahoa.com.

HOA Membership Database – a new, secure database has been created and is maintained by the tech team. The database uses the latest Microsoft technology and access to it is limited to the Tech Team. The database includes information such as resident names, phone #'s, email addresses, birthday/ anniversary info, HOA due payment info, tower info (distribution routes, away info, etc.). Because all of this info is in one secure location, we can generate reports distributed to only those who need to know and only what they need to know on things such as Tower Distribution lists for the delivery people, Birthday and Anniversary info for publication in the Tower, HOA membership lists for various purposes (voting, distribution of HOA membership cards, creation of email distribution lists, etc.).

HOA E-Mail Lists – Statue720.303 requires a signature giving permission for email to HOA residents regarding official HOA information such as Board meeting agendas, minutes, and announcements. The form to give permission for said email can be found on the website, at the HOA office and in the Tower. Once permission is given the email(s) are added to a distribution list created and maintained by the Tech Team. At any time, you, the HOA Member, can request to be removed from the email distribution list. The permission forms are securely filed until a member either requests to be removed, passes, chooses to no longer be an HOA member, or moves out of Del Tura. It should be noted that emails have been gathered via other means such as new resident forms (Welcome committee) and previous membership applications. If the owners of those emails have not completed the email permission form the emails obtained will only be used for emails such as new membership signup and/or general announcements, not HOA Official email as described earlier. The email distribution lists will NEVER be shown on emails sent to Del Tura residents.

We have sent you a lot of information regarding the Tech Team and our responsibilities. Hopefully, this helps you understand our goals and how we support the HOA and Del Tura Residents. Official email addresses for our team and other HOA related functions are listed in the Tower starting this month.



GOOD TIMERS'

By Liz Poniatowski

Don't count the days, make the days count!

I've used that saying before, but I believe everyone can relate to it even more now after living through 10 months of this COVID crisis. We sit and wonder what the next day will bring. Will the numbers go up or down, will I dare to venture out or stay in the house. Thank goodness for the good hearted Del Tura Angels we have had working this past year to give us a safe way of socializing and pretending to have a normal life. Between the Doublés', the DeGraafs', the Adams', the Biddingers' and all the many, many more people in this community giving back by giving food and entertainment I don't think a lot of us would have remembered much to be thankful for this past

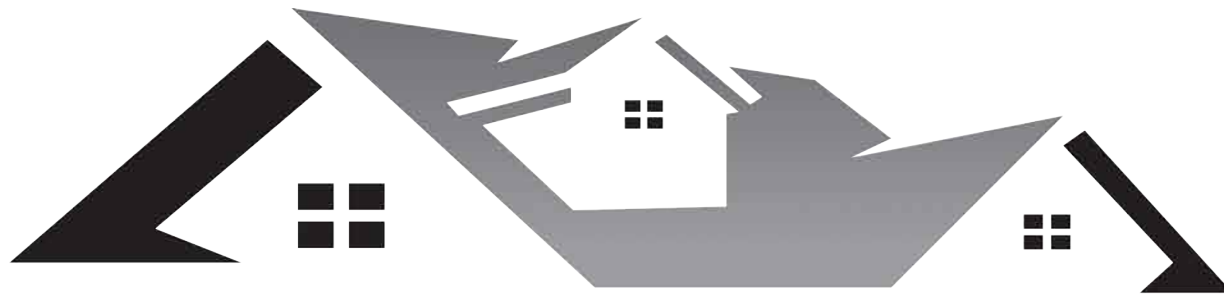
year. So, on behalf of the Good Timer's Singles club I'd like to personally reach out to each and every one of you who has played a part in keeping Del Tura our Paradise.

It is with great sadness that I must tell you that another one of our members passed away on 28 December. Alice Gash got her wings and left this world peacefully. This past year was a hard one on us. We lost a total of five members. Hoping this year is a safe and healthy one for all.

The Good Timers' haven't had a gathering since last March! Almost a full year... so in order to get together and try and see each other again we are going to have a small Valentine's Day party on 12 February. Of course, we will be following the guidelines and wearing our masks (I hope I can recognize everyone by

just their eyes!), keeping our distance and sanitizing, sanitizing, sanitizing! If you are a member of the Good Timers and haven't received an email or a call about the party, please let me know. Anyone who was a paying member in 2020 are welcome to attend. Please continue to stay safe, practice social distancing. Maybe if everyone did this we could get back to normal! For more info, please contact Liz Poniatowski at ciociliz@gmail.com or 239-800-2935.

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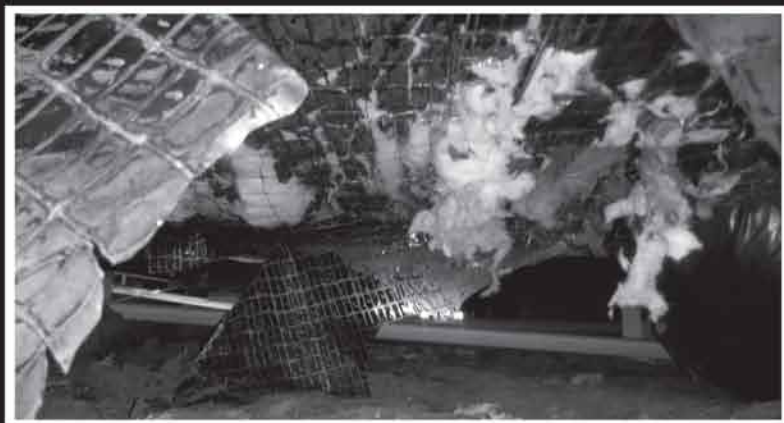
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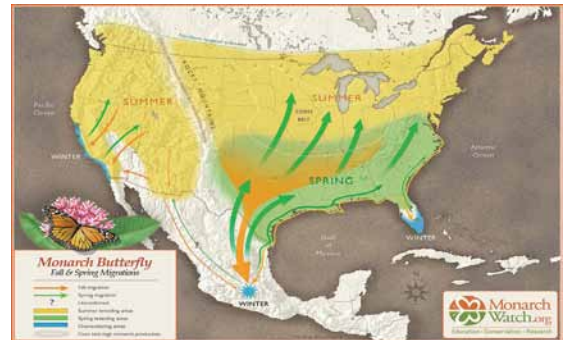
We Have Non-migrating Monarchs in Florida

by Rosemary Eiden

Florida Monarchs like Florida weather too. That is why they stay. There are 12 varieties of milkweed in the state of Florida that provide the sole source of nectar and food for Monarchs.

The Mexican milkweed (sold in boxstores), *Asclepias curassavica* seems to be the plant of their choice (although it is not native). Other milkweeds are more desirable in Florida: *Asclepias Curtissii*, *feayi*, *lanceolata*, *longifolia*, *pedicellata*, *tomentosa*, *tuberosa*, & *verticillata* are documented as Lee County native milkweeds for example. With a little effort we can bring these natives back to our landscapes. Today though, with the Monarch numbers at an all-time low, I advocate that we plant whichever milkweed species Monarchs will readily lay eggs on, and/or whatever milkweed species Monarch caterpillars will readily feed on.

It takes a Monarch butterfly just 28 to 32 days to complete its life cycle. Light, temperature, and humidity all play an important role in determining how long it will take a Monarch to complete its life cycle. Warmer temperatures (so long as it's not too warm), higher humidity (so long as it's not too humid), and extra light (so long as it's not too much light) generally aid in faster development. **(Developing Monarchs usually prefer a temp of 70 to 80 degrees, humidity of 60% to 70%, and normal summer daylight/night patterns).**

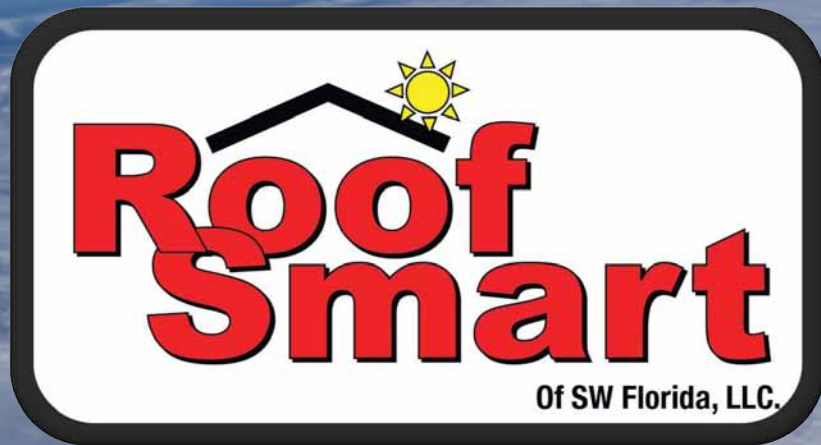


- A female Monarch butterfly lays from 100 to 300 eggs during her life. The eggs hatch about four days after they are laid.
- When larvae first hatch they are less than 1 centimeter (cm) and grow to be about 5 cm. The stages between larval molts are called instars (this is when they shed their skins).
- In as few as five days, the monarch develops from a pupa to an adult. The completion of the four life-stage process is called complete metamorphosis.
- The emergence of the butterfly from the pupal stage to an adult is called eclosion. In just 9 to 14 days the transformation from caterpillar to butterfly is complete. Through the chrysalis, the day before the adult emerges, you can see the orange and black wings of the Monarch butterfly inside.

About an hour after emerging from its pupa (chrysalis), the Monarch's wings are full-sized, dry, and ready for flying. Five to seven days after emerging from its chrysalis, a Monarch butterfly is old enough to mate....and so begins the life cycle of the next generation.

I love the Monarch, and my wish is that its population rebounds to the number recorded in Mexico during the winter of 1996-1997, the year the Monarch count was the highest ever recorded.

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decorate the courthouse and Sandy, Cindy, Tim and Katelyn for serving food & drinks throughout the event.

Also, a HUGE thank you for my husband cooking/creating all of the food served and desserts Dorathy/Laura and myself.

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HOA BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS - READY, SET, GO!

At their January 13, 2021 regular HOA Board meeting, the Nominating and Election Committee (NEC) presented the slate of candidates whose applications were received by the NEC. Pursuant to the By-Laws, the Board called for nominations and having received/receiving no such nominations from the floor, passed a motion to close the nominations. The slate of candidates which will appear on the ballot for election of officers are as follows (not necessarily in

ballot order); Marylou Buss, Art Keen, Will Rossman, Dave Tomaszewski, and Laura Intini.

The Nominating and Election Committee is planning to mail Ballots on January 25, 2020 and, in accordance with the By-Laws, all ballots must be received at the HOA office within 15 days of the date of mailing. Ballots which are received late will not be considered. Each Ballot will include instructions for completing and returning a ballot. Please note a

return envelope will be provided and ballots must be returned in the envelope provided (you will need to affix postage to the return envelope). Ballots which are not returned in the envelope provided will not be considered.

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



Hello. My name is Art Keen. I am running for the Del Tura Homeowners Association Board of Directors and I would like to take a moment to let you know why I think I am qualified to earn your vote. I have been an emcee for Tuesday morning coffee, a block captain, and a contributor to the Tower magazine

and our community website. I am chairman of the Del Tura Lighting Committee and have performed with the Del Tura Repertory Company. I have played for the Del Tura softball teams. I have seen and participated in a lot of great things happening here and want to be part of many more. Prior to retirement, I was a retail manager, a Naval Officer and a schoolteacher. I am a team player and can get the job done. I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming election.

friendly atmosphere and the many amenities. Our community needs friendly people with integrity and good judgment to be a part of the HOA board. These are some of the qualities I have to offer.

Please vote for me, I know with my background, personality, and willingness to help our community stay the piece of paradise we all love, for those reasons I think I will make a good fit on the HOA board of directors.



I am Marylou Buss and want to be a member of the HOA Board. My husband and I bought our home in 2012 and enjoy living here. We have been active in various committees and have enjoyed the many activities and the comradery that is part of all this. I believe it is important for the board to promote a positive and inclusive

attitude to all Del Tura residents. I also believe that open and honest communications and our availability are paramount to all Del Tura residents. The residents deserve our time and attention. I received my nursing degree and worked in that field for a few years. Then I worked in the criminal defense field at several levels negotiating - managing - resolving and tracking cases with several agencies.



Hi I'm David Tomaszewski. I would like to become a new HOA board member. We are full time residents coming here last year after I retired. Living here after retiring this is a great community and would like to help make it better. I have had previous leadership

positions in management running bowling centers and working with over a 4000 league bowler base at my center which included 1300 senior which were the most in the Detroit area. I have served as a member of our church council as a president, secretary, and treasurer for our church usher club. I would like along with the entire HOA board to work together and being a member, it is our responsibility to try to solve or come to agreements to solve issues. An HOA should help promote fresh and positive ideas and let's get all the residents to once again being sociable, be able to approach any of us with an open mind and find a better way we will communicate with HTA and the residents to make this a better place for everyone. I like to on the side bowl, golf and sometimes do photography.



My name is Will Rossman. I am running for the HOA Board on a platform of transparency, communications, and clarity. My primary experience is six years of board service for a national hobby organization with 30K members, a \$100 million dollar endowment and a \$10 million-dollar annual budget. My forte is strategic planning and consensus building. I am a veteran, business owner, sportsman, musician, and avid golfer (currently VP of the men's golf association). My wife and I retired here for all the attributes that make Del Tura wonderful and I would be honored to serve everyone's interests in maintaining that lifestyle and our special sense of friendliness and community. Please give me your vote!



Hello, my name is Laura Intini, I have decided to throw my hat into the ring to run for the HOA board of directors. I was raised in NJ and after marriage, moved to Long Island NY. As my children entered school, I pursued my

passion as an RN. I worked as a charge nurse for 7 yrs and 20 yrs as a nursing supervisor at Pilgrim state hospital. My job has taught me leadership, motivation, and compassion for others. I found a happy workplace and team effort gets the work done. I went into nursing because I'm a people person who enjoys helping others. After looking at homes for a few years, my husband and I decided to move into Del Tura. Del Tura was appealing because of the

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CREATIVE WRITERS WORKSHOP

By Nancy Davy

Our 2020-2021 Creative Writer's group is doing well. We pushed in January to make up for missing a December gathering due to holiday conflicts. We are continuing to meet outdoors and social distancing, at a location that is not only perfect for golf cart gathering, but the fresh air seems to promote a creative atmosphere.

Please email me if you are interested in joining our group. My email address is ndavy01@gmail.

com. If you will be new to our group, please provide me with your name, your email address, and your cell phone number. I will reach out to you before we meet in February (tentatively 2/11 and 2/25) with any time or location updates.

I have provided two wonderful responses to challenges that were presented to our group. I hope you enjoy them.

As always, I know I speak for all our group in extending our best wishes for your safety and good health.

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Desk by Cindy Swisher (Creative Writers Workshop)

The following was written in response to our third assignment. This is a freestyle challenge: to observe an area within your home. Describe it, trying to give life to inanimate objects, without showing your own feelings. Given the Pandemic and how we have had to adjust in response, this is one many of us can relate to.

Once, not so long ago, you were a beacon of organization, a bright example of structure and order in an often-chaotic world. "A place for everything, and everything in its place" was the foundation you rested on. Your drawers were quietly functional - pens and pencils on one side, sticky notes and writing tablets on the other. You could be counted on to safeguard all that were entrusted to them. Only the most essential items adorned your surface - a laptop and mouse held the place of honor at your center, while a daily planner full of today's responsibilities and tomorrow's secrets was folded discreetly in a corner. A worn, but sturdy chair - your constant companion - rested confidently beneath you.

But things have changed. Today, your face is barely visible below the pandemonium that now rules your world. Not one, but two, calendars lay open amid the piles of papers tossed randomly, and thoughtlessly, upon you. The once proud laptop must now jostle for position among folders overflowing with meeting minutes and to-do lists. Your once pristine drawers are a jumbled mess of markers and discarded paper clips. No longer can you account for their contents.

All this disarray makes you anxious. The sweet symphony of your life has been replaced with anarchy and confusion, and you do not understand why. You wonder how things could go so wrong, get so out of control. You long for the day you can cleanse yourself of this clutter and reclaim your dignity.

As you contemplate this, a long sigh escapes you. You realize that you must come to terms with the truth of your situation - that this may be your new normal. You will accept this - for now - but you will never embrace it. You will continue to call out for days past, for an end to this chaos and a return to a better way of life - life before you became a part of the disaster known as "working from home."



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By Jacqueline Keen

As most of you know we will not be presenting a show this February. It was a very difficult but necessary decision for me to make. However, I am working on another musical that I would like to bring to the stage in February 2022. A long, long way off I know BUT I will be auditioning in the Spring (2021). Hopefully, we will have a vaccine by then. Rehearsals beginning in December 2021. These kinds of shows take a long time to put together.

So, during the next months I would like to hear from anybody who would be interested in auditioning. I am looking for singers and actors.

I need a strong male and female chorus as well as both genders who can take on a starring role.

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3/04	Cynthia Baron		James Ashe	3/22	Bob Lussi
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3/5	Harry Christopher	3/17	Kathleen Quin		Janet Ragone
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3/7	Bonnie Bisignano		Kay Nassiff	3/26	Kevin Zimmerman
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The Village by C.P. Andriano (*Creative Writers Workshop*)

This challenge is to observe an outdoor area. This time do NOT give life to inanimate objects – rather; describe what you see in detail, using your senses of sight, smell, and sound and then draw your reactions to your observations.

Rounding the curve, the village is below, nestled in the arms of the verdant forest surrounding it on the top of Prospect Mountain. Through the trees, glimmers of blinding light blink and flash like diamonds worn by a queen; she is, after all, the Queen of Lakes. Opening the windows, I breathe in the fragrant piney scent I know and love so well. After several deep breaths, I feel my heart rate slow and my mind quiet as the road descends down to the village.

I pass by the A&W Ice Cream stand across from the Mountainview Diner where I know friends are busy serving steaming platters of fried eggs, ham and bacon, French toast or silver dollar pancakes, and home fries with onions to sun browned vacationers. A 50's-era motel, The Tiki, is getting a facelift, and I wonder what it will look like after its renewal. I reach Beach Road, which stretches the length of the South Shore. The street is lined with small shops selling hats, bathing suits, flip flops, tee shirts and sweatshirts of all colors and designs, imprinted with "Lake George, NY" on back or front. There are also log cabins that burn pine incense, Indian tomahawks, pottery and moccasins, and other kitschy souvenirs from an Adirondack village named for a King but ruled by a Queen.

I drive slowly down past the Million Dollar Beach. Despite the early morning chill that hasn't yet been warmed by the rising summer sun, there are families staking out their place on the newly raked sand. They put down brightly colored blankets and lawn chairs, while the children dance excitedly around and tug their parents' hands, begging to go down to the sparkling blue water. I turn into the park across from the beach, where men are lugging heavy coolers full of food and drinks covered in ice, and women and children carry bags filled with chips and cookies and rolls, paper plates, napkins, plastic cups, and utensils to the tables scattered around. Later, tired, sunburned, and hungry, they will eat grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, potato salad and baked beans. As the men and little children slide into a satisfied doze in the waning sun, the women will clean up the picnic mess, pack everything away, dress the children in warm clothes, and await the grand finale of the day, the fireworks that will light up the sky over the lake. I remember my own excitement and awe as a child, watching the sky explode with sparkling color while I licked my soft chocolate ice cream cone. And later, the excitement of my own children when they, too, waited for the show. I reflect sadly that there are no children to bring here now.

I turn north away from the beach towards my destination and continue down Canada Street, where The House of Frankenstein Wax Museum, the penny arcades, Pirates Cove Mini Golf, Madame Grace's Psychic Readings, Capri Pizzeria and Mike's Submarines, shops and restaurants, games, attractions and so much more all jostle for attention from passersby. Through my open window, I hear a band playing down on the waterfront at Shepard's Park, and I feel the vibrations of this place pulse through me.

I've walked this street so many times over the span of my life, and the memories come flooding back: checking out the beautifully painted motorcycles during the Americade rally, playing pool at Duffy's, listening to Mark the Minstrel play at John Barleycorn's, rubbing shoulders with Elvis impersonators during the annual Elvis Festival, meeting up with friends at the Pool Bar at the Georgian Resort, dinners at Mario's and George's. Through all the seasons of my life, Lake George has been a constant presence, and I let the memories spool backward through time as I slowly drive north towards the future.

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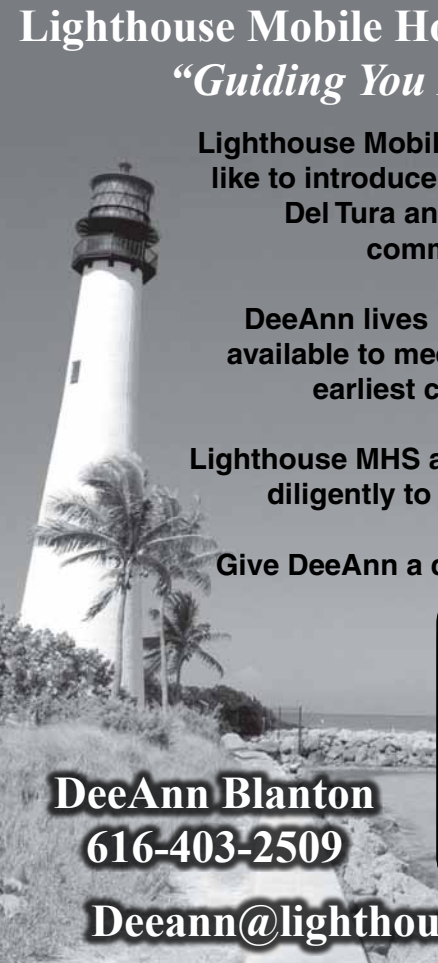

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18 HOLE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

By Margie Blackwell

2021 is shaping up to be a busy time for our members. We have several tournaments scheduled, which will be restructured slightly to keep everyone safe. And our regular Thursday games are being well-attended.

Club Championship

2020 ended with the annual Club Championship, a 3-day, 54-hole event. Golfers braved the cold weather on the first two days when the early morning temperatures were in the 40's.

And the winner is - **Bobbie Asper**, our new club champion! Three terrific rounds, Bobbie, you played well and deserved the win!

A round of applause goes out to all the ladies who participated and congratulations to Jean, Margie, Barb and Bertie for their 1st place finishes as well! Job well done!

Two additional big thank yous go out to:

- Peggy Deems who, although unable to golf in the championship, volunteered and collected tournament fees, and
- The pro shop for their help in providing tournament rules, tallying daily results, and managing all that goes on in the pro shop behind the scenes.

Winners in each of the flights are:

	Flight A	Flight B
1st Place	Jean Reimer	Margie Blackwell
2nd Place	Linda Beiermann	Sherry Leverre
3rd Place	Debbie Overholser	Ann Hoglund

	Flight C	Flight D
1st Place	Barb Luke	Bertie Dugo
2nd Place	Denise Rose	Pat Bedard
3rd Place	Cilla Canney	Pat Steele

New Member

Welcome to our newest member, Karen Waterbury, who hails from New York and is Jean Wiley's daughter. We all look forward to golfing with you, Karen!

And in the words of Ben Hogan, "The most important shot in golf is the next one."

9-HOLE WOMAN'S GOLF ASSOC. (DTNHWGA)

By Sandy Gove

Nine-Hole Women golfers discovered some downright cold mornings for January golf, but they didn't waste any time getting into the swing of the 2021 season. Several members participated in the two-day Jack & Jill Tournament the first week.

The two-day Club Championship followed bringing members together to enjoy a bit of friendly competition. Kudos to those who participated, and Congratulations to all the winners!! The luncheon with Nick's catering and Cindy Baron's 'delightful' dessert followed in the Starlight Ballroom. The refreshment committee took this opportunity to emphasize both the Championship as well as the New Year: tables sparkled with shiny stars and '2021' balloons floating over a green, providing members another welcomed opportunity to socialize.

Kathy Klein, Membership (715-927-1163), reported three new members so far in January (Andree Dearing, Terrie Fachetti, and LuAnn

Condon). WELCOME ALL! Kathy reminds those who have not received their Welcome Packets and/or the new Member Directory to please contact her.

February 17, at 2:00pm is the Valentine Couples Challenge. A 'LOVE-ly' way to spend an afternoon, the cost to play is \$4.00 per couple, so find a partner and sign up! We wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day!

A gentle reminder: members are asked to check the posted roster on Wednesday for their assigned starting hole each week. If you are listed first for your group, please be sure to stop by the pro shop before play to pick up your group's scorecard and dues envelope and return them to the pro shop after play.

Upcoming March events:

watch for further details!

*Member/Member Tournament and Luncheon (It's not too early to find a partner for this fun event.)

*Flamingos' Flocking Annual Fundraiser

SPORTS & EXERCISE



TENNIS AT DEL TURA



By Jacqueline St-Jean
President, Del Tura Tennis Association

WELCOME TO WINTER TENNIS

The Del Tura Tennis Association had their Annual General Meeting on January 17. During the AGM we were able to distribute awards for last year's Fall and Winter season as this is normally done at our March Banquet. Last year's event was cancelled as Covid 19 had started to rear its dangerous face. Here are the award recipients.

Fall 2019 season:

- Men's A, 1st Gerry Benjamins,
2nd Denny Erickson
- Men's B1, 1st Stan Loson,
2nd Rob Stevens
- Mixed Doubles Women 1st Joan Harris,
2nd Alice Harmon,
- Men 1st Gerry Benjamins,
2nd Joe Pollock.

Winter 2020 season:

- Men's A, 1st Stew Williams,
2nd Gerry Benjamins
- Men's B1, 1st Steve Moore,
2nd Stuart Rosenthal
- CoEd, Women 1st Joan Harris,
2nd Kathy Jones
- Men 1st Gerry Benjamins,
2nd Roy Musgrove.

The Friendship tournament was in-house this year with only 16 resident participants. It was held on January 16 and 17, 2021. We still 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 & 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 11. Players are respectful of safety concerns all around. There is a Men's A, Women's and CoEd league this winter.

If you have any questions, please contact Jacqueline St-Jean at 239-599-4468 or jactstjean2016@gmail.com or the Del Tura Tennis Association at DelTuraTennis@gmail.com.



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DEL TURA SOFTBALL UPDATE *By Art Keen*

Hello softball fans and players. As you are reading this the softball season is well under way. With 8 games now under our belts, the Amigos and the Diablos have surely made a mark on the league. Since the Tower is a monthly publication, it is difficult to stay current with the news here. Don't be dismayed, there is an alternative! Log into the Del Tura HOA website for details updated weekly (or so). The address is <https://www.deltura-hoa.com/> and then, on

the right hand side, under where it says Pages you click on the link for Clubs, Groups and Associations and there you will see a link for Softball. Here is where more up to date scores and standings will be. As always, we hope to see you all out at the fields to support your Del Tura Softball teams.

Here are the upcoming dates in February.

Date	Amigos	Diablos
Feb 1	vs. Lake Fairways	vs. Old Bridge
Feb 3	vs. Diablos	vs. Amigos
Feb 8	vs. Heron's Glen	vs. Buccaneer
Feb 10	vs. Lake Fairways	vs. Pine Lakes
Feb 15	vs. Buccaneer	vs. Old Bridge
Feb 17	vs. Heron's Glen	vs. Lake Fairways
Feb 22	vs. Lake Fairways	vs. Tara Woods
Feb 24	vs. Old Bridge	vs. Pine Lakes

DEL TURA FRIDAY SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE

By Glenn Tointon

After six weeks of competition our Friday shuffleboard league is going strong. After two weeks off for the holidays some of us seemed a little rusty. Maybe toooo much food? However, we have many weeks to go and any team can climb to the top. As of right now Glenn and MaryKay Tointon and Dave and Judy Lessard are tied at the top with identical 15 wins and

three losses. They have faced each other twice and each have defeated the other. In third place is Fred and Carolyn Brueggemann and Jack Blevons and Janet Reinen with eleven wins, seven losses.

We play three games every Friday at 12:30 and always need subs. If interested email me at Glenn1947@yahoo.com. Also, join us Tuesdays at 2:30 for open play.

DEL TURA BOWLING LEAGUE *By Cindy Baron*

League play continues at Bowland Cape Coral with 8 teams competing for Top Honors. Based on the standings as of Week 8, Alley Brats (Ace Kelly, Carolyn Forsey, Jeff Meehan and Tom Demshak) are in first place. Individual High game for the men is David Tomaszewski

and for the women is Janet Huss. This is a fun league, and we are always looking for additional players. If you are interested in bowling, please contact the league Secretary, Denise Rose, at 815-222-6466. The league plays every Tuesday till April at 10:30am.

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DAILY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

The Daily Activity Schedule is updated on a monthly basis. Contact Dennis Cottini 847-707-1435 or dcottini@comcast.net for any changes prior to the 9th of each month.

Activity	Location	Contact	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Exercise									
Line Dancing Advanced Class	Starlight Ballroom	Jackie Hinrichs, 616-916-7796			3:00-4:00 PM				
Line Dancing Beginners Class	Starlight Ballroom	Jackie Hinrichs, 616-916-7796			4:00-5:00 PM				
Tai Chi		Marjorie Lord, 543-9072	8:00-9:00		8:00-9:00		8:00-9:00		
Tai Chi Chuan Instruction NEW	Royal Palm	Dr. Charles C. Longworth, Ph.D. 239-945-2106	8:00-9:00 AM		8:00-9:00 AM		8:00-9:00 AM		
Therapeutic Yoga Instruction NEW	Royal Palm	Dr. Charles C. Longworth, Ph.D. 239-945-2106	9:00-10:00 AM		9:00-10:00 AM		9:00-10:00 AM		
Tura Zumba			9:00-10:00		9:00-10:00		9:00-10:00		
Water Aerobics (Oct-April)	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		10:45-12:15		10:45-12:15			
Sports									
Billiards, Men's		Harry Christopher, 997-7345	1:00-3:00						
Billiards, Women's (Nov-Apr)		Ann DeGrande, 989-2206			6:30-9:30				
Bocce (Nov-April)		Peggy Terrasi, 603-236-2209 peggyterras@gmail.com	3:45-5:30						
Bocce and Burgers		Janet DeCosmo, 239-776-9161							5:00
Bowling For Fun	Call for location	Cheryl DeCara, 543-8751						2:00	
Bowling League (Oct-Mar)		Dave Csuy, 770-6254		10:30					
Fun Couples Shuffleboard League	Shuffleboard Court	Darlene Brinker 586-431-0022	7:00 PM						
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		Sandy Vassallo, 248-755-1176				8:30			
Golf, Women's 9 Hole League		Kathy Klein 715-927-1163				8:30			
Horseshoes NEW	Horseshoe Court	Bob Brinker 586-431-0022							3:00
Pickleball		Dick & Denise Rose, 815-978-4907	open play	open play	open play	open play	open play	open play	open play
Ping Pong	Jacaranda Room	Lois McDonnell, 505-228-1222				2:00-4:00	2:00-4:00		
Shuffleboard		Jack Blevons, 731-0892					1:00		
Shuffleboard NEW	Shuffleboard Court	Darlene Brinker 586-431-0022	7:00-9:00PM						
Shuffleboard, Open		Glenn Tointon 920-309-1294	9:00	2:30					
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		Linda Laird 239-850-2632	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		11:00-12:00						
Bridge, Duplicate	Poinciana Room			6:00-10:00					
Bridge, Open	Jacaranda Room	Ken Knight, 305-746-3782			1:00-4:00				
Bunco, (*All year, 1st & 3rd Wed of each month)	Poinciana Ballroom	Patti Watson, 608-358-7709 / Darcie Rockenbough, 239-938-6865			6:00 to finish*				
Canasta	Jacaranda Room	Norrine McLaughlin, 543-1276		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 & Foot Card Game	Jacaranda Room	Betty Scheetz, 609-477-9147		1:00-4:00					
Hand, Knee & Foot Card Game	Poinciana Room	Donna Moore, 543-5262	1:00-4:00			1:00-4:00	1:00-4:00		
Mahjong	Card Room II	Marianne Denman, 543-5968				7:00			
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	Jacaranda Room	Norrine McLaughlin, 543-1276	1:00-4:00						
Pinochle	Jacaranda Room	Marcella Carothers, 731-3315			6:45-10:00				
Rummi-kub	Jacaranda Rroom	Jean Cornwell 731-1580			1:00 - 4:00				
Texas Hold 'Em	Card room 1	Joette Fabbri, 239-560-3324	4:00		4:00		3:00		
Other Activities and Clubs									
Blood Pressure Readings (before coffee)	Starlight Ballroom	Carolyn Bruggemann		8:00-9:00					
Card Making (Nov-Apr)	Call for location	Mary Kay Tointon, 920-309-2121 Gay Dye, 614-861-0007			9:00				
Ceramics	Across from bocce court	Ruth Ann Blevins 239-220-9381 Janet Ragone 856-693-8341	9:00-12:00	9:00-12:00	9:00-12:00	9:00-12:00	9:00-12:00		
Choralaires, (Sep-Mar)		David Adams, 508-284-6107		6:30 - 8:30					
Coffee & Social Hour	Starlight Ballroom	Barbara Schmoltze, 239-218-9413		8:00					
Creative Writers Group (*2nd & 4th Thurs)	Craft Room	Nancy Davy, 239-599-4631				2:00-3:30*			
Garden Club, (*1st Mon. of month)	Jacaranda Room	Ruth Ann, 239-292-6299 Dorothy, 239-850-2306	10*						
Good Timers, (*1st Tues. of month)	Poinciana Room	Liz Poniowski, 800-2935		4:00*					
Del Tura MotorCycle Club Ride NEW	ClubHouse Parking Lot	Sheila & Tony Doublé - 239.628.7786							1st & 3rd Sun- days, 8 AM
Library, open every day		Barb Jones, 543-6922 Kathleen Quigley, 543-1067							
Quilting/Sewing Club	Starlight Ballroom	Wendy Wells, 309-264-9147		AfterCoffee Hr					
Video Corner (check hours in the Library)		Elaine Schnur, (239) 464-0623						1:00-3:00	
Wood Carving (Nov-May)	Ceramic Room	Bernie Forsey, 239-217-6024	9:00-12:00						

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By Justine Fitzgibbons

If Dogs Could Talk

Ally Rosen fur baby:

I have a border collie named Pepper Ann, we live on La Paloma Blvd. Pepper turned 1 on Dec.18.

Why I wanted people to know about pepper is she is deaf and partially blind but more so as night falls. When we are walking, she will bark at anything with wheels (mainly because she's telling them to slow down) or she'll bark when she sees another dog because she wants to play. Sometimes she barks at I don't know what. She feels vibration so motorcycles are her worst enemy and trucks. It took me some time to stop her from barking at 4 am with vehicles that have flashing lights, especially busses. I talk to her like you would any other dog, but she doesn't hear me and that what I want people to know. I try to get her to not bark but it falls on deaf ears no pun intended. She will bark and spin in circles when I drop anything in the house, she climbs on the table to look out the window neighbors have told me. She really hates when she sees people doing yard work or if she sees the yard clipping at the end of the driveways, she terrorizes the



down tree limbs will bark at anyone doing yard work because she wants to help. I couldn't bring her outside anymore with me because she kept biting me when I pulled weeds not to be mean she wanted to do it.

I also had a wonderful dog watcher Jayne who took her in for a good while I can't thank her enough, now I have a neighbor Lori who helps by walking her when she can. I have

another wonderful friend who helps when she's her because it gives her normalcy. I love pepper and everyone always says how beautiful she is. When we walk down the street, she has particular houses she walks up to the doors. Our neighbor Rick lost his pet recently and pepper loves visiting with him. I have a camera so I can see while I'm at work to make sure she is ok. So please understand I'm working with her but also please slow down while driving in Del Tura, our pets and homeowners appreciate that.

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		1895 Florida wakes up to devastation of "Great Freeze" 				Outdoor Movie Main Parking Lot 
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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