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New website address:

www.spanishtrailswestcommunity.com

Newsletter via email: Contact Elsie McFarland at macscats@aol.com

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.

STW Community Social Club

Sandy Wheeler

Attached to this April Newsletter is a survey from the Social Club Committee. Please fill it out and return it by April 3rd to the Suggestion Box beneath the bulletin board in the clubhouse.



STW HOA

Tim Morrison, President

Wow the time has sure gone by quickly for our "Snow Bird Season", no disrespect intended. It seems like only a few days ago when we began seeing friends and neighbors returning and now we are once again hearing they are leaving. I sincerely hope all who are traveling have a safe trip home and please hurry back.

We on the Board are once again considering ending our monthly meetings for the summer season. As it is now we will be having our next meeting following the shareholder meeting which is currently in the planning stages. An updated STW Board meeting schedule will be finalized at the next board meeting. Keep an eye on the bulletin board and your mail for more information on the pending shareholder meeting, please.

Of primary interest at our last board meeting was the pending Spectrum TV contract offer. There was a great deal of discussion on this topic during the meeting including Bill Gorman reading a legal opinion on STW obligation to provide said service. It has been determined that we will, as quickly as possible, pull together a shareholder meeting with the goal of voting on the proposal. Please watch your mail and provide your input regarding this proposal.

Other items of interest were the approval of bids to repair the park fountains. This work will be scheduled ASAP. In addition, Jack reported on fence replacement bids and the need to move the new fence to match the current property

lines. As it turns out the old fence is about nine feet on our property. The cost of the fence replacement was approved. We are looking into required brush removal to complete the job. Street sealing was discussed with Tim reporting he needs one additional bid before a decision can be made on it.

Finally, please be reminded of a few of the day to day requirements in the park. Among these are no parking on the grass, especially overnight. Always having your pet on a leash when outside and not in the specified area and there will be no yard sales in the park outside of the regularly scheduled sales. These are rules which need to be followed which can possibly cause an accident or injury if they are ignored.

Women's Club

Rose Stanford

There were 14 lovely ladies in attendance on Thursday, March 8th for our Club meeting.

On Saturday, March 3rd, STW Women's Club hosted a very successful park sale. In the club house there were 23 volunteers who worked very hard. They're responsible for the success!!! A **GREAT BIG THANK YOU** is extended to Chris, Lucille, Elaine, Susan, Wendy, Ann, Pauline, Liz, Marnie, Judy, Gloria, Carol, Ginger, Vinnie, Judy, Linda, Sue, Carol, Shirley, Barbara, John, Dave and Clyde.

At our next meeting we will be discussing allocating Women's Club funds. Benny suggested donating to the Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind organization. Ginger suggested consulting with Wendy to purchase needed kitchen-ware.

It's that time of the year when our snowbird friends will be leaving. We wish you all safe travels and enjoy your summer.

We will be having our **next Women's Club meeting on THURSDAY, APRIL 12TH AT 1:00 P.M. at the club house.** All STW Ladies are welcome!! Hopefully we'll have spring-like weather by then. 🌸 🦋 🌺

Kitchen Korner

Wendy Lewis

What a great time we had at our St. Patrick's Dinner. The food was awesome, thanks to Jake and his wizardly in the kitchen. Everyone enjoyed the music as well.

On Friday, April 13th, at 5:00 p.m. we will be holding a Benefit Spaghetti Dinner, which will include all you can eat salad bar, pasta choices, vegetable, garlic bread, dessert and beverage all for \$8.00. Proceeds will go to East Pasco Meals on Wheels (it's the seniors turn!) A 50/50 raffle will also be held to benefit the Elks summer program to feed the children.

Our second food function will be a soup and sandwich luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 28th. Cost is \$6.00. There will be an assortment of homemade soups, wraps, and the sandwiches will include Reubens.

Thank you for your continued support.

Please make a note the Social Club will meet April 5th at 2:00 p.m.





Sunshine Club

Lucille Wagner

Get well cards were sent to Dawn Fay, Glenda Freijo and Louis Anastasi.

A sympathy card was sent to John and Louise Payne on the loss of John's brother-in-law, Roger Boise. Roger had been a long-time resident and neighbor and friend to many. A sympathy card was also sent to Esther Rector on the death of her husband Alan.

Thanks, are extended to Dawn Fay for her generous donation of a roll of stamps.

Entertainment

Lucille Wagner

The Pool Party will end the entertainment for the year. I will try to find something for the summer months.

I have three contracts lined up already for November 10th, December 7th and December 22nd. December 7th's group donates their time and money to Thomas Promise. A deal like that doesn't happen very often.

Park attendance at entertainment functions has dropped very low lately. Good entertainment is hard to get on a low budget. The better the entertainment the more they charge which would mean the ticket prices would have to increase. Wendy stated in the survey that was taken that you wanted new shows. I am working on that. I'm visiting other parks regarding entertainment on my own time and money. I'm working on it.

To all our northern neighbors, have a safe trip home. We will see you in the fall.

Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why it's called the present.




Shirley Munger	2 nd
Cindy Porter	6 th
Rita LaRoche	13 th
Henry LaPointe	14 th
Carol Slesman	15 th
Angie Perioli	19 th
Plummer (Pete) Hollon	19 th
John Freely	20 th
Judith Stimpson	26 th
Rebecca Dobbs	26 th
David Kingsley	27 th



Joseph Carraro & Karen Buck	3 rd
Don & Gloria Ducharme	17 th
Richard & Angie Perioli	17 th
Ernie & Peggy Foote	19 th
Jerry & Barb Wesolowski	19 th
Richard & Cindy Porter	20 th
Gerald & Karen McCabe	26 th
David & Virginia Sink	27 th





Line Dance Classes
9:30 a.m.
 Peggy Foote
Tuesday, April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2018.

Sunday Games
 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2018.



Juliet's
Lucille Wagner

On March 21st, six of us went to Creative Souls for soup, salad and sandwiches. On April 18th we will go to Sergio's, one of our favorite places.

Please meet at the clubhouse at 12:30 p.m. to carpool. Let me know if you plan to attend.



Ron Stelle

We have been getting a great turnout for bingo on Monday nights. We have averaged around 45 players. We still have room for more players, so tell your neighbors and family to join us.

Everyone enjoyed a Skinny Cow green mint ice cream sandwich for St. Patrick's Day....Yummy

Thanks to all of our volunteers who help keep Bingo running. We could not do it without your help.

For anyone heading north in the next few weeks, we wish you to have a safe trip and a wonderful summer. It's hard to believe it's that time of year already.

Doors open Monday nights at 5:30 p.m. to purchase your cards. You can play for as little as \$4.25 or larger packets of cards for \$10.00 and add more cards if you wish. Early bird bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. and regular bingo at 7:00 p.m.

Our balance as of March 12, 2018 is \$16.92.

We hope to see you Monday night at Bingo. The last night for Bingo for the year will be April 30, 2018.

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



Horseshoes
Ron Stelle

Anyone interested in playing horseshoes, Monday and Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. should meet at the horseshoe pits behind the shuffleboard courts. Everyone is welcome.

STW PARK PICTURE BOOK

Bert Tippett

The 2018 updates for the park picture books are ready. They will be for sale Tuesday mornings at coffee hour in the club house.

If you don't have a book yet and want a new one, there will be a few available for sale also. The updates cost \$3.00 and the complete book costs \$5.00. We printed a limited amount of both until we know how much demand there will be. We will have a list for you to sign if you want one and we run out. Or you can contact Bert Tippett at 574-340-0445.

Digital copies will be available free. You can sign up for one in the club house or contact Christine Jackson by phone 517-474-1209 or by email Chris_487@hotmail.com. She will need your name and email address.

STW Travel Club

Shirley Munger

It is time to book your Cruise for next season before you head home for the summer. We have a park sponsored cruise for next winter that so far 29 people have signed up for it. If you have never cruised before this is a great opportunity to go with people you know. It is a 5-night Western Caribbean Cruise with Celebrity Infinite on January 14-19,2019, sailing round trip from Ft. Lauderdale to Key West and Cozumel. There will be free bus transportation from

our park and Travel Protection is included. Call Paula for more information or Advantage Cruises at Pinellas Park 727-576-4010 or Lakeland 863-859-9595. Don't miss out on the fun. Advantage Cruises will be glad to assist you with any cruise. Check out the brochures or newsletter and give them a call. Inside Cabin \$735, Ocean View Cabin \$950, Balcony \$1090.

We also have some interest shown on a 10-night Southern Caribbean Cruise if you would like something a little longer. Royal Caribbean's Serenade of the Seas sails round trip from Ft. Lauderdale to St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John's, St. Kitts and St. Marten. February 1st – 11th, 2019. Travel Protection is included. Inside Cabin \$1235, Ocean View \$1315, Balcony \$1829. Let us know if this interests you. We may have enough for a park pick up.

The Wine and Cheese Party on March 13th by Avalon River Cruises was very well attended. We learned there are excellent European River Cruises available also at a reasonable rate. Many of us have these on our bucket list. Some of the people in our park have gone on them and would be glad to share their knowledge of them with you. Just let us know if you are interested and we will arrange for you to talk to them.

Have you ever thought about doing a River Cruise in the US? The American Queen Steamboat Co. is doing a 9-days in the Deep South on April 7-15, 2019. Sailing from Memphis to New Orleans with numerous stops. Includes round trip air from Tampa, 1-night pre-cruise in Memphis, includes tours and excursions, all meals and snacks and beverages including wine and beer with dinner.

Inside 132-140 sq. ft Cabin - \$2,649 PP

Ocean View 190 sq. ft Cabin - \$4,353PP
Veranda 140-160 sq. ft Cabin \$4,653PP
Veranda 190-205 sq. ft Cabin \$4,996PP

We do still have a few seats for the Blueberry Festival at Mt. Dora on Saturday, April 28th for \$49.

Paula Rind 813-702-4648

Karaoke Schedule

Thursdays 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018.

Spanish Trails West - Romeo Group

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Tom Pete

We meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month, which is April 6th and 20th. All Romeo's or Romeo wannabes are welcome. This is a great opportunity to meet new neighbors and welcome them to the park. Join us at the Golden Corral at 9:00 a.m.

Thank You from Thomas Promise

As more of our residents start the trip back to to their summer homes, Brenda and I want to thank you all for supporting Thomas Promise. Your donations go a long way in helping to end hunger in Pasco County.

For the rest of us, thank you for helping us to continue through the summer. This summer through Thomas Promise, we will also be helping the Elks Lodge to provide meals for the Children of Pasco County. (more information to come on this)

The people of STW are the BEST--Thank-you

Tom & Brenda Pete



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**

Library News

Virginia Sink

Thanks, are extended to Vinnie Stevens, Judy Stimpson and Dave Sink for helping with the book sale at the Park Sale.

New books will soon be on the shelves. Some of the books that did not sell were donated to the Veterans Homes in Florida.

Please return your books to the library before you head back north.

Joke of the Month

Buddy Siddell

A guy stands over his tee shot for what seems an eternity: looking up, looking down, measuring the distance, figuring the wind direction and speed.

Finally, his exasperated partner says, "What's taking so long? Hit the damn ball!" The guy answers, "My wife is up there watching me from the clubhouse. I want to make this a perfect shot."

"Forget it, man," says his partner. "You'll never hit her from here."

Pickleball

Betty Moores

Pickleball is cancelled until further notice.



STW Newsletter

Elsie McFarland

Just a reminder during the summer months I will be combining the months of June and July and August and September due to lack of activities and articles.

It has also been suggested that we do **not** deliver those issues as it is difficult for those who deliver it to determine who is not here either due to those residents going away for the entire summer or those who are on vacation. Also, those residents who faithfully deliver the newsletter may also not be available. The newsletter can be picked up from the clubhouse or from the office.

Please be considerate and help those who may not be able to go to pick up their copy.



James Wood giving the Medicare briefing on the new Card which will be sent beginning in April. Florida residents are scheduled to receive theirs in August 2018. Thanks Jim for the update and all those residents in attendance.

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