

Southport Springs Monthly Newsletter

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April 2022

APRIL

Events
Saturday, April 2nd 9am - 1pm
Southport's Spring Craft Fair

Friday, April 8th 6-9pm

Karaoke With Christine & Willie
Compliments of Sun Communities

Saturday, April 9th 7-10pm Listen & Dance To The Music Of "Tom Davis"

Sunday, April 11th 4-6pm Enjoy The Zany & Hilarious "Perry Edenburn"

Tuesday, April 19th 5:30pm Pot Luck Followed By Nickle BINGO

Thursday, April 21st 5-8pm
"Dance Party Duo"
Compliments of Sun Communities
& The Parkway Tavern

Friday, April 22nd 6-9pm

Karaoke With Christine & Willie
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Saturday, April 23rd 7-10pm
Listen & Dance To The Music Of
"Rusty Trumpet"
And The Music Makers

See Pages 5 & 6 For Details

LOOK WHO'S TURNING 100!



Our friend and neighbor, WWII Veteran and recipient of two Purple Hearts, Gene Poupard from over on Bubba Drive will be celebrating his milestone 100th birthday on Saturday, May 28th. How awesome is that! Gene will be heading back up to Michigan to be with family and friends for the BIG Day. But before he leaves, his daughter Marie would like to invite everyone here in Southport to an early Birthday celebration.

Everyone Is Invited To
Gene's Open House Birthday Celebration
When: Saturday, April 30th from 2-4pm
Where: Main Clubhouse
(Desserts, Coffee & Tea Provided)
Come Celebratel

More About Southport's Centenarian on page 17

THEY ARE THE CHAMPIONS



From left to right are Team Captain Joe Seubert, Dan Jacques, Rich Abbott, Mary May, Bill Hass, Leo McKee, Chuck Barnhardt, Don Wheeler and Bryon Hoelzer

Southport's Horseshoe team led by Joe Seubert recently took first place in the Zephyrhills Seasonal "Oldtimers Horseshoe League" competition. CONGRATULATIONS TEAM! Well done! The team is looking for more members. So if pitching horseshoes is your thing, consider joining our amazing Southport team.

For more information, you can contact Joe Seubert at: 727-543-4621 or Email him at joeseubert@gmail.com Practice is every Tuesday and Thursday (down at the horseshoe pits) at 1pm (6pm starting Tuesday, April 19th). So come join the fun and make new friends.

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To say "Thank You" to our Southport family is not enough. So many have done so much for us during this sad a difficult time of Bill's passing.

Thank you to Bonnie & Dave Tate, Don & Kay Caulkins and Sandy and Dewey Coon for all your delicious food; to the Bereavement Committee for the wonderful luncheon. And last but not least, thank you to Jim Teixeira and Karol McGinn for all the rides to and from the airport and for all the comfort given. Thank you for being my friends and support system. Bill would have been so grateful.

Marge Miller

Fran Santo 3824 Arrowwood Drive 1938- 2022

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Fran's family and friends. Know that our thoughts are with you during this time of sadness.

"Let Heaven fill your thoughts instead. Because when you do, everything on earth gets placed in its proper perspective."

Greg Laurie

Thank

Note: The following "Thank You" note was inadvertently omitted from the March newsletter. Our sincere apologies.



Thank you to the Sunshine Committee for the gift card for Dick delivered by Jan Wheeler. We would also like to thank two special men on Ranger Parkway; Hass for getting a ramp

and with the help of Bryon Hoelzer, putting it together for us. It has been a lifesaver. We do have very nice and caring people here in Southport. God bless you all.

Esther & Dick Clark



I would like to thank The Sunshine Committee for the gift card I received after my recent surgery. And also a big thank you to my friends and neighbors who sent

cards, food, visits and other services during my recuperation. It was all very much appreciated!

Digger Roy



I would like to thank Dawn and the Sunshine Committee for the gift card given to me after a procedure done on my was back. I'm recovering nicely, but it's too

early to tell if the radiofrequency ablation resolved the problem.

Richard Knoles

We made \$2,100 which will be used for supplies for future lunchful support. eons. Thank you again everyone.

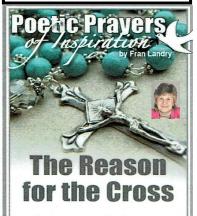
Sandy Fenlock, Val Lebo & Maryann Danes

Thanks

The Bereavement Committee would like to give a big 'THANK YOU" to Sean Rankin and Sun Communities, Shanna and the Parkway crew, our very talented actors and actresses including Sean Rankin as "Cool Crawdaddy", Keith Rankin as "Silent Sam", Tom Eberman as "Murky Waters". Joe Grigelevich as "Pierre Baguette", Jackie Baumann as "Lana", Vickie Winchester as "Marigold", Pat Richards as "Misty" and Lou Tucker as "Momma Magot"; and espe-cially to all of you for your faith-

Bookmarks of Inspiration





Although you may not fully understand

The reason for the Cross It's so important for you to know God was never at a loss He was ALWAYS in control As He watched His suffering son And when Jesus died in this way All thought that He was done But then the sky darkened And it became black as night The crowd began to ponder Maybe Jesus was right And then, three days later The tomb was open, empty, too His resurrection just confirms All Jesus said was really true So put aside your scholarly mind Even common sense won't do There is only one reason for the Cross

It's God's infinite love for YOU!

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"Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation. will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

- Romans 8:39

Fran Landry can be reached by e-mail at franland2@me.com

Let us pray for all of our friends here in Southport who are battling any health and/or personal Let's also keep all caregivers in our thoughts and prayers as well.

THE HEROES AMONG US













Our world is a better place because of heroes like these who unselfishly step forward to give a tiny piece of themselves so that others might live. And all it took was one tiny hour of their time. Take notice of the one thing all heroes have in common...they do it with a hand over their heart and a smile on their face.

Thank You To The Following Southport Heroes Who Stepped Forward To Donate *Life-Saving Blood* On Wednesday, March 9th. YOU GUYS ROCK!

Mike Quartucci Jim Teixeira Beverly Prince Ron Hargrove Stan Wnukiewicz Tom Eberman Sonya Krouse Dawn Milby Sharon Wilson Bill Moore Patrick Fearick John Losey Deb Collins Ray Tarbell Richard Gelles Bob Collins Al Walters Everett Holdridge Dave Blair Bernie Pietrowski Bill Evans Mel Collins Ann Wallis 'Charlie' Grigelevich

Chickie Naclerio Dawn Brownell Randy McCoy Tom Fey Jim Texter Helen Greene Ruthann Brown Cindy Judy

Winners of the \$25.00 gift cards donated by our HOA and Sun Communities were Ann Wallis and Dave Blair respectively. **OneBlood** would like to thank our HOA, Sun Communities and our residents for their continued and ongoing support.



Our Next Blood Drive Will Be Held On Wednesday, June 15th from 9am-2pm

See You On The BIG RED BUS!



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CALLING ALL SOUTHPORT BIKE RIDERS



Hey Folks. Wayne Oosterhoff here. I'm noticing a lot of bikes here in Southport. What say we get together and go for a ride. I'm planning a trip out towards Auburndale on Tuesday, May 3rd (rain date is

Sunrise Eatery

Edward Jones

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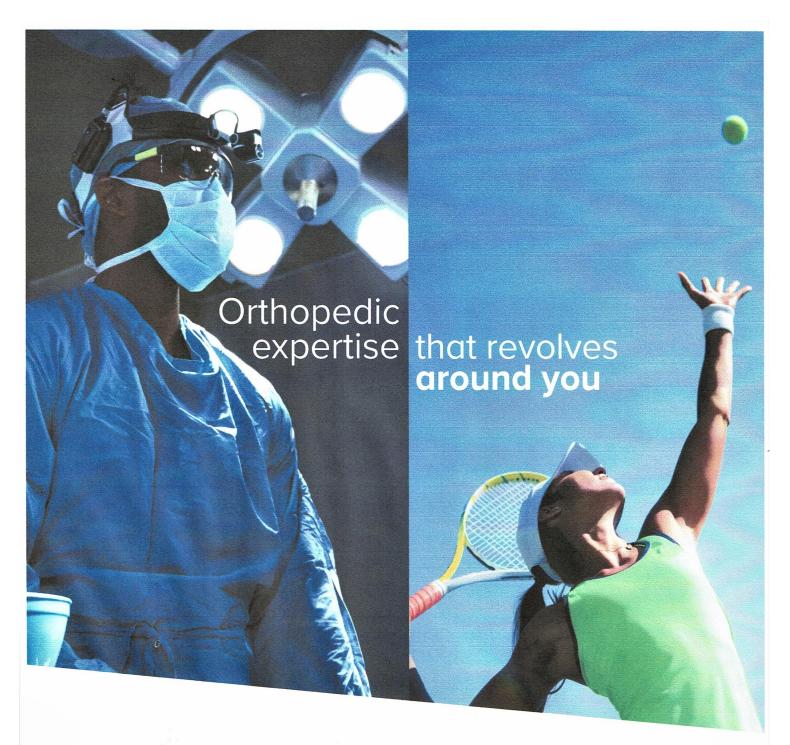
RESIDENT SERVICES

Tuesday, May 10th) leaving from the Little Clubhouse. KSU @ 10:00AM. It's a nice loop with no Interstate action. We'll go up around Green Pond and over to Haines City and Lakeland and then towards Auburndale.. The loop is about 100 miles. We'll stop in Plant City on the way back for a late lunch/early dinner and some good ole country cookin at Fred's. Then

back home to Southport. I'm also hoping we can take in an attraction or two along the route. Everyone is welcome (including friends).

Feel free to call me with any questions at **219-775-3497**. By the way, I use a Packtalk communicator and can hook up with any type of Bluetooth unit (i.e. Sena). It's always a good idea to have comms in a group. See you on the 5th.





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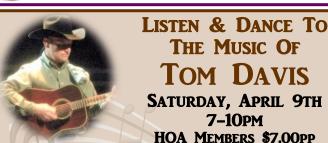




COMING THIS MONTH



COMING NEXT MONTH



TICKETS NOW ON SALE



NON MEMBERS \$9.00PP





Followed By Nickle BINGO Tuesday April 19th 5:30pm



Please Bring Your
Favorite Pot Luck Dish for 12 to Share
And bring your own tableware & flatware
Iced Tea & Lemonade will be provided

See Sign-up Sheet On Main Bulletin Board



Listen & Dance To The Music Of Rusty Trumpet

And The Music Makers

Saturday, April 23rd 7-9pm

HOA Members \$5.00pp Non Members \$7.00pp

TICKETS GO ON SALE 4/5/2022 FOR HOA MEMBERS ONLY AND ON 4/7/2022 FOR ALL RESIDENTS





LISTEN & DANCE TO THE MUSIC OF "ENCORE"

SATURDAY, MAY 14TH 7-10PM HOA MEMBERS \$7.00PP NON MEMBERS \$9.00PP

TICKETS GO ON SALE 4/26/2022 FOR HOA MEMBERS ONLY AND ON 4/28/2022 FOR ALL RESIDENTS



Followed By Nickle BINGO Tuesday May 17th 5:30pm



Please Bring Your Favorite Pot Luck Dish for 12 to Share

And bring your own tableware & flatware Iced Tea & Lemonade will be provided BYOB

See Sign-up Sheet On Main Bulletin Board

Event tickets can be purchased in the Main Clubhouse (Coffee Café) on Tuesdays (HOA Members Only and on Thursdays (All Residents) from 10am to 1pm





PRESS YOUR LUCK BUS TRIP

Slots, Poker, Black Jack and more is where all the fun was last month when Southport's high rollers headed to Port Canaveral and boarded the Victory Casino Cruise Ship for a fun day at sea. On the bus ride over the group played a few rounds of BINGO with Sunday Dolan, Mary DiPeri, Tom Coye, Rozanne Brown, Cindy Demers and Pete DiPeri taking home the prize money. Congrats to all the lucky winners.





DID YOU KNOW THAT



By Ruth McGovern

Over Treatments

Over treatment is a persistent problem among the aging population. Research shows that the more doctors an individual has, the more likely they are to be prescribed conflicting medications and as a result may in fact **overtrea**t elderly patients unintentionally.

In an effort to encourage honest, informed communication between doc-

tors and their patients, the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) launched a campaign called "Choosing Wisely" which enables different medical societies to create lists of "Things Physicians and Patients Should Question." The initiative contains information from about 50 different organizations, including the American Geriatrics Society (AGS) and the American Medical Directors Association (AMDA). After reviewing the available lists, here are three typical treatments for aging adults that may not always be necessary.

Anti-Psychotic Medications

Both the American Geriatrics Society (AGS) and the American Medical Directors Association (AMDA) advise that antipsychotic medications (for example, Seroquel, Risperidone, Zyprexa, etc.) should not be given to people with dementia unless other methods of managing anxiety and outbursts, such as behavioral therapy, have already been attempted. "Antipsychotic medicines are often prescribed, but they provide limited benefit and can cause serious harm," says the AGS in a statement. The effectiveness of these prescriptions vary depending on the individual and the type of dementia they have. The common caregiver refrain is, "Should someone with Alzheimer's be given antipsychotics?" Elder care experts have hotly debated this issue as they attempt to determine the specific benefits of these medications for people with dementia and weigh them against the side effects which can include confusion, incontinence, dizziness and even an increased risk of sudden death.

Cholesterol-Lowering Drugs

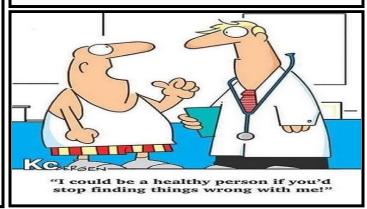
While undoubtedly beneficial for middle-aged individuals and those with certain heart conditions, cholesterol-lowering medications (i.e. statins) may not help those in

their 70s, 80s and 90s, according to the AMDA. As with all drugs, statins carry certain risks including muscle damage and weakness, increased risk of falling and cognitive impairment. The likelihood that a person will experience these side effects tends to increase as they age. Research also indicates that low cholesterol may actually be a negative for some older adults. These are just a few of the things to consider when taking statins.

Colorectal Cancer Screenings

Regular colon cancer screening is recommended for most people aged 50 and older. Those with irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) or a family history of colon cancer are urged to start testing sooner. However, experts are questioning the value of colon cancer exams for older adults, especially since the risk of complication from colonoscopies increases as an individual ages. The American College of Surgeons (ACS) suggests that each person's situation be evaluated on an individual basis to determine whether a colonoscopy would be beneficial. For those with no family history of colon cancer and who have a life expectancy of less than a decade, the risks of colon cancer screenings may in fact outweigh the benefits.

So the next time you see your primary physician, you may want to make it a point to have a serious discussion with him or her about the various medications and treatments that have been prescribed to you by your various health care providers to assure there are no unintentional conflicts.







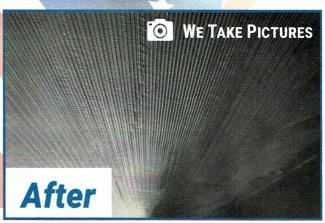
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HOA NEWS Patrick Winchester, President



.As we anticipate what Spring will bring, your HOA has been busy with several projects, including new social events, different music events, and date specific social events. We continue to do our best to provide new and exciting social opportunities.

The change in reserving the Main Clubhouse ballroom and the Little Clubhouse still seems to cause confusion. Hopefully,

this will eliminate the confusion. If anyone wants to reserve either of these two spaces for a private function, you will first need to contact me to determine if the room is available for that date/time. If available, I will put your name on the schedule for that day and time. Second, you will then need to go to the office and complete a reservation request form and pay a \$100 deposit. The reservation request form will determine if you want alcohol or no alcohol for the event. If you clean up after your event, your \$100 deposit will be refunded back to you. Many of you have probably seen or heard that there is an issue with some of the HOA members. I want to explain it here so that all will know what is going on.

A complaint was informally presented to the HOA board regarding a violation of the 723 Statute section on election notices for candidates. Basically, we did not post the slate 27 days prior to the election. We cannot dispute that it did not happen but that would not have made a difference in the outcome of the election. There is nothing in the laws requiring a new election to be held. The Board has been in close communication with the Board attorney on this matter. We have already submitted a change request for amendment of the by-laws. The group that is behind the complaint would like the entire Board to resign and a new election held. And this will not happen unless DBPR steps in. This group has the right to submit a formal complaint with DBPR and that is their right. We will have to wait and see what the future brings. With the next election 8 months away and the next election cycle will begin in September and culminate at the December HOA board meeting to meet the

time requirements of the statute.

I will keep you all updated on the future action with this issue.

We hope you all enjoy a great spring. For many of our Northern residents, who will begin leaving in April, we wish you all safe travels and a wonderful summer season.

God Bless all of you, our wonderful residents.

Patrick





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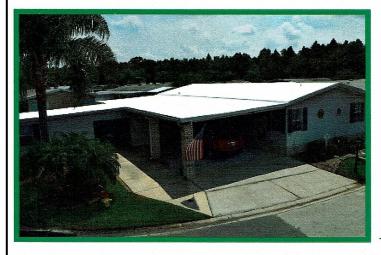


MC - MAIN CLUBHOUSE LC - LITTLE CLUBHOUSE CC - COFFEE CAFE

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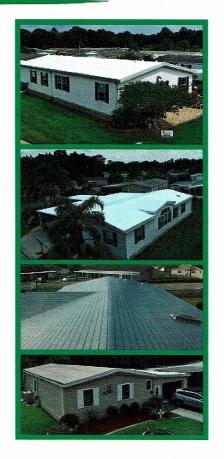




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Words Can Go Forward, Backward, Up or Down or Diagonal

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BRAIN **TEASERS**



- 1. What is special about these three words? iob. polish, herb
- 2. You bury me when I'm alive and you dig me up when I die. What am I?
- 3. Peter's father has five sons. The names of four of the sons are Fefe, Fifi, Fafa and Fufu. What is the name of the fifth son?

See answers on another page



ATTENTION ALL VETERANS AND PATRIOTS Mary Adele Cluck, President



Applications (copy attached) to ioin Southport's Veterans Committee are available for all Armed Services Veterans and Patriots (folks who have family members who have served in the military). Also - anyone wishing to purchase a brick for our Memorial Wall to honor a Veteran may do so by completing and submitting the form below along with \$35.00 per brick. Bricks will be ordered when we have a minimum of 5 orders. (Applications can be dropped in the HOA mailbox located in the Little Clubhouse Lobby)

Southport Springs Veterans Memorial Wall Brick Application Bricks Are Tan With Black Lettering - 3 Lines Maximum With No More Than 18 Letters Per Line Cost: \$35.00 ea. Checks Made Pavable To: Southport Springs Veterans Line 1 __ __ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Ordered By: _____ Date Brick Ordered And Paid: / / _____ Tel # _____ Street Address: (The Following Is For Veterans Committee Use Only) Southport Springs Veterans Rep Receiving Order _____ Brick Ordered By _____ SSV Order To Mfg. _____ Brick Received From Mfg. ____ Brick Provided To Masonry: _____ Brick Installed ____



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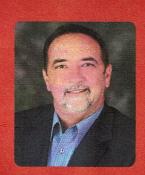
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WEDNESDAY MORNING **COFFEE & DONUT SOCIAL**

8:30am



Meeting At 9:00am Main Clubhouse Donation \$1.00pp



Power Walking

Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mornings 9:30am

MAIN CLUBHOUSE

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Monday Mornings Starting at 8:15am MAIN CLUBHOUSE

Questions? Call Terri at 813-713-0261





Tuesdays & Thursdays

MAIN CLUBHOUSE

Intermediate

with Rose McNatt at 9:00am 813-788-4920

Advanced

with Val Lebo at 10:00am 813-788-0793

Baby Steppers

with Mike Quartucci at 11:00am 267-679-9750



Every Thursday At Noon

ln The Little Clubhouse **All Level Of Players** Are Welcome

Questions? Please Call Connie Schutt At 815-474-3284





C'mon Down!

In The Main Clubhouse Every Wednesdy

starts promptly at 6:30pm

(come early to get your play grids)









HAND & FOOT

Come join the fun every Tuesday & Friday starting at 1:00pm in the Little Clubhouse. On the first Friday of the month players are invited to get together for lunch at Noontime followed by cards.

Lauren Waterman 813-602-3782



DOMINOES

Every Monday evening at 6:00pm In The Main Clubhouse

Need more info? Call Lee Edwards at 813-779-9459

Attention all residents who are interested in learning or playing a fun and exciting game. Come join us in the Little Clubhouse on Wednesdays at 2:00pm.

Have Questions? Contact JoAnn Fearick at 813-335-7519



"OH FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, CHARLIE, JUST LET THEM *HAVE* THE BID!"

PETUNIAS IN CENTRAL FLORIDA



Bob Gallion regallion@gmail.com

Petunias offer dependable and versatile options in your garden. They can be grown as a spreading or cascading plant, used in beds, borders, hanging baskets, or, my preferred choice, a large container with good drainage and super charged, amended soil. They bloom in multiple colors with petals that are a solid, zoned, speckled,

striped, starred, or edged in white. Petunias are considered by most to be a spring and summer plant that begins to fail during long periods of extreme prolonged heat, and excess rainwater. Petunias grow best in full sun and well-drained soil that is kept moist. Petunias should be given at least 1 to 2 inches of water every 7 to 10 days. Frequent light watering every few days should be avoided as it encourages shallow rooting. Pinch off no more than ½ of the branch's length above a node to increase branching as needed. Petunias do need protection when frost is expected. We will take a closer look at some of these factors as I move forward.

Petunias are beautiful vibrant flowers when you plant and

maintain a healthy starter plant. They should bloom through fall or longer providing lush color in your garden or preferably a large container. How long they bloom depends on your plant maintenance skills, seasonal weather changes, and insect or dis-



ease problems. There are times when your beautiful petunias can begin to look a little worn out, get leggy, and begin to flower poorly. Usually in Central Florida, this occurs around mid-summer. Thankfully there are ways to bring your sagging petunias back from their proverbial "Death Bed." One of the most common causes when it comes to leggy petunias is that there was not enough water and nutrients getting to the plant's roots. A serious lack of moisture can result in the roots' functions becoming bound up impairing the plants' abilities to be productive. By ensuring the soil remains moist, fertilized and properly maintained, leggy branches with reduced flowers are less likely to occur.

Usually, you can save your leggy and aging petunia from an early demise with a bit of plant maintenance which

includes pruning and patience. You start by cutting back the overgrown lanky petunia to about 1/2 its current length. This forces a new flush of healthier and compact growth with more blooms than originally observed. From there we move to monitoring the soils moisture level. This becomes an even greater need as the temperatures begin to rise. Be sure to water your petunias as recommended. When the top inch or so of soil appears to be dried out, irrigate your garden with an inch or so of water on a weekly basis or enough to keep the top 6 inches of soil moist, not dripping wet. Once we enter our rainy season the amount of water from our seemingly daily rains can quickly kill the plant. These heavy rains plus 10 to 12 hours of hot Florida sun each day are usually enough to end the growing season.

As was previously stated. I prefer to plant annuals in large containers where rain and direct sun can be better controlled and minimized. Petunias have an appetite and should be fertilized monthly, using a 5-10-5 slow-release fertilizer such as Osmocote. Apply it about 6" from the base of the plants at a rate recommended by the manufacturer. Protect petunias with mulch even in a container to better manage heat stress and moisture loss. Ideally you want the petunia in an area that has some shade protection in the afternoon. Give them 6 to 8 hours of direct sun when possible. Keep an eye on your petunias as there can be critters on the attack such as snails, slugs, aphids, scale, and fungus. The aphids are best controlled using an insecticidal soap. Slugs and snails with bait traps and use a systemic insecticide for scale insects. Keep in mind that all petunias cannot be saved, and Mother Nature is tough to beat.

Believe it or not, a key trick to growing petunias and reducing leggy branches is hacking (pruning) when it looks more like a vine than a petunia. Don't be shy or worried. It will come back. Be patient. The thing many garden centers don't advertise is that petunias are high maintenance. They are not plant and forget plants.

So enjoy your petunias. They accommodate many plants that provide height including small Crape Myrtles, lilies, spikes, taller snap dragons, etc. in your container.

In my opinion petunias from garden centers such as K&K Nursry located at 4005 Palow Road in Lakeland (863-853-4382) have better choices than most big box stories. Mail order options, such as Burpee have great diversification and are ok to use as well. So, enjoy the season and enjoy your garden. Thanks for reading. Send me a text with any questions you might have at 813-838-3668. See you somewhere in the community.

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SOUTHPORT'S CENTENARIAN



Yup. The man is about to turn 100 and he's still out there Hittin 'Em Straight. And it's not unusual to see him out and about doing yard work or doing some sort of home repair. Gene Poupard, who'll be celebrating his 100th birthday on May 28th certainly is an amazing and inspiring individual. Sharp as a tack and quick witted, he'll definitely give you a run for your money. Several years ago we did an article about Gene highlighting his military šervice.

those who don't know Gene and for the newer folks in our community, we thought re-printing the article would be a great way to celebrate Gene's life and to share his amazing story with the newer folks here in Southport. So here's to a great man with a big heart and a great story:

Gene Poupard grew up on a farm in Monroe, MI where he attended Hall of the Divine Child, a private military academy through the eighth grade. He then attended Monroe High School and graduated in 1940. His early education at the military academy along with what was happening in the world (Germany had invaded Poland on September 1st 1939 and two days later on September 3rd, Great Britain and France declared war on Germa-

ny), Gene decided he wanted to join the military and more specifically, he wanted to join the Air Corps. Following his physical, he was told he was under weight and could not be accepted until he gained a few pounds. He was told eating a lot of bananas and drinking a lot of water would do the trick. Not being someone who accepted defeat, Gene embarked on a plan of action. However, before he was able to gain the necessary weight to qualify, one day his brother came running up to the



WELCOME TO CLAIBORN

house from the mailbox carrying a letter from FDR telling Ğene he'd been drafted into the Army. So off he went to Camp Claiborne in Forest Hill, LA for 13 Something tells me that those early years Gene spent at the military academy paid off; be-cause after only a month in basic training, he was

promoted to Private 1st Class. After completing basic training, Gene was assigned to the combat unit at Camp Howze in Gainsville, Texas and in November, 1943 he was deployed to Europe assigned to the Yankee Division for Chemical Warfare where he was promoted to T-5 Tech Sergeant. Like the vast majority of those serving during the "War To End All Wars", Gene was in Europe for the long haul. He found himself on the battlefields of France, Germany, Austria and Italy defending our Nation's freedoms as well as the freedoms of our Allies.

He and his fellow soldiers, members of the 103rd Infantry Division liberated the Landau concentration camp located near Welmar, Germany. Gene refused a battlefield commission because he wanted to remain with the guys he'd



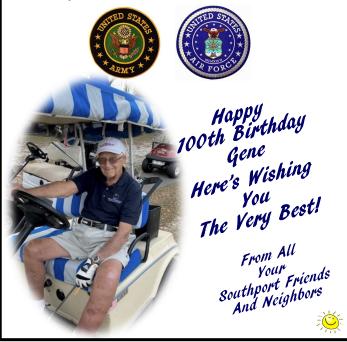
fought side by side with. Gene emotionally shared a few unsettling stories with me as we spoke. My own Dad served in the Pacific theater during WWII and I remem-

ber asking him questions about his war years; and now I understand why he wouldn't/couldn't share them with me. And so it is; Gene's stories will forever remain between he and I. Among the list of awarded medals for his service are two Purple Hearts. Gene was discharged in January, 1946. He came home and married his High School



sweetheart Alice. He and Alice met while skating on River Raisin, a local gathering spot for young folks back in the day. But his military story doesn't end there. Gene re-enlisted for three more years and went on to join the Air Force Reserve. This time he didn't have to eat bananas and drink wa-

ter. The Air Force welcomed him with open arms. Together, Gene and Alice (who passed away at 96 years young in March, 2019) have 12 children, 26 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Gene was a successful Independent Businessman. He sold Property and Casualty Insurance, was a Financial Planner, a Securities Dealer and a Real Estate Agent. He retired in 1983 at the age of 61. He had (and still has) a passion for antique cars; and I'd venture to guess that his 1926 Model T Touring Car was perhaps his favorite. What an amazing life story. Thanks Gene for sharing it with us. And thanks for your service.



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Clubhouse Usage

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We love that our residents enjoy the facilities, as that is what they are here for. Throughout each month, are several events planned at both the Lil Club and Main Clubhouse, but it has become a problem with unscheduled events, meetings and groups using the facilities without making sure that another event is not scheduled. We are receiving complaints that these individuals are getting angry with others coming into the facilities (including Sun Team Members) while they are there. If you wish to hold any event, meeting, gathering, social or get together at either of these facilities, they must be approved and on the schedule to avoid conflicts. Scheduling of these facilities must go through the HOA first, then to the office to assure everything is accounted for. Facilities must be cleaned up after your event and put back in order. Meetings can also be held in the Cafe. We appreciate everyones assistance on this matter.

Reminder that everyones monthly rent is due on the 1st of each month. We do not accept partial payments.



Project Happenings

The two property signs at the entry of the community have been replaced. We are currently working bids for a new speaker system at the pool and developing a plan to overhaul the landscape in the common areas affected by the freeze in February.

Storage Area

The RV storage area is now monitored by Atlas Towing. Any and all vehicles parked down there without a permit will be towed at the owner's expense. Only RV's and recreation vehicles are allowed to be parked in this area with proper registration.

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In a joint effort, Southport's Servant Hearts and Vets Association groups held an Art Auction and Romy Raffle on Sunday, March 27th to raise funds to benefit the Gary Sinise Foundation and Southport's Vets Association. In attendance were Gold Star Veteran Romy Camargo and his wife Gaby who have been selected by the Sinise Foundation as recipients of Hillsborough County's first "Adaptive Smart Home". Romy grew up in nearby Crystal River and joined the Army in 1995 when he was 19 years old. While serving in Afghanistan in 2008, Romy sustained battle injuries that left him permanently paralyzed. Since then, Romy and Gaby have established a non-profit organization called "Stay In Step" which includes a rehab center that provides long term therapy for vets and non-vets who suf-fer from brain and spinal cord injuries and all neurological disorders that result in paralysis.

Members of Southport's Servant Hearts and Vets Association groups were pleased to present Romy and his wife Gaby with a check totaling \$1,240 towards the construction of their new home.

Organizers want to thank everyone involved in the effort; especially Tim and Harriett Carman for their invaluable assistance in researching, pricing, storing, categorizing and tagging the art pieces. Also in attendance was Bob Hatfield, a representative from Congressman Gus Bilirakis's office who spoke to those in attendance about his and the Congressman's ongoing commitment to support community events for Veterans. Servant Hearts chairperson Fran Fusco noted that the best part of the event was meeting and getting to know Romy and Gaby. "They were so humble and gracious. We were blessed with their presence.

In addition to the amount raised for the Romy and Gabby's new home, an additional \$641 was raised for the Veterans Association. Thank you again one and all.

REMINDER

Southport's Women's Club will be holding a SPRING FOOD DRIVE on Wednesday, April 6th from 8-10am collecting perishable and non perishable food



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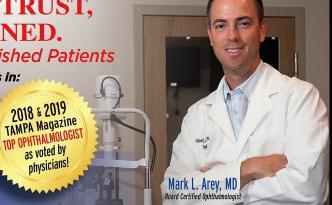
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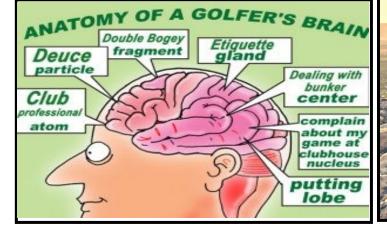


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5 small tomatoes, chopped
Thinly sliced green onions, to taste
1/2 cup black olives, sliced
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 packets Good Seasons Zesty
Italian dressing mix



- 4 tablespoons of water
- 1 1/2 cup of oil
- 1/2 cup vinegar



Cook noodles and drain. Mix both dressing mixes with salt, oil, vinegar and water. Marinate noodles, tomatoes, zucchini, onions and olives using 1/2 of the prepared salad dressing and refrigerate overnight. When ready to serve, add in remaining salad dressing and grated cheese.

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Pineapple Upside Down Cake Cocktail

Ingredients:

1 1/2 oz. Cake-Flavored Vodka 1/2 oz. Amaretto/hazelnut flavored Liqueur 3 oz. Pineapple Juice, chilled 1/2 oz. gredadine syrup

Instructions:

- Wet just the rim of the martini glass with a little water; dip the rim in brown sugar or turbinado sugar for added garnish.
- 2. Combine Vodka, hazelnut flavored liqueur and pineapple juice in a shaker over ice. Shake vigorously; strain into a martini glass or other favorite glass. Slowly pour in grenadine. Garish with a piece of pineapple and a cherry if desired. **Tip:** If you are unable to find cake-flavored vodka, substitute with vanilla flavored vodka or plain vodka.

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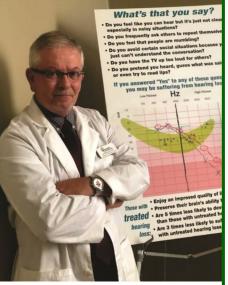
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Marty Trent



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Rita Walters

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Greetinas.



The monthly Golf Association Meeting was held on the 15th of February with good attendance. This will be my last newsletter. I was nominated to retain my position as President but have decided to step down. Jim Teixeira was nominated at the last meeting and has accepted the position of President. He will be putting together his committee mem-

bers and will provide that information once it's finalized. I enjoyed my time as President over the last year and have tried my best to help the golf members to allow them to enjoy the game of golf here at Southport Springs. I will continue as a committee member and will help Jim get up to speed prior to me heading North at the end of May. I appreciate all of the help, guid-



ance, and support I received over this past year from my

The Club Championship was held March 19th & 20th and the weather could not have been better. There were 20 women and 35 men who participated. We would like to thank Sun for providing muffins and orange juice for the golfers the morning of the event and also for sponsoring the dinner and thank you to the staff that supported it as well. We would also like to thank Earl Hines for providing the sleeves of golf balls and tees for each of the players. A huge thanks to Ron Greene for running this year's Club Championship. Thank you to Sue Wampler for her help with the Ladies portion and to the remaining members of the golf committee. We appreciate all of the volunteers who helped with scoring, setting up the breakfast items and refreshments after golf on Sunday and would like to thank the ladies who took pictures and set up the photo display during dinner.

Pro Shop Manager Earl Hines has advised us of the following:

1) IGM will be aerifying Tee Boxes April 19th through the 21st.

2) The course will be closed May 9th through the 13th for greens aerification, curfew of the fairways, root pruning and tree work.

A reminder to all that you need to check in at the Pro Shop before you go out to play golf.

The next meeting will be on April 12th at 6:00 pm in the Clubhouse.

Keep your head down and swing easy.

Jerry Pritchard









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Flight B: 1st Low Gross Penny Sinclair (173 2nd Low Gross Flight C: Low Gross Ginny Huston (183) Low Net Winnie Quartucci (174) Kim Griffin (145)

1st Low Net Barbara Pritchard (141) 2nd Low Net Shawn Bernier (144)

Senior Low Gross Judy Winslow (164)

Men

Flight A: 2nd Low Gross 4th Low Gross (Tie) Brian Kibler (144) Harry Jones (154) 3rd Low Net Low Net Larry Osborne (14 Ron Hargrove (140)

Flight B: Low Gross Joe Finley (153) Frank Sinclair (162) 3rd Low Gross (Tie) Low Net (Tie) Paul Weston (154) Patrick Fearick (144) Larry Osborne (146)

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Wednesday

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Sunday

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11:56 Mixed Seniors (9)

Golf Association

11:00 Monday Ladies (18)

12:00 Resident Scramble (18)

11:48 Rat Pack (18)

Meeting @ 6pm

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Changes will be identified on

Any Time







Time to...

April

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Schwebach, Sarah	April	1
Loyer/Coon, Sandy	April	1
Peterson, Pam	April	2
Barnhardt, Lelia	April	3
Mattson, Bonnie	April	4
Froelich, Beverly	April	4
Caudill, Shirley	April	7
Pollack, Karen	April	8
Greene, Helen	April	8
Bredeau, Dianna	April	9
Howell, Celia	April	11
Harris, Libby	April	12
Jarvis, Jane	April	14
King, Carolyn	April	14
Gallagher, Agnes	April	15
Quartucci, Winnie	April	15
Roy, Janice	April	17
McCoy, Tena	April	18
Griffin, Roberta	April	19
Harris, Linda	April	20
Budde, Gail	April	22
Hagerty, Diane	April	22
Walters, Rita	April	23
Stevens, Mary	April	24
Tilley, Darlene	April	24
Earon, Nancy	April	25
Trinca, Debra	April	26
Norvick, Sue	April	27
Lucariello, Joyce	April	28
Edwards, Lee	April	29

May

Dolan, Christine	May	1
Trent, Linda	May	2



Vogrin, Jim

Sanderson, Jim



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Falco, Dan	April	1
Gallagher, Tom	April	1
Allen, Bob	April	2 3
McGovern, Jim	April	3
Grigelevich, Joe	April	3
Angel, Wade	April	4
Mull, Gregg	April	6
Tarbell, Ray	April	6
Thummel, Doug	April	6
Walters, Al	April	6
Fey, Tom	April	7
Mack, Bob	April	8
Harlan, George	April	9
Baulch, Doug	April	13
Naylor, Bob	April	17
Baumann, Joe	April	17
Gunderson, Leon	April	19
Jacobs, Bill	April	20
Montpetit, Jacques	April	20
Sasser, Don	April	21
Weston, Paul	April	23
Mahler, Keith	April	23
Barnett, Steve	April	24
Barth, Ron	April	27
Anderson, Dave	April	28
White, Lee	April	28
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- . Question: What happened to the Easter Bunny when he misbehaved in school? Answer: He was eggspelled.
- Question: Where does the Easter Bunny go when he needs a new tail? Answer: To the re-tail store.
- Question: How do you make Easter easier? Answer: Easy. Just replace the "t" with an "I"
 Question: Why do Jewish people
- Question: Why do Jewish people have a Haggadah to read on Passover? Answer: So they can Seder right words.



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with any corrections
or omissions.







May

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April		
Pritchard, Jerry & Barbara	April	2
Smedberg, Dale & Laurie	April	2
Meyer, Dave & Kathy	April	12
Bartol, John & Lynda	April	16
Trent, Mary & Linda	April	16
Evans, Bill & Carla	April	19
Bowers, Carey & Lyneth	April	19
Tabell, Ray & Ronnie	April	20
McKee, Leo & Sue	April	22
Cherry, Bob & Linda	April	23
Rearick, Randy & Becky	April	26
Howell, Gover & Celia	April	27

Cluck, Ed & Mary Adele May 1
MacDonald, Ed & Jayne May 3
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EDITORIAL Joe Grigelevich



While I've made it a practice to keep the subject matters of my editorials light hearted and at times, with a touch of inspiration, I find it a bit difficult at this moment in time not to be heart broken and saddened as I watch millions of innocent and freedom loving people leaving their family members and worldly possessions behind as they're driven from their homes or even worse, being killed for absolutely no reason what-so-ever by a wealthy, power hungry tyrant. How can this happen? How is it possible? I remember as a child,

my grandmother, Domnika Svedas born in 1897 sharing her story with me and telling me how she had asked the same questions over and over again as she fled her beloved Lithuania in 1915 at the age of 18 when German troops invaded her homeland. She and her two older brothers and two older sisters were born in a village outside of Vilnius, Lithuania. She would often recall what a great childhood she had and how life was so beautiful and peaceful in the little village where they lived.

they lived. And then it all changed in an instant. Bombs



fell, buildings were destroyed, innocent people were captured, tortured and killed. My great-grandfather somehow managed to get my grandmother and her two sisters out of the country and secured passage on two ocean liners to the United States (my grandmother boarded one ship and her two sisters boarded a second ship). My great grand-

ond ship). My great grandparents and my two great Uncles remained in Lithuania. My grandmother would never hear from them again. After a lot of investigative work, my Dad concluded that they were all

killed during the invasion.

And so at the young age of 18, my grandmother, with one wicker basket holding as much clothing as she could pack along with a few personal belongings, and who didn't speak a word of English, sailed to Ellis Island with the hopes of starting a new life in a new land. Because she was under the age of 21, she would remain on Ellis Island for three months until a Lithuanian family from Providence, Rhode Island sponsored her. Three years later she married my grandfather who was also from Vilnius and together they had seven children. We grandchildren affectionally called her Borba. She was a fun and loving grandmother. But it seemed like a shadow of sadness always loomed over her. It's easy to understand why. I still miss her.

And so here we are in 2022; 107 years later and we see it

And so here we are in 2022; 107 years later and we see it happening all over again. Only this time it's a Russian KGB tyrant who is hell bent on taking what is not his; even if it means destroying an entire country and killing thousands of innocent people. Bombing hospitals, schools, civilian neighborhoods. As of this writ-



borhoods. As of this writing, it's estimated that more than 10 million people have been displaced with nearly 4 million of them fleeing to neighboring countries like Poland and Slovakia. I won't ask the questions. I won't ask why

or how? I won't ask why not or when. I'll simply pray that this nightmare comes to an end soon. I'll simply pray for the people of Ukraine. Won't you please join me?

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