

The Southport Sum



Southport Springs Monthly Newsletter

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February 2023

FÉBRÜARY Events Karaoke Friday, February 3rd 6-9pm Valentine's Dance Music By "Good Stuff" Saturday, February 11th 7:00pm - 10:00pm Southport's

Murder Mystery Dinner Who Murdered Mary Kelly? Saturday, February 18th 4:30pm

Ryder Cup Golf Tournament Saturday & Sunday February 18th & 19th see page 25 for all the details

Womanless Fashion Show Sunday, February 19th 2:00pm

Pot Luck Followed By Nickel Bingo Tuesday, February 21st 5:30pm

Karaoke Friday, February 24th 6-9pm

Southport's Annual Yard Sale Friday & Saturday February 24th & 25th 8am - 2pm

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LORI PETTIT VOLUNTEERS TO BE ASSISTANT NEWSLETTER EDITOR



We're pleased to announce that the Southport Sun now has an Assistant Editor. Her name is Lori Pettit from over on Bubba Drive. She and her Mom Carolyn Yates moved here to Southport this past December (Lori from Thonotosassa and Carolyn from Port Charlotte).

Lori and her younger brother Mike grew up in Wheeling, West Virginia. During her Senior Year in High school Lori joined the U.S. Army and in August, 1984 she was off to Fort Jackson, South Carolina for Basic Training. Then it was off to Fort Gordon, Geor-

Repair for Communications Equipment. Upon completing her training at Fort Gordon, she was assigned as a Field Communications Security Equipment Repairer at Fort Hood Texas where she would remain until May of 1988. She then joined the Florida National Guard and was officially discharged on January 1st, 1990. Lori holds a degree in Envi-ronmental Science and Policy from the University of South Florida, Tampa. The span of her professional career included 15 years of experience in water treatment and utility operations (she was Program Manager/Water Quality for Albuquerque Bernalillo County in New Mexico from 2012 to 2017, Senior Plant Operator at the Hillsborough County Water Resources facility here in Tampa from 2002 to 2009 and more recently was Founder and Chief Operating Officer of "Chix That Fix", a business that provided property maintenance and small job home repairs. Her crews consisted of handy women who were OSHA certified in job safety and NCCER (National Center for Construction Education and Research)

trained in introductory craft skills. In speaking with Lori, she shared the following; *"I love to tell* stories. There's power in story telling that can unite people. I believe that kindness is the highest good and I believe that everyone I meet deserves kindness. I love our dogs Penny and Tonka. They bring us joy and they also give me yet an-other means of meeting people. Mom and I love it here and we look forward to being a part of this wonderful community." So the next time you run into Lori, introduce yourself, welcome her to Southport and wish her well in her new position as Assistant Editor of The Southport Sun; your community newsletter.



THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS

It was a great turnout for the Caterpillars to Butterflies Loaded Baked Potato Dinner held



here in Southport last month. We were able to present Tracy Hanson founder and President of this great non-profit organization a total of \$2,100.00

To our prize donors Bev Prince, Ron Hargrove, Dianna Bredeau, Carmen Seminerio and Karen Muncey for the Wine Package, Bett Stiefel for the beautiful Quilt, Tori Maxim and Judy Thiese for their wonderful Artwork, Earl Hines for a Round Of Golf For Two and Culvers for the eight Value Meals; we thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and please know that we deeply appreciate your support. We'd also like to thank

Sun's General Manager Sean Rankin for donating the food and Parkway Tavern Manager Karen Muncey and her staff for preparing it. It was enjoyed by all. Thanks also to HOA Board members Ruthann Brown, Marti Vest, Lee Edwards and Pam McGregor (who served up an amazing vegetable soup), Bereavement Committee members Sandy Fenlock, Val Lebo, Winnie Quartucci and Nancy Whitney and members of the Servant Hearts group including Doug and Diane Baulch for all their hard work in helping to set up, serve, clean up and putting the room back in order. It takes a team to create a "Dream"!

Finally, to everyone here in Southport; thank you for supporting us by purchasing dinner tickets, for your donations, for purchasing raffle tickets and for your time and talent. Not only do the Caterpillars to Butterflies kids win; we all win. Go to page 11 to learn more about this wonderful organization. Thanks again.

Fran Fusco & Chris Gale Servant Hearts

> Women's Club Accessory Sale

Saturday, February 25th 8am-2pm The Little Clubhouse

Jewelry Scarves Belts Purses

Wallets (and more)

Donations of all of the above are gratefully accepted You can bring your donations to 3620 Ranger Parkway anytime between now and Friday, February 24th. Simply place them in the lanai. Or you can wait until Friday evening, February 24th and bring your treasures to The Little Clubhouse after 7:00pm Also

We're planning to raffle off a *Wine Basket*. So if you would care to donate a bottle (or two) of wine, we would appreciate that as well.

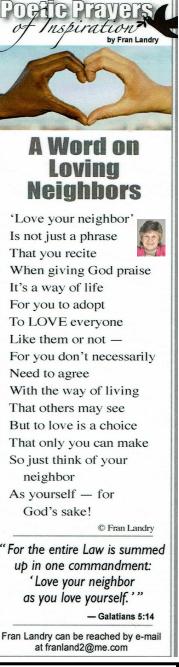
As always, we thank you for all your help and incredible generosity. God's blessings always.

All funds raised by the Women's Club are to the benefit of various local charities

Carol Dziki

Southport Springs Women's Club

P.S. We will be holding a food drive at the end of March for our local food banks.



Bookmarks

of Inspiration



I'd like to thank everyone for their prayers for my two leg surgeries to remove the cancer. I'd also like to thank the Sunshine Committee for the gift card. What a great community to live in. Thanks and blessings to all.

Barbara Holdridge



SOUTHPORT'S SPRINGTIME BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, March 8th 8:30am - 3:00pm (Main Clubhouse Parking Lot) Your Chance To Save 3 Lives

> Donors will receive a **\$20** gift card and a **OneBlood T-Shirt**

And To Make It More **Exciting...** Sun Communities will raffle off a **\$50** gift card if we have a minimum of **25** donors and increase it to **\$100** if we have a minimum of **50** donors!

and... Our HOA will raffle off a **\$25** gift card if we have a minimum of **25** donors

and... The Parkway Tavern is donating a coupon good for one beer, one glass of wine or a dessert to all donors!



Give Lauren Waterman a call today at <mark>813-782-0675</mark> to set up your appointment

> This past October at a "Thank You" luncheon hosted by OneBlood

for our heroes (blood donors) here in South-

port, ÓneBlood repre-

sentative Brian Olson posthumously honored our very own Maggie Hein for all her hard

work, commitment and dedication in helping

to educate and en-

courage folks to partic-

ipate in this very import "life saving" effort.

OneBlood representa-

tive Brian Olson along with "*Gift of Life*" leaders Joe Grigelevich

Walk-Ins Welcome from 1:30pm to 2:30pm See you on the Big Red Bus and Thank You So Much For Giving The Gift Of Life God Bless....



ADVERTISER'S DIRECTORY

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A PLACE OF HONOR 👍



and Lauren Waterman recently got together and hung the beautifully framed award in the lobby of our Little Clubhouse. The "*Gift of Life*" ministry and OneBlood would like to thank Sean Rankin, Sun's General Manager here at Southport for authorizing this place of honor for our dear friend, neighbor and life saving warrior Maggie Hein. Can I Donate?

Broadly speaking, if you're at least 16 years old (and I'm pretty certain we all meet that hurdle), are in good health, feeling well and weigh at least 110 pounds, then you can absolutely be a donor.

However... there are a few conditions and prescribed medications that would disqualify you from donating. See Page 14



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I DREAMED A DREAM OF DAYS GONE BY 🛸

February's HOA Bus Trip brought us to Ruth Eckerd Hall for a truly amazing performance by an equally amazing troupe of performers. Songs from some of Broadway's smash hits like Mama Mia, Evita, Phantom of the Opera, Oklahoma, Jersey Boys, Les Misérables (just to name a few) captivated the audience from the moment the curtain went up until the final bow. Before the show, everyone had the pleasure of spending some time together as they enjoyed a wonderful pre-show brunch buffet. Everyone agreed that the Fall 2023/Spring 2024 Bus Trip Schedule needs to include a trip back to Ruth Eckerd.



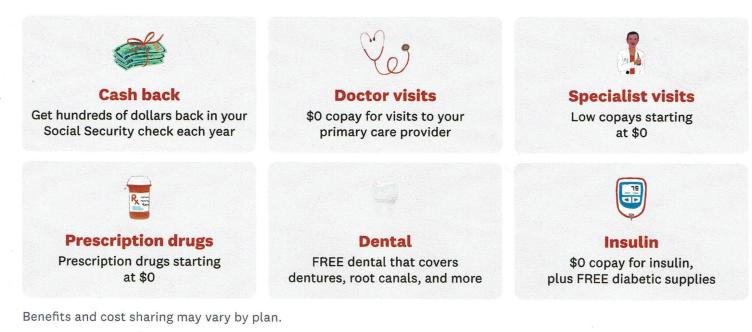






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Events & Activities

February 2023



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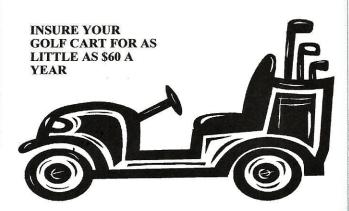
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Caterpillars to Butterflies is non-profit organization whose mission is to provide children at risk with the resources and opportunities so they can flourish. The organization aims to help children accomplish goals, explore passions and participate in activities that boost their en-

joyment of life. It was founded here in Dade City in 2018

joyment of life. It was founded here in Dar by Tracy Hanson who at the time was a "Guardian Ad Litem" (someone who is appointed by the court to represent the best interests of a child in a legal pro-ceeding). As a Guardian Ad Litem, Tra-cy quickly realized that the kids she was working with had little opportunity to par-ticipate in activities that would help build their self-esteem and to feel a sense of belonging. Due to a lack of funding, these kids weren't (aren't) able to partici-



these kids weren't (aren't) able to participate in things like sports, dance, gymnastics, music, the arts or anything else they dream of. Once she estab-lished the foundation, Tracy found other areas that her organization other areas that her organization



could help with such as opening their Foster Closet and helping to provide back-to-school supplies and shoe gift cards. Every year they pass out Easter Baskets and host a Christmas Carnival. This past December they had 336 fos-ter children at their Christmas event and after four hours of

visit and gave each one of them a gift. "To date we've been able to help over 2000 kids and I'm very proud of what we've been able to accomplished because of the generosity of people such as those that support-ed us last night at the Southport Springs fundraiser". In 2019, Caterpillars To Butterflies and their founder, Tra-cy were recognized by the U.S. House of Representa-tives with a Special Congressional Recognition Award for outstanding service to our community and bettering the lives of children. You can learn more about this wonder-ful organization by going to https://caterflies.org/

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Vince Gowmon





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Edward Jones MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING



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HOA NEWS Barbara Holdridge, President



The 2023 HOA Board of Directors election is now complete. Our HOA Officers and Directors include myself as President, Sue Redshaw as Vice President, Teresa Hall as Treasurer and Desdie Eberman as Secretary.

Eberman as Secretary. Board member Lee Edwards will chair the Social Activities Committee and Board member Charlene Maxwell will chair the Entertainment Committee. A Welcoming Committee Board member and chairperson will be determined at a

later date. I'm pleased to also announce that Bob Schutt will continue as Assistant Secretary.

will continue as Assistant Secretary. We look forward to serving as your representatives to Sun Communities and you the residents of Southport Springs. Our thanks to the 2022 HOA Board for their commitment to our community. You made 2022 a very successful year for our community.

Barbara Holdridge President

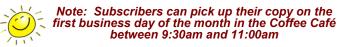


As Of January 1st 2023 "The Southport Sun" (our community newsletter) <u>became an "On-Line" publication</u> <u>only</u> meaning we are no longer distributing hard copy throughout the community. As has always been the case, you're able to view the newsletter on line at southportspringshoa.com

HOWEVER

Anyone wishing to have a hard copy can purchase a subscription through the end of this year at a cost of \$2.00/ month. Also - Snowbirds are able to purchase partial year subscriptions as well.

Subscription forms are available in the lobby of the Little Clubhouse in the 'Forms Rack' located above the HOA mailbox which is to your immediate right when you walk in the front door.





ANOTHER QUICK



PLEASE...<u>DO NOT put your trash</u> <u>cans or trash bags curbside</u> before 7:00pm the evening before

What Is A Cricut Machine?



Cricuts are electronic cutting machines. You may also hear them referred to as craft plotters or die-cutter machines. They're able to cut various patterns and designs with great speed and accuracy, making them very popular with "Do It Yourselfers" and professionals alike.

Cricut machines are able to cut designs into various types of materials including cardstock, vinyl, paper, foil, and fabric. Some of the best Cricut machines are even capable of cutting intricate designs into wood, leather, and other thick materials.

There are tons of cool ways to use a Cricut maker around the home. Once you get one and start experimenting with it, you're likely to think of numerous ways you can use it to simplify your life or make creative masterpieces. Below are just a few of the things you can create with a *Cricut*.

Labels Party Decorations T-Shirt Iron Ons Leather Jewelry Greeting Cards Custom Signs Gift Tags Golf Cart Decals Closet Dividers Kitchen Backsplashes







Interested In Learning More? A Start-Up Cricut Classes Meeting Is Planned

For Sunday, February 5th at 1:00pm In The Little Clubhouse



If you have any questions, you can call Sue Wampler at 813-469-2974



"Forget about the wrong things people do to you, Don't try to get even, Love your neighbor as yourself,"

Leviticus 19:18

SPS VET'S COMMITTEE UPDATE



We're planning an active year ahead in our ongoing effort to help Veterans in need and their families wherever we can. As we move forward through the year, your assistance will be needed and as always, is deeply appreciated by all of us as well as those families that your donations touch.

This month our appreciation, thanks, and recognition

goes out to those who have volunteered to help raise and lower our "Grand Old Flag". We can use a few more volunteers. The sign-up sheet is on our community board across from the workout room in the main club house.

Please make the following note on your calendars. March 10, 2023 the Veterans committee will present our second annual "Bob and the Boys + Friends

Dance" This event is free. However, your donations are a very important part of this event. Based on last year's attendance, a large number of residents are expected. Our overall challenge and objective is to keep you dancing, laughing, and singing. More on this event later this month.



To close, we offer a little trivia. "Why does our flag have 13 stripes and 50 stars?" The 50 stars represent our total number of states and each of the13 stripes represents one of the

original colonies. We look forward to seeing you somewhere around the community. Hopefully, at the Bob and the Boys March10th dance.

Thanks for reading. We plan to reach out and keep everyone updated and informed monthly. Thanks again.

Bob Gallion

Ragged Old Flag Johnny Cash

I walked through a county courthouse square On a park bench, an old man was sitting there I said "Your old court house is kind of run down" He said "Naw, it'll do for our little town" I said "Your old flag pole is leaned a little bit" And that's a ragged old flag you got hanging on it He said "Have a seat", and I sat down. He said, "I don't like to brag, but we're kind of proud of that Ragged Old Flag...She's been abused, burned, dishonored, denied and refused...And she's getting thread bare and wearing thin. But she's in good shape for the shape she's in.

God Bless America!

CAN I BE A BLOOD DONOR?

The following health conditions would prevent you from donating:

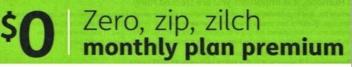
If you're suffering from a cold or flu, if you're anemic, if you're suffering or have suffered from malaria, if you're recently had a body tattoo or piercing done, if you have recently taken a prescribed antibiotic, if you have leukemia or other type of cancer, if you are suffering from hypertension, diabetes, a psychotic disorder or have undergone kidney alignments, if you're susceptible to cardiac arrests, if you're suffering from a blood clotting disorder like hemophilia or if you have tested positive for HIV.

If you are taking our using the following prescribed medications, you would not be able to be a donor:

Drugs affecting arterial circulation including Plavix, Ticlid, Effient, and Brilinta. Thrombosis medications including Arixtra, Coumadin and Heparin. Blood thinners including Eliquis, Fragmin, Pradaxa, Xarelto and Lovenos. Psoriasis medications (any drug containing acitretin). Multiple Sclerosis medications including Augagio. Acne drugs including Accutane, Agsorica, Claravis, Myorisan, Zotret, and Zentane. Hair loss medications including Proscar, Propecia, Dutasteride, Avodart and Javin. Please Note: The principle ingredient in these hair loss medications is Finasteride which may itself be prescribed for other unrelated conditions. If you are taking Finasteride, you are not able to donate.

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A great time was had last month when six Southport couples competed in the "**Not So Newlywed Game**". It was non-stop laughter as game show host Darlene Lambert put each of the contestants on the "hot seat" trying to find out how well these long time soulmates knew each other. Some of the responses were hilarious and the looks on some of the contestants' faces were even more hilarious! When all was said and done, Bob & Lisa took home the grand prize (a \$25.00 gift card). See you all next time.



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GROWING GERANIUMS IN FLORIDA

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Geraniums are a longtime favorite of gardeners around the world. They are relatively easy to grow, beautiful, and some release a fragrant scent. To maximize plant growth and help ensure a healthy plant, quality soil and a properly blended nitrogen, potassium, and phosphorus (the N-P-K ratio) fertilizer is needed. This, in turn, provides nutrients to the plant's root system. All the best geranium fertilizers contain

micro-nutrients essential for the various

geranium types you may encounter. Growers working with geraniums advise customers to use fertilizers with either a balanced nutrient, N-P-K ratio of 1-1-1 or similar blends such as 5-5-5. As an alternative, fertilizers with less nitrogen than phosphorous and potassium are recommended. A list of those products is a part of this article and will be shown later. These blends will encourage more blooms rather than having the plant divert energy into expanding foliage during active growth periods which a high nitrogen content fertilizer will cause to happen.

Do not use high nitrogen content fertilizers. Follow all guidelines provided on the container label. Plant geraniums in containers 3/4 full of moistened pot-

ting soil. Plant starters 6 to 8 inches apart. For example, a 12-inch hanging basket will hold four transplants equidistant from each other. Press the soil firmly around the roots of transplants and water them until water begins to emerge from drainage holes.



Geraniums cannot stand a hard freeze, high heat, or the rainfall and humidity-conditions that occur in most parts of Florida during summer. They prefer daytime temperatures of 70°F to 85°F with nighttime temperatures of 65°F to 75°F. This means when planted inground they're at risk as the rainy season arrives and temperatures soar past 85° on a regular basis which is usually the primary reason your "in the ground geraniums" die out as we get into late June. Geraniums need 6 hours of sun. When planted outside the time of exposure to sun light can easily pass that time parameter further expediting their demise. When you add high temperature, rain, and excessive sunlight exposure, together it is easy to see why they don't do well from late June to late September when planted in the ground

Water a potted plant often keeping the soil moist not wet. While the plants can tolerate some dry days, keeping them dry for too many days in a row will significantly reduce or halt blooming. The best days for geraniums in Central Florida to stay healthy is from late September to early June. They must be protected from low temperatures. Container grown geraniums offer us benefits over in ground plants. They can be moved protecting them from the elements and extending their life. Remove spent blooms weekly to encourage future growth.

Geraniums are naturally resistant to many plant diseases but check over the plants regularly to make sure nothing is going on. Geraniums do not do well sitting in soggy soil. Again, containers are recommended and must have drainage. Root rot or fungal disease will be likely when In ground geraniums are usually done soil is too wet. when long days, summer heat, and seasonal rain takes over.

Some geraniums are called scented. The fragrance comes from aromatic leaves when crushed or rubbed. They can smell like mint, rose, lemon, cinnamon, or chocolate. Generally speaking, geraniums are fall, spring, and early winter flowers.

In review, during extreme summer heat, moisture, long hours of direct sunlight, or winter cold, container planted deraniums can be moved to more compatible locations as our seasons change.

There are times when geraniums do not bloom. This usually occurs when a high nitrogen fertilizer is used, soil is

kept too dry, temps are too low, or spent blooms are not removed. When temperatures are near or below 32°F plants should be moved indoors. Geraniums are usually not attacked by insects, but you should remain vigilant.

As mentioned earlier, here is a list of fertilizers found to be best for geraniums. ALGO plus Geranium and Patio Plants Food, Fertilome Plant Food, JR Peter's Professional Fertilizer and Liquinox Bloom Fertilizer.

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WELCOME ABOARD

We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Southport's newly appointed Assistant General Manager, Sasha Blow reporting directly to Sean Rankin our community General Manager. Sasha actually joined the Sun team as of November 21st, 2022 and comes to Southport with more than seven years of experience in property management. Although new to the 55+ housing community, she's been

enjoying every moment and is looking forward to her new journey with Sun here at Southport. If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to drop in the office sometime and welcome her to our amazing community.

NEED TO RESERVE SPACE?

Main Clubhouse Ballroom & The Little Clubhouse: Please contact Barbara Holdridge, HOA President at 813-701-6789 or E-Mail her at barbara@southportspringshoa.com

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We've survived the Florida 'Winter'! The weather is great for everyone to get outside and get on the course. A thank you to everyone who participated in the 'SPS Resident Golf Tournament'. We raised almost \$1,500.00 to support the SPS Resident Golf Association activities for 2023.

Winners were: **1st Place** - winning the tie break -Gerald Knierim, Everett Holdridge, Nick Miller, and Gary Miller

Putting:

(Ladies) - Wendy Kibler (Men) - Nick Miller Closest to the Pin:

(Ladies) - Bett Stifel (Men) - Nick Miller

Chipping:

(Ladies) - Betty Texter (Men) - Jerry Pritchard

Beverly Prince won the raffle for a new set of golf clubs & bag courtesy of Earl Hines & Sun Communities. Additional prizes for winners and the raffle were provided by Earl Hines & Sun as well.

At the January SPS Resident Golf Association Meeting we discussed the following scheduled golf events:

February 18th: Men's Ryder Cup and February 19th: Ladies Ryder Cup

For all SPS competition tournaments, players must have a valid/current USGA GHIN handicap with at least 8 scores entered in the USGA GHIN system within the past 90 days.

The next SPS Resident Golf Association meeting is scheduled for February 7th, 2023! All interested SPS All resident golfers are invited and encouraged to attend. Southport Springs Golf has published 'Local Rules and Regulations which are available in the Pro Shop. Please review them for familiarity. If you observe a violation by an 'Outsider' or a Resident, please call the Pro Shop at 813-780-7637. Your responsibility is to comply with the rules and to report rule violations, not to enforce them. That's Sun's responsibility. You are free to contact me regarding on-course issues so I can bring them to the attention of Earl Hines, Sun's Pro Shop and Course Manager.

Please take the time to encourage your neighbors to join us on the golf course. We have several 'fun' leagues/ groups: Men, Ladies and Mixed that welcome newcomers regardless of skill level. There are no Kathy Whitworths, Tiger Woods or Arnold Palmers here!! At the March 14th SPS Resident Golf Association

At the March 14th SPS Resident Golf Association meeting you will determine who your next Association President will be. So give it thought now and recruit the person whom you feel will best represent your interests.

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"Golf is a game of misses, and the winners are those who have the best misses." Kathy Whitworth



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LADIES: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

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GHIN) MUST BE ACTIVE IN USGA GHIN (MINIMUM OF 8

scores within the past 90 days) Limited to 20 teams

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Southport Springs Winter Golf Schedule 2022 - 2023

Monday:	7:00am	Men Fun 18 holes Contact: Larry Britton 321-544-7718
	7:15am	Men Quarters 18 holes Contact: Joe Finley 813-310-7256
	11:00am	Ladies Match Play Contact: Barbara Pritchard 607-857-7850
	11:48am	'Rat Pack' Men 18 holes Contact: Norm Vogel 716-713-7966
Tuesday	7:15am	Men Blue Tees 18 holes Contact: Joe Finley 813-310-7256
	12:36pm	Men Fun 18 holes Select Shot Contact: Jim Jaggers 727-415-6524
Wednesday	7:00am	Men Fun 18 holes Contact: Larry Britton 321-544-7718
	7:15am	Men Quarters 18 holes Contact: Joe Finley 813-310-7256
	8:28am	Lambert Ladies Fun 18 holes Contact: Darlene Lambert 413-519-4903
	12:04pm	Mixed Seniors Fun 9 holes Contact: Helen Greene 813-362-9928
	6:00pm	'Sundowners' Mixed Fun 9 holes Contact: Shawn Bernier 813-541-3127 Lisa Schlabowske 847-651-6829
Thursday	7:15am	Men Quarters 18 holes Contact: Joe Finley 813-310-7256
	10:28am	'Lady Swingers' 18 holes Contact: Barbara Holdridge 813-701-6789
	11:00am	Men's Match Play Contact: Tom Rich 813-780-1982
	11:48am	Men Fun 18 holes Select Shot Contact: Jim Jaggers 727-415-5524
Friday	7:00am	Men Fun 18 holes Contact: Larry Britton 321-544-7718
	10:04am	Men 18 holes Contact: Dave Dundas 954-482-2225
	12:44pm	'Betty's Babes Ladies 18 Contact: Betty Texter 716-574-6633
Saturday	8:30am	Mixed Resident Scramble 18 holes Contact: Darlene Lambert 413-519-4903









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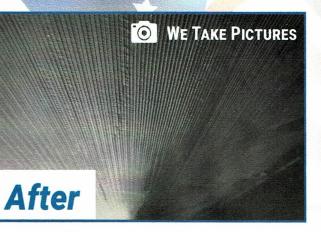




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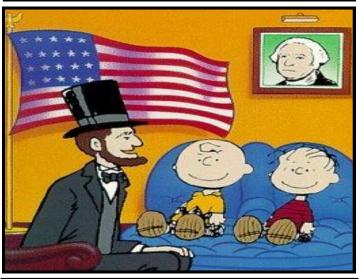
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EDITORIAL Joe Grigelevich, Editor



On a really nice day recently, I found myself sitting out back under the big ole Oak tree just relaxing and enjoying the warmth of the sun and the gentle breeze as it washed across my face. With my eyes closed, my mind began to wander off into distant places and suddenly these phrases started popping into my head. I "love" strawberry shortcake! I "love" going to the beach! I "love" Sophia (Sophia is our cat). I "love" country music. I "love" my children. I "love" Par-is in the Springtime. I "love" 'Charlie'. I

"love" the way she folds my underwear. I "love" God. I eventually fell asleep. When I awoke, I found myself smiling as I reflected on the thoughts that were running though my mind before I drifted off.

So here we are in the month of February, the month of

LOVE and I find myself thinking about that lazy afternoon when I fell asleep thinking about the word. First of all, it seems the word is used a lot for a lot of things. Certainly to say "I strawberry shortcake" can't love mean the same as saying "I love my wife" or "I love Paris in the Spring-





time" or "I love the way she folds my un-derwear" or that "I love God". But wait a minute ... maybe they do in fact all have something in common. As I think about it, there appears to be about six basic types of love: love of a spouse, love of a child, love of people, love of pets, love of something inanimate and love of God (not necessarily in that order). Studies have shown that all six types of love activate what's called "reward centers" in the

They also activate parts of the brain that sense brain. physical feelings in the body which include a change in our heart rate. They also activate parts of the brain that control habitual behavior (when we spend a lot of time with the people and things we love, we want more of it).

It's been said that love is a divine energy. If you think about it, describing it as a "divine energy" kind of gives it perspective. As a reader of spiritual literature including the Bible, I eventually came to realize and understand that love is God and that God is love. So, what exactly does that mean? Clearly, love itself cannot exist without goodness and it cannot exist where there is hate. When we say the word "love", the energy that flows within us comes from the ultimate goodness that is within us. It's the divine energy we were born with. It's how and why God created us. In fact, one might say that love is the God that is within us.

I often think of how lucky I was to have grown up surrounded by people who loved me unconditionally. A mom and a dad who sacrificed over and over because they loved their four sons the way they did. Grandparents that beamed whenever they saw us; always greeting us with a big hug. Aunts and Uncles who were like second parents; always there whenever we needed them. Cousins who were more like brothers and sisters than cousins. I had 48 first cousins and knew every one of them (we all lived and grew up within 25 miles of each other). Family get-togethers for one reason or another took place just about every week and the centerpiece of that amazing dynamic was a "Love" that was handed down from one generation to the next.

It's been said that love makes the world go round. I believe that in every sense. I love 'Charlie', I love our kids and grandkids, I love our friends, I love strawberry shortcake and I love living here in Southport.

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