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STW Telephone Directories: The new directories are in the office and ready to be picked up.

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.

Website Update: We are in the process of updating our website. We are looking for photos that show the beauty of the park and all of its amenities. Anyone who has photos,

please email those to me so that it's easier for me to upload into the computer, I would appreciate it. If anyone is interested in writing a testimonial for the site, or has any insight as to how wonderful life is here for a potential buyer - your comments are welcome.

STWHOA

Tim Morrison, President

Hello again, here is hoping that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and that all are enjoying the Happy New Year. December was a very full month of activities in the park with everything from the cart parade to private parties. Isn't this a wonderful time of the year? My wife and I were talking the other night and concluded that December is a wonderful time to make new great memories.

During the last board meeting I had the opportunity to read a parting note from Beth Hatt. To be sure everyone is aware, Beth and David are leaving our community the first of the year to take advantage of a great deal on a new property a little further south in Florida. Beth has worked the last year as the Vice President of the Board and has been making significant contributions to the community over the past few years. Both she and David will really be missed. David is also one of those folks who is always willing to lend a helping hand when and where he can. As it is now they will be closing on their property in STW mid-January and Beth will

be resigning her position on the Board at that time.

Since our last Board Meeting, we have continued to press forward with required work in the park. Work on the new street signs is on track and new quotes are in play for the fence replacements. New light bulbs have been ordered for the park fountains and a face-lift for the club house plantings is set for the first of the new year. Finally, the board voted to move forward in support of the Social Club with purchase of a new AED machine for the clubhouse. Joe provided a great presentation and was a major contributor in making this happen. Who knows it may someday save your life.

Just a couple of notes in closing. First, please remember the elections January 18th and plan to be there. We need to have your lot number on your ballot and need you to be there for a quorum. In the event we do not have a majority of shareholders represented there will not be an election.

Second, please be very careful while on the road. We all know there are many more people traveling home from the far north and shopping around Zephyrhills to do those returns. We also know that some of these folks will be full of more than just New Year good wishes. B-E-E-E-E CAREFUL.

Women's Club

Rose Stanford

The Holidays are behind us and here it is, 2018!! Wishing everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

On Thursday, December 14th, there were 12 lovely ladies that attended the meeting. It was announced that Vinnie

Stevens has volunteered to be the Club Secretary. All the ladies welcomed her.

Thursday, January 11, 2018 the Women's Club luncheon will take place at the Golden Corral. **PLEASE MEET UP AT THE CLUB HOUSE AT 12 NOON TO CARPOOL TO THE RESTAURANT. THE LUNCHEON STARTS AT 12:30 P.M. YOUR COOPERATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.** In lieu of Christmas gifts, it has been unanimously voted on taking a collection at this luncheon for Meals on Wheels as chosen by the Club. These funds will be added to additional Club funds to be presented to Meals on Wheels. The final amount will be discussed at a later meeting.

On Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. the Women's Club will host a Celebration of Life luncheon in remembrance of Helen Kolasinski. There will be a signup sheet provided for attendance.

On Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. the Women's Club will be hosting its very first Annual Remembrance Luncheon of Residents who have passed this year, 2017. This idea was discussed at a meeting by Lucille Wagner. With collective ideas from Wendy Lewis, Judy Siddell and Mimi Ballentine it's all coming together. There will be more information to follow.

Wendy Lewis has volunteered to prepare a Women's Club sign as a reminder for attendance.

ALL WOMEN HERE AT STW ARE WELCOMED IN THE WOMEN'S CLUB. WE MEET EVERY SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 1:00 P.M. AT THE CLUBHOUSE. MEETINGS ARE HELD FROM NOVEMBER THROUGH MARCH/APRIL. THERE IS NO

MEMBERSHIP FEE, JUST YOUR PRESENCE AT THE MEETING.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE LUNCHEON!!!

Kitchen Korner

Wendy Lewis

What a fun and crazy month this has been! The Thomas Promise Breakfast was a huge success. Thanks to Tom and Brenda Pete for all their hard work. A special thank you goes to all of my workers and friends who pitched in when I had to leave. You guys are awesome and I love you all!

My bonus function went well and repaid most of the Thanksgiving expenses. The Golf Cart Parade was great. Lots of carts were decorated and made an amazing sight winding through the park. Thanks to all the cookie bakers. We had a wonderful selection to munch on.

As of this writing we have almost 80 people attending the Christmas Dinner on December 23rd and the New Year's Eve ticket sales are going well.

It has been a full year since I started as your Kitchen Director. I just want to say that I have never had so much fun and enjoyment from any job or position. Your appreciation makes it all worthwhile. It would take the entire newsletter to thank everyone for their help and support. I may do the planning and cooking, but without everyone else supporting me in so many ways, it would not be possible to do what we have done. Two special thank yours are to the Social Club Board for always being there in so many ways and to my mother and husband for sometimes being second to all my activities.

We have a large entertainment schedule in January to keep everyone busy.

That being said, there were not dates available for food functions.

There will be lunch served at the first annual Remembrance on Sunday, January 21st from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. We are instituting a yearly event to remember all those who have passed in our park the previous year. Watch the board in the clubhouse for more information

On January 27th at 5:00 p.m. we will be having a Cruise Night Dinner. Yes, those of you going on the cruise will miss it. The point is to have a fancy dress-up evening for those not able to go cruising. It will be a sit-down served dinner. Details will be available in the clubhouse soon.

I still have more ideas for fun and different events, so you will have a lot to look forward to in my second year as your Kitchen Director.

'Till then as always, Wendy

Please make a note the Social Club will meet on January 4, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.



Sunshine Club

Lucille Wagner

Get well cards were sent to Gloria Zilinski, Steven Lewis and Glenda Freijo.

Sympathy cards were sent Barbara Coate on the loss of her sister and Ray Sorbo on the loss of his sister.

Our prayers and good wishes are extended to all.

On a sad note, my mother, Maria Drouin left us on Saturday, December 16th to join my father in heaven. She was 93 years old and had lived in our park for over 20 years. She is at peace now and will be truly missed by our family.

Thank you all for the sympathy card. I love you all.

Crafts

Cindy Porter

Happy New Year to all.

Due to lack of participation, I will decline running the Craft Department.

I will continue this year until March 2018. Anyone who would be interested to take on this position, please let me know. I will have notes and things to pass on to you.

In the future, I will attend and teach classes with the Craft Department.

Come and join us at Crafts every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. Activities are posted on the bulletin board weekly. See you there.

Entertainment

Phyllis Husslein

January is off to a great start! First, on January 13th, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a dance, with music by D.J. Travis Golden. He was here last season, and was fantastic! He had games for dancers off and on during the evening, with prizes for the winners! He also gave lighted rings to all the ladies present. During the evening, he at times sang to the music, and at other times danced out on the dance floor. He really kept the evening very entertaining! The tickets for are \$5.00 per person. This promises to be a fun evening!

Then on Friday, January 19th, Cahal Dunne will be here performing on stage, with his white Baby Grand piano. He is amazing with that piano and is a great entertainer. His program is never boring! He can be so serious with his stories, his piano playing or singing, and the next thing you know he has the crowd laughing

like crazy. He was born and raised in Ireland where he attended a Musical College. Years later, he moved to the U.S. Cahal was here the year before last, and all who attended had a wonderful time. This will be a two-hour show, with an intermission. The tickets will be \$9.00 per person.

Look for a fun night February 10th, at 7:00 p.m. when Virgil Norgrove, the Ventriloquist returns. When he was here last year, he really kept the audience laughing. Tickets for this show will be \$5.00 per person.

Keep February 18th open to attend a Dance in honor of Doreen Ladouceur's birthday. Her daughter has arranged for the music so there will be no ticket charge. We hope all will come to help Doreen celebrate. She has been a long-time resident here at STW. No gifts will be required, but there will be a basket for birthday cards. Hope to see everyone there!



Richard Flint	1 st
Al Klosterman	1 st
John MacMillan	1 st
David Hatt	2 nd
Rose Stanford	4 th
Bob Butt	5 th
Tom Bredin	8 th
Albert Pascoe	8 th
Robert Stankiewicz	11 th
Kelly Hanson	11 th
Tony Parmentier	12 th
Melba Slates	13 th
Carol Powell	16 th



Richard Banks	15 th
Marianne Humphrey	16 th
Thomas Johnston	16 th
Phyllis Husslein	18 th
Henrietta Moyer	20 th
Esther Tice	23 rd
Joyce Ostberg	25 th
Norman Stevens	26 th
Charles Deane	26 th
Ruberta Tippet	27 th
Richard Perioli	29 th
Gerald Wesolowski	29 th
Herb Rust	30 th
Robert Lawrence	31 st



Robert & Elaine Lawrence	1 st
Tom & Glenda Bredin	4 th
Tom & Jean Autry	8 th
Bobby & Pamela Sanford	20 th
Ron & Bette Wroubel	30 th

Notice

Saturday January 6, 2018

Meet the candidates running for the STW Homeowners Association Board of Directors at 7:00 p.m. in Clubhouse.

Chuck and Pat Smith

Pickleball

Betty Moores

Come one come all to the pickleball court on Wednesday, January 3rd at 9:30 a.m. We are meeting to find out what days and time works for everybody. Pickleball is lots of fun to play and is good exercise.



Learn to Line Dance

Peggy Foote

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018.



Sunday Games

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

January 7, 14, 28.



Juliet's

Lucille Wagner

On December 13th, eight of us went to Los Chico's for our get together.

On January 17th, we will go to Sergio's. Please meet at the clubhouse at 12:30 p.m. to car pool. This is open to all ladies in the park. Please join us. Please let me know if you are planning to attend.

Celebration Dance

A FREE dance is being held on Sunday evening, February 18, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. to celebrate the 90th birthday of Doreen Ladouceur. Doreen has been a resident here since 1988 and was one of the first to buy a share into our park. **The Lady Loves to Dance**....as many of you might already know! So, friends, please join her family that evening to enjoy lots of snacks, a celebratory cake and the wonderful dance music/songs of "Charlie Williams". It is a "BYOB" party but other non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. PLEASE NO PRESENTS, however; a card to mark this special occasion would be appreciated. A signup sheet will be placed in the clubhouse toward the end of January. If you have any questions or concerns, call Doreen's daughter, Cher Brining @ 315-250-9312. It's not a surprise party so you can talk to Doreen about it all you want.... she is excited and would love it.

Thank You Thank You Thank You

Judy Siddell

Buddy and I extend our thanks to all our friends and neighbors in STW for the cards, phone calls, all the delicious meals brought in, visits and especially all the prayers. Needless to say, this has been a rough couple of months for us, and no way could we have done it alone; but somehow it ended up on a positive note. A very special thank you to so many, especially Mimi, Deanna and our neighbors Barb and Norm. All the rides to the many doctor appointments, shopping, taking care of Corky. The list goes on and on. We feel so blessed to live in a community full of so many caring people. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. There is a saying that we love. "Friendship is one of God's most perfect gifts" and it shines through in so many ways in this community.

Love Buddy & Judy

Thomas Promise Thank You !!!

Tom Pete

On Friday December 1st, the people of STW gathered together not only for breakfast, but to give back to our community.

The generosity of the residents, sets the mark for others to follow.

Four years ago, four guys went to lunch, Buddy Siddell, Fred Ballantine, Rick Mellinger and myself. Later on, lunch moved to breakfast, soon others asked to join us. We had a group of about 15 guys, Jack Pugh gave our group its name - "Romeo's" 'Retired old men eating out'. Our group kept growing. Bill Mears joined our group. That's when I learned about Thomas Promise over

breakfast. Bill set up the basket for food donations in the clubhouse and made deliveries to Thomas Promise. When Bill was unable to continue with Thomas Promise, Brenda and I stepped in to keep it going. A lot of people got us to where we are now with Thomas Promise. At our breakfast you not only helped Thomas Promise with toys, but with money for over 900 hundred meals PLUS you made a generous donation to the Elks club summer feeding program.

Brenda and I have a small part in Thomas Promise. It's all about STW residents who continue to support our community in this way. Thanks to all who made your Thomas Promise Breakfast a success.

Tom & Brenda Pete

Bingo

Ron Stelle

Bingo has been going well. Due to Christmas being on Monday, Bingo was cancelled so all could enjoy the day with family and friends. We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. Bingo will also be cancelled on January 1, for New Year's Day.

We will resume bingo on Monday January 8, 2018. Happy New Year to all. Hope to see you there. Bring your family and friends for a fun night of Bingo.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. to purchase your cards. Early bird bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. and regular bingo starts at 7 p.m.

You can play all games for as little as \$4.25 or larger packs for \$10.00. Additional packs are available.

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





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 which is located behind the shuffleboard court.

STW Travel Club

Shirley Munger

Happy New Year to everyone. Thank you for supporting the Travel Club this past year. We hope you enjoyed your trips and plan on joining us again in the future.

We are finding out that Advantage Cruises & Tours is definitely growing and we have had to turn some of you down because the busses got full before we got your payment in. In the future if you want to go on a trip it is best to pay for it when you sign up because that is the only way we can guarantee that you will be guaranteed a seat. Just signing up for the trip will not hold your place, but If you can't go at the last minute we will do our best to help you sell your spot.

The new trips coming up are:

**CAPONE'S DINNER THEATRE IN KISSIMMEE
-THURS. FEB. 22nd.**

Notice the date has been changed from the Annual Meeting's.

You enter a 1930's Speakeasy in Gangland Chicago and are entertained by music and comedy of that Era. Huge Italian/American buffet, unlimited beverages including wine and some alcoholic drinks, and homemade desert.

Bus departs 11:30 a.m. Cost \$92

TAMPA BAY DOWNS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

Experience Thoroughbred racing at its finest. Reserved dining in the Clubhouse, racing program included along with the Club House Turn Buffet. Never been to a horse race? Come join in the fun and excitement. Bus departs 10:00 a.m. and leaves for home at 4:30 p.m. Cost \$62

BOK TOWER GARDENS - PINWOOD ESTATES - WED. MARCH 14TH

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 Clubhouse. Lunch is included in the restaurant at your leisure. It does require quite a bit of walking. Bus departs 9:00 a.m. Cost \$85.

MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL - SHOW PALACE -THURS. APRIL 26TH

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.

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY TUES. JANUARY 9TH -3 p.m.

Mark your calendars for a special presentation by Marie Emmerick for information on cruises to help us pick our park cruise for next year. Great information

if you have never cruised and would like to know more about it. There will be a number of different cruises discussed.

PAULA RIND & SHIRLEY MUNGER 813-702-4648

Karaoke Schedule

Thursdays 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

January 4, (18?), 25.



Mexican Train every Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Rummy Kub every Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

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

Spanish Trails West - Romeo Group

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Tom Pete

Romeo's will meet at the Golden Corral on Friday, January 5th and 19th at 9:00 a.m. All Romeo's are invited to attend.

Please be certain to notify me 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*

January Newsletter Delivery

There will be some substitute people delivering the newsletter this month due to the holidays. If you do not received your copy, please pick up a copy in the clubhouse. You can find them in a file bin on the wall by the library. Thank you for understanding.

Golf Cart Parade December 17th

The winners of the best decorated golf carts are as follows: First place: Joe & Patty Williams, Second place: Cindy & Chuck Tasker, Third place: Diane Chaney Maura.

Pictures of Golf Cart Parade

By Ernie Foote



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