

### Spanish Trails West

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Winter Rentals: A list of people who are interested in renting a house in STW for the winter months is available. If anyone is interested in renting their house for the winter months, please come to the office to obtain names. Reminder: The park will need to conduct a background check on the new renters.

Email Addresses: I am currently in the process of updating email addresses. Please stop by the office to pick up a form to complete with your correct email address.

Before You Speak

T: Is it True? H: Is It Helpful? I: Is It Inspiring? N: Is It Necessary?

K: Is It Kind?

Spread Some Good

### **STW HOA**

Joe Williams, Vice President

Thank you to all shareholders that participated in our Annual Shareholder Meeting on January 18, 2018. We had over ninety shareholders in attendance, so we were able to complete our business and hold our Board of Directors election.

Chosen to serve a three-year term were David Kingsley, Robert Lawrence and Tim Morrison. We once again had five members running for three positions. I would like to personally thank Barbara Stankiewicz and Jack Pugh for the time they took to seek one of the positions. A very special thank you goes to Jack for his dedication to our community. Jack has stepped up so many times to assist the community whenever we have had problems with the swimming pool, fences, street signs, a hurricane and many other issues.

After the Annual Shareholder Meeting the new board adjourned to the conference room to elect our officers for the coming year. The officers are: Tim Morrison-President, Joe Williams-Vice President, Carol Beecroft-Secretary, David Kingsley-Treasurer. Bob Lawrence-**Assistant Treasurer and Bud Luke-Grounds** Manager. The board also elected to the Realty Board: Charles Deane-President, Bud Luke-Vice President, Ernie Foote-Secretary/Treasurer.

We look forward to another productive year. Please remember to attend our monthly board meetings which are held on the third Thursday of the month. Your input and comments are very important to the board.

### Women's Club

Rose Stanford

On January 11<sup>th</sup> we dined at the Golden Corral for our annual Ladies Club Luncheon. On a special note our Glenda Freijo was able to attend and this was her first social engagement since her knee surgery. Good for you Glenda!! We loved having you there.

I would like to shout out a huge special thank you to Wendy Lewis, Ginger Sink, Bert Tippett and Lucille Wagner for all their assistance in setting up and cleaning up for Helen Kolasinski's Celebration Luncheon. Another special thank you goes to Bob Schalow for coming to my rescue the last minute to greet the guests at the door and making sure the guests signed the Remembrance Book. The luncheon was a success and Eugenia, Helen's daughter, told me there was a lot of compliments from her guests for the Ladies Club. That's because of those wonderful volunteers.

Our next meeting date is Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m., in the clubhouse. We'll be discussing the upcoming Park Sale which is Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to noon. As in the past we'll be looking for volunteers to help set up items in the clubhouse on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and also to help sell items during the sale. That will be greatly appreciated. There will be no resident shopping on Friday night, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The clubhouse doors will open at 7:00 a.m. Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day!!!!



### Kitchen Korner

Wendy Lewis

For the first time since I have been writing these articles, I am truly at a loss for words. As of this writing the only food event I have planned for February is the Pot Luck Dinner for Valentine's Day. It will be held on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

I have been given conflicting information. I seriously have no idea which direction to go to try to please even some of the people.

I can't figure out what to plan or when, until I have some clear answers. My solution is to not go ahead with any further plans until a majority of people make their wishes known.

The Social Club Meeting was changed to accommodate more people; yet only the same 30 - 40 people attended.

If enough people cannot be bothered to attend to give me some information as to what they want, I will not be able to schedule functions.

It is your park and your Social Club. Please attend the Social Club Meetings to give your input as to what functions you would attend.

There will be a sign posted out front two to three days before the next Social Club Meeting, on February 8, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., reminding you of the meeting. At that meeting I will be asking for answers to all the questions I have. If you would like your wishes known, please plan to attend.

Until then, I remain one very confused Kitchen Director. *Wendy.* 

Please make a note the Social Club will meet on February 8, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

### **Sunshine Club**



Lucille Wagner

Get well cards were sent to Phyllis Husslein, Dixie Carter, Don Rigsby, Nancy Butt, Rose Stanford, Gerry McCabe and Pat DeRoche. A Thinking of You card was sent to Estelle Parmentier.

### **Entertainment**

Lucille Wagner

This is a new challenge for me. I hope I can do a good job getting entertainment for the park that will please everyone.

I already have a few in the works. That won't happen until the fall. Financially wise, summer is not a good time to book anything as the attendance would be low. For now, I'm going to finish up with whom Phyllis has hired.

The Travis Golden Show was very entertaining, although there was a small audience. Thanks to all who help set up chairs and tables.

### Thank You

Thank you is extended to my neighbors and friends for the cards and flowers they sent. I'm feeling better and hope to be line dancing and attending karaoke soon.

Nancy Butt

#### **Pictures**

Peggy Foote

Pictures for the picture book and newsletter will be taken every Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. immediately following coffee hour. If that is not convenient, it can be re-scheduled for another time or we can come to your home. Please contact me by email <a href="mailto:peggyfoote175@yahoo.com">peggyfoote175@yahoo.com</a> or by phone, 813-355-4308.

### **CPR Class**

Elaine Lawrence

A CPR course will be held Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Clubhouse from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is no cost for the basic CPR training. However, if anyone wishes to be certified the cost will be a \$25.00 fee to the individual. The trainer is excellent. The more people who are trained – the better off we all will be. Please sign up by February 10<sup>th</sup> on the signup sheet posted in the clubhouse.



| Don Ducharme     | 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Barbara Oborne   | 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Louis Anastasi   | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |
| Carol Beecroft   | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |
| Jean Autry       | 5 <sup>th</sup>  |
| James Nutter     | 5 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Peggy Foote      | 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Rita LaPointe    | 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Pat Luke         | 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Ruth Coté        | 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Marion Jarvis    | 14 <sup>th</sup> |
| Doreen Ladouceur | 16 <sup>th</sup> |
| Robert Jacobs    | 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| Robert Preece    | 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| Kenneth Foss     | 21 <sup>st</sup> |
| David Kucharzak  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Roger Bostock    | 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| Glenda Freijo    | 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| Robert Taylor    | 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| Sharon Allen     | 26 <sup>th</sup> |
| Nancy Bannon     | 27 <sup>th</sup> |
| Chris West       | 27 <sup>th</sup> |



| Joe & Pat Williams   | 10 <sup>th</sup> |
|----------------------|------------------|
| James & Sharon Allen | 19 <sup>th</sup> |
| Bob & Janet Weber    | 19 <sup>th</sup> |
| Tom & Helen McCabe   | 24 <sup>th</sup> |

### **Pickleball**

Betty Moores

Pickleball is being played on Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. Hope to see you there.



# Learn to Line Dance



Peggy Foote
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018.

### **Sunday Games**

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018

Please note the changes on the calendar to the shuffleboard times.

### Juliet's

Lucille Wagner

On December 13, 2017, eight of us went to Los Chico's for a spicy difference in good food which was enjoyed by all.

On January 17, 2018 we went to Sergio's. Nineteen of us enjoyed the great food and conversation.

February 21<sup>st</sup>, we will go to Hatfield's. Please meet at the clubhouse at 12:30 p.m.to carpool. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

### **Bingo**Ron Stelle



Bingo has been going well. It's good to see so many coming out to play. In December for Christmas, we gave a box of candy to all the Bingo players.

Our balance as of January 15<sup>th</sup> is \$212.60, but we have a bill for paper products and supplies for \$210.00 that needs to be paid out of that balance.

We are currently looking for someone who would like to learn to call Bingo. Dave Pflugh who has been a long-time caller for us here at STW will be selling his home in the park and will retire from Bingo. He is going to be missed. We thank him for all his faithful service. Anyone interested in learning to call Bingo, contact Ronald Stelle (814) 572- 5489. I will be glad to show you the ropes.

Bring your family and neighbors to bingo Monday nights for a fun night out. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. so you can purchase your cards. Early bird starts at 6:30 p.m. and regular bingo starts at 7:00 p.m.

We hope to see you at Bingo on Monday Night.

Bingo Committee: Ronald and Phyllis Stelle, Marge Brush, Liz Walker



#### **GOLF REPORT**

Doug Walker

The STW golfers meet each Wednesday afternoon at the Silverado Golf Course, beginning at 12 noon. Finish times are approximately 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. Happy Hour follows at Silverado.

New players wishing to play should advise Doug Walker prior to the Sunday of the starting week. Thank you.

### Horseshoes

Ron Stelle

Everyone is welcome to join us to play horseshoes Monday and Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Meet us at the horseshoe pits located behind the shuffleboard courts.

### **Name Tags**

Ann Babbitt

I have taken the responsibility of making nametags for the residents. Anyone needing or wanting a new nametag, please see me or contact me at 813-783-1083.

### STW Travel Club

Shirley Munger

This is our busiest time of the year for the Travel Club as all of our snowbird friends are here with us and we have more trips than usual on our agenda. Therefore, we are asking you to get your reservations made early as there are other parks that we have to share space with. So, guarantee your seat by paying for it when you sign up.

These are the new trips:

### THE HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE -MARCH 9TH

Join us as we celebrate the real meaning of Easter at this beautiful park. There are 6 live shows at their beautiful indoor theater, Last Supper Communion with Christ, the Scriptorium, Christus Gardens, City Market and the live drama of Christ carrying the cross to Calvary. Dinner on your own within the park. Bus departs at 8:30 AM and departs for home at 5:30 PM. Cost \$79.

# BOK TOWER GARDENS - PINEWOOD ESTATES WED. MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>

Come experience the beauty and tranquility of the gardens when they are in full bloom and enjoy the squirrels scampering about. Pinewood Estates is a lovely mansion on the grounds and Bok Tower is absolutely

beautiful reflecting in the pond where the lovely swans are swimming. It is so interesting to learn about the carillon of bells housed in the tower and the history pictured in the Club House. Lunch is included in the restaurant at your leisure. It does require some walking but golf carts are available for a lift. Bus departs 9:00 a.m. Cost \$85.

# MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL – SHOW PALACE –THURS. APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>

Four women in a Department Store make hilarious fun of Women and the Change. Guys you are welcome to join us as you have lived with us going through the change and will find it delightfully entertaining.

Includes their wonderful buffet and delicious bread pudding with rum sauce. Bus departs 10:00 a.m. Cost \$92.

### THE BEST OF SAVANNAH – MARCH 12-15

We will spend 3 nights in our centrally located hotel, dine at 2 of the most popular restaurants in the historic district, be entertained at the Savannah Theater and do tours of the city. We will also be visiting Tybee Island to see their famous light house and Marine Science Center. Cost \$581 PP Dbl \$721 Sgl. Insurance available for \$58.

# MOBILE FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS, CALLAWAY GARDENS & INTERNATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL - MARCH 21-25

Three to die for stops all in 1 trip. We will see the most beautiful gardens, plants, trees and cherry blossoms. Includes Mobile Festival of Flowers, Bellingrath Gardens & Home, Callaway Gardens, & City Tour of Macon, GA with all of the cherry blossoms. Includes first class hotel accommodations, 4 Dinners, 4 breakfasts and 1 lunch. Cost \$879 PP Dbl, \$1089 Sgl. Optional Insurance available.

Thank you for your great turn out to the Wine & Cheese party on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>. Several have signed up for **the Celebrity Infinity Cruise on January 14 - 19, 2019,** Sailing roundtrip from Ft. Lauderdale to Key West and Cozumel. Special incentives if you sign up before Jan. 31, 2018. See flyer.

Paula Rind - 813-702-4648 & Shirley Munger

**Karaoke Schedule** 



Thursdays 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **February 1, 8, 15, 22.** 

Pool Exercise is at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Mexican Train every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Rummy Kub every Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

### Spanish Trails West - Romeo Group

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Tom Pete

Romeo's will meet at the Golden Corral on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. All Romeo's are invited to attend.



Don't forget the Birthday Celebration Dance for Doreen Ladouceur on February 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Virgil Norgrove, master ventriloquist and comedian, February  $10^{th}$ , 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$7:00 pp.

### **Medical Insurance Information**

(and free pizza) Peggy Foote

February 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. **Free pizza!** Just come and listen to a presentation by James Wood regarding medical insurance to cover transportation cost from one point to another.

Those interested, please sign up on the signup sheet at the clubhouse.

### **Welcome To STW**



Mark & Patti Williams

Mark and Patti recently purchased the house located at 37707 Campo Ave. They are finishing up their careers in upstate New York and will retire at the end of February. Mark is the Public Defender of Cattaraugus County and Patti is a Supervisory Community Health Nurse for Cattaraugus County. As soon as they finish their jobs they plan to come down to STW and make the home theirs with some remodeling and painting. Mark is also a retired Commander in the US Navy where he served in the Judge Advocate General's Corp.

While their plans for retirement are still taking shape, they intend to winter in Florida at STW and summer in the mountains of South Carolina. They also hope to travel extensively. They plan to become permanent residents of Florida soon so they will be around throughout the year at various times.

Patti enjoys reading, gardening, relaxing in the pool and spending time with the grandchildren. She is looking forward to meeting folks and making new friends at STW. Mark enjoys walking, reading, working on home improvements and genealogy. He has been down to STW twice since they purchased their new home and has already started working on the house. Both enjoy watching college football and basketball and already have tickets to the NCAA Final Four this year.

They have four children, two daughters and two sons, including the youngest who attends Clemson University. (Go Tigers!). They also have five grandchildren, all who live in the Charlotte area.

Mark's brother Joe and sister-in-law Patty hosted them on a visit in December, 2016, at STW. They had a great time and felt welcome at STW. Now they are excited to be retiring and moving to STW and will soon become share owners at STW.

Please be certain to notify me in writing or by email of any corrections or changes to the monthly calendar. Also, if your birthday/anniversary is not listed in the newsletter, please notify me of the dates. Thank you for your consideration. *Elsie* 



### **Cindy and Duane Hanson**

Cindy and Duane purchased the house at 37520 Poco Ave. in February 2017and has not been featured in the newsletter. They are originally from Orrington, Maine. They were referred here by friends.

Duane's hobbies and interests are golfing, bowling, playing bingo and walking. He retired eight years ago from a paper mill. Cindy enjoys walking, swimming, playing bingo and painting. She is semi-retired from retail.

Cindy has two brothers and a twin sister, a son, daughter and 6 grandchildren. Duane has three sisters. The also have a dog.

**PRAY BIG** 

Worry Small

**Trust God** 

Love One Another

**LAUGH MORE** 

**Stress Less** 

**HAVE FAITH** 

Rejoice and Be Grateful

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Tom & Brenda Pete