

The Southport Southport



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February 2024

FEBRUARY

HOA Events

Listen & Dance To The Music Of "Little Big Band"

Saturday, February 3rd 7:00pm -10:00pm

Pot Luck Followed By Quarter BINGO Tuesday, February 20th

Listen & Dance To The Music Of "Good Stuff"

> Saturday, February 17th 7:00pm -10:00pm

Note: Event Tickets Available For Purchase (as posted) See Page 8 ********

Other Events

Karaoke Friday, February 9th & 23rd 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Winter Blood Drive

Saturday, February 10th 8:30am - 3:00pm Look For The Big Red Bus!

Annual Yard/Garage Sale Saturday, February 10th 8:00am - 2:00pm Residents can shop Friday, February 9th

> Listen & Dance To "Miller & Mark"

Thursday, February 15th 5:00pm - 8:00pm Compliments of The Parkway Tavern

Sip N' Salute Poker Run

Saturday, February 24th 2:00pm

Golf Association Fund Raiser Sunday, February 25th 1:00pm

See page 7, 8 & 13 for details

2024 HOA BOARD



One hundred members attended Southport's Homeowners Association annual election meeting on Saturday, January 20th. In addition to the one hundred ballots that were cast, there were thirty absentee ballots submitted as well. There were five members running for four open positions (Rita Earls, Desdie Eberman, Lee Edwards, Nancy Hendricks and Mike Strawn). Those elected were Desdie Eberman, Lee Edwards, Nancy Hendricks and Mike Strawn. Those running were all thanked for their willingness to step forward. Following the results, the Board met privately to decide who would hold each of the seven positions. From left to right in the above photo (back row) are Mike Strawn - New Membership/ Welcoming Director, Barbara Holdridge - President, Lee Edwards - Social Activities Director, (front row left to right) Sue Redshaw - Entertainment Director, Teresa Hall - Vice President, Desdie Eberman - Secretary and Nancy Hendricks - Treasurer. Voters also approved nineteen changes to the Association's By-Laws and approved the purchase of a nine month/\$25,000 interest earning Certificate of Deposit at a rate of 4.7%.

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COMING NEXT MONTH SOUTHPORT'S WINTER



BLOOD DRIVE
Saturday, February 10th
8:30am - 2:00pm
(Main Clubhouse Parking Lot)

Your Chance To Save 3 Lives

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will give each donor a \$20 gift card and a OneBlood gift.

And To Make It More Exciting...

Sean & Lorene Rankin 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 at 813-782-0675 before the end of the month to set up your appointment

See you on the Big Red Bus and Thank You So Much For Giving The Gift Of Life

Please note that we've moved the blood drive from Wednesday to Saturday to accommodate folks who work during the week

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WAS IT HIT AND RUN? OR WAS IT A HOMICIDE???



Poor ole Harold!
Just walking the
strip last night like
he does every other
night and
WHAM!
He gets hit by a
speeding sports car!

Looks like we have another MyStery

on our hands. Shhhh..what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas!

See page 13

Southport's Woodstock Reunion



SUNday March 24th 1:00pm - ? Behind The Little Clubhouse

Free Admission - Free Admission

Bring Your Golfcart, Or Lawn Char Or Spread A Blanket On the Ground Bring Your Own Beverages and Goodies

AND Get Ready For AN AFternoon
OF Fun and Nostalgia

SPS SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

The Sunshine Committee had a meeting on Saturday, January 27th and discussed the Bake Sale, finances and communication. Speaking of communication...since there are so many new residents in our community, we thought it would be helpful if we shared some information regarding the Sunshine Committee.

This is what we do:

- When we learn that someone is hospitalized or is experiencing a serious medical situation, a member of the Sunshine Committee visits that person and delivers a gift card.
- Out of respect, we do not visit folks immediately upon returning home, we wait until we determine that the resident is feeling up to having a visit.
- How do we know when folks are ill? It is essential that someone advise us (see contact information below),
- When a resident is admitted to a hospital or to a rehabilitation facility, it is important that we know when they return home so one of our committee members can visit and deliver the gift card.
- It's important to let us know if someone wants their information shared or would prefer to keep it private. Either way, a committee member will visit.
- With the residents permission, we also share information regarding a resident's medical situation with the community at the Wednesday morning Coffee Social, the FaceBook Sunshine Committee page and the Southport Springs FaceBook page. Sunshine Committee members also receive a group E-mail. Information is also posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse.



As always, prayers are helpful and requested for everyone!









Karol McGinn 813-388-0148 KarolMcGinn@gmail.com

Cindy Judy 712-514-3997 lucinda622@comcast.net

A big thank you to the Sunshine Committee for the gift card after my hospital stay. It appears I now will have a cardiologist and a pulmonologist in my contact list. Thanks also to all my friends and neighbors who have inquired about my well being and offered prayers on my

behalf. It is wonderful to live in a community where people care and look out for each other. Blessings to you all.

Cindy Demers

To The Sunshine Committee:

Thank you very much for the gift card. I am not used to being sick. Your gift made me feel better.









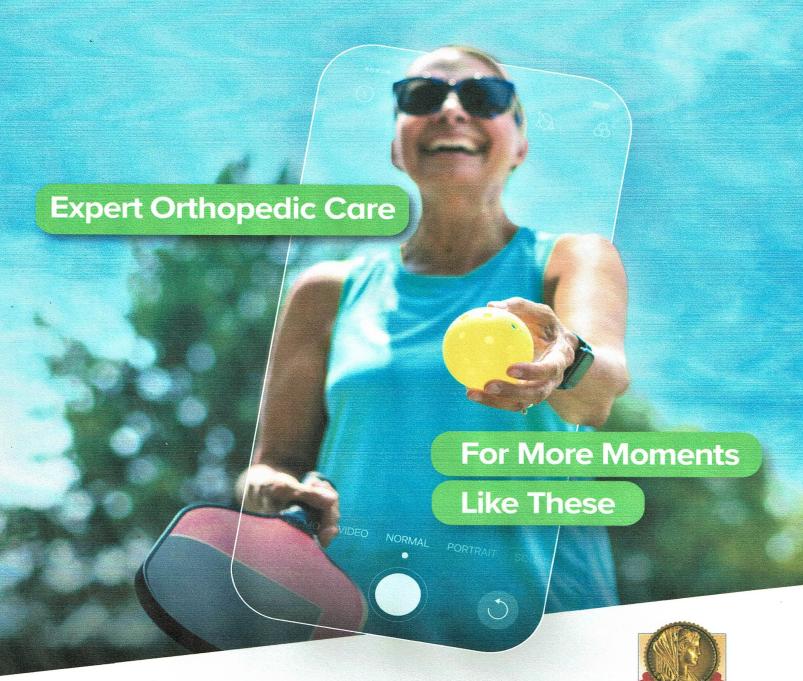
Yup! It happens every January 1st! And this year was no exception. Members of Southport's Pseudo Polar Bear Club gathered down at the pool early New Year's Day morning for their annual "Polar Plunge". Overnight temperatures dropped to 45 degrees making it another



breathtaking and chilly experience (Brrrrrrrrr). Shown in the above photo from left to right is Esther Williams (Diana Passmore Matamoros) and her team Sheryl White and Marie Donegan-Cottet. God bless! Besides doing the "plunge", they also did pool exercises. When asked why they do this, Diana said, "because it's a fun thing to do and only the "bold" survive!" LOL She also said that the club's motto is "If you want to be in the Polar Bear Club, just show up!" Hmmmmm who's game?? By the way, it looks like Pat Morri-

son may have sat this one out.





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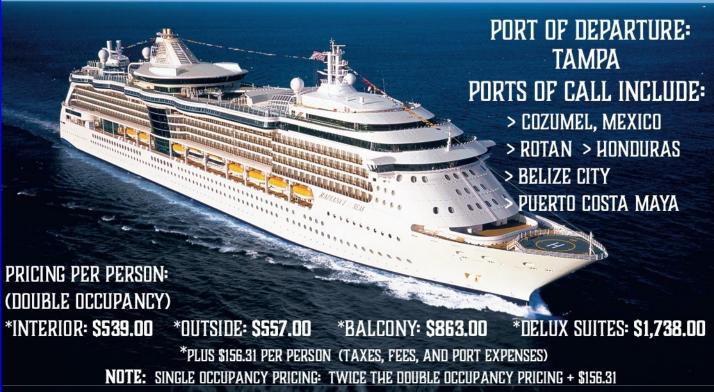
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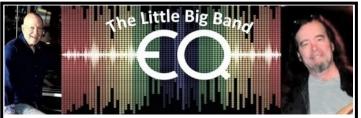
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COMING THIS MONTH



Saturday February 3rd 7-10pm

> HOA Members \$7.00 Non Members \$9.00

Tickets On Sale At The Door If Available

COME JOIN THE FUN! SIP N' SALUTE POKER RUN



Saturday, FEBRUARY 24th 2:00PM \$5.00PP

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PLAYERS MEET

In THE Main CLUBHOUSE PARKING LOT 1:45PM

TICKETS GO ON SALE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH & 23RD



6-9PM
(MAIN CLUBHOUSE)
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TO JOIN IN THE FUN!
FREE ADMISSION

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EVENING INCLUDES A SHARE THE WEALTH RAFFLE

COMING NEXT MONTH



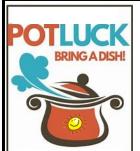


Listen & Dance To The Music Of Wayne & Joey

Saturday, March 9th 7-10pm

HOA Members \$7.00 Non Members \$9.00 Tickets Go On Sale Wednesday, February 28th

Table Reservations Available (first come/first served)
Limit 8 tickets per person



POTLUCK Dinner

Tuesday, February 20th 5:30pm Followed By Quarter BINGO



Bring a favorite dish for 10 to 12 to share and bring your own tableware & flatware lced Tea & Lemonade will be provided

sign-up sheet will be posted on the main bulletin board



LESSE DERRINGER

Saturday March 30th 7-10pm

HOA Members \$7.00 Non Members \$9.00

Tickets Go On Sale Wednesday, March 20th
Table Reservations Available (first come/first served)
Limit 8 tickets per person



"Good Stuff"

Saturday February 17th 7-10pm

> HOA Members \$7.00 Non Members \$9.00

Tickets Go On Sale Wednesday, February 7th

Table Reservations Available (first come/ first served) Limit 8 tickets per person



TICKET SALES SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Tickets For All HOA Events

On Sale Wednesday Mornings Before and After Coffee In The Main Clubhouse

And Wednesday Evenings from 6pm to 7pm In The Poker Room (Table Reservations Available (First Come/First Served) For All Events Unless Otherwise Noted)

(Limit 8 Tickets Per Person)
Tickets For All Non HOA Events On Sale Wednesday Mornings Only

Event

Ticket Purchase Dates



*"Little Big Band"*Saturday, February 3rd

(at the door the evening of) If not sold out

(call Sue Redshaw at 217-653-2991 to inquire)



"Good Stuff" Saturday, February 17th **Wednesday Mornings & Evenings** February 7th & 14th (at the door the evening of) If not sold out

(call Sue Redshaw at 217-653-2991 to inquire)



Sip N' Salute Poker RUN Saturday, February 24th

Wednesday Mornings Only February 14th & 21st Before and After Coffee



Was It An Accident? Or Was It a Hit and Run? Murder Mystery Dinner Friday, March 8th

Wednesday Mornings Only February 14th, 21st & 28th **Before and After Coffee**



"Wayne & Joey" Saturday, March 9th Wednesday Mornings & Evenings February 28th & March 6th (at the door the evening of) If not sold out

(call Sue Redshaw at 217-653-2991 to inquire)





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HOA NEWS Barbara Holdridge, President



As we begin the new 2024 HOA Board, I would like to take this time to thank Joann Fearick and Charlene Maxwell for stepping up to volunteer their time to fill in the two positions that were open in early 2023. Also, a big thank you to ALL of the 2023 board of directors for volunteering throughout the year. It is a TEAM effort and their support throughout the year has been greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank every committee that volun-

teers throughout the year. Without their commitment there would not have been many activities during the

year.

Thanks to Lee Edwards, Desdie Eberman, Rita Earls, Nancy Hendricks and Mike Strawn for volunteering to run for the 2024 HOA board. Congratulations to the nominees elected to the board for 2024-2025. A big thanks to Val Lebo and her team of ballot tabulators who provide an accurate and thorough count of all votes. Also, a big thank you to Carol Dziki and Elaine Hall for all the time they volunteered throughout the Year.

Congratulations to Desdie Eberman, Lee Edwards, Nancy Hendricks and Mike Strawn who were elected to the 2024 HOA Board of Directors. The 2024 Board positions are myself as President, Teresa Hall - Vice President, Desdie Eberman - Secretary, Nancy Hendricks - Treasurer, Lee Edwards - Social Chairperson, Sue Redshaw - Entertainment Chairperson, Mike Strawn - Welcome Chairperson, Ron Greene - Assistant Treasurer and Bob Schutt - Assistant Secretary.

All By-law changes were approved. The Investment of money from savings into a CD was approved to invest \$25,000.

As we move forward in 2024, the new board will continue to work for our community to achieve a higher quality of life. A community that is considered by residents and non residents alike to be a desirable place in which to live and enjoy the benefits of Southport Springs.

This includes an involved membership to establish and maintain appropriate concerns of the homeowners effectively in a timely manner. We will continue to strengthen the bonds among residents and continue to recommend capital improvements to the owners. We all will need to come together to make this community a desirable place in which to live. Please consider joining your HOA to help make this happen.

Happy Valentine's Day,

Barbara Holdridge



A huge "Thank You" to everyone that supported the HOA entertainment events this past year. We were very fortunate to have so many participants and volunteers. Our community is great!! I especially want to thank my Entertainment Committee for the time and

effort they put forth this past year. THEY WERE THE BEST!! You too Marti. Thank you to 'Charlie', Judy, Kim, Desdie and Lee. You made it so much easier for me. Thanks to Bob Schutt for all his hard work on flyers and tickets and anything else I put on his list. He never said he didn't have time to help. Thanks Bob. Last but not least, I would like to thank Joe Grigelevich. If you've not taken the time to get acquainted with Joe, you're missing an opportunity to meet one of the most interesting and dedicated people I have ever worked with. He devoted a great deal of his time helping me to stay on track and always did his best to make me look good. Thanks a million Joe. Thank you everyone!!

Charlene Maxwell

The HOA Info Series

Your HOA has invited the following speakers to our Wednesday morning Coffee Socials during February to talk about various every day issues and concerns and share possible solutions and/or provide contact information (if available) that may offer assistance.

As Of This Printing There Are No Speakers Scheduled For This Month....



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High-speed hit and run shakes the night air in front of the Labachio

A Las Vegas street person who simply called himself "Harold," was struck and killed by a sportscar around 1:30 this morning. A shocked crowd in front of the Labachio Hotel and Casino watched in horror.

"The car came out of nowhere," said Etta Towner, a visitor from North Dakota, "Everything was a blur. I think it was gray or silver and the driver had on a large cowboy hat, but I'm not sure."



BETTING ON DEATH

COME HELP SOLVE THE MYSTERY AND BET ON WHO YOU THINK DID IT!

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

Friday, March 8th (Casino Doors Open At 4:30pm)
(ALL INCLUSIVE DINNET BUFFET) \$20.00pp

Tickets Go On Sale Wednesday, February 14th
Table Reservations Available (first come/first served) Limit 8 tickets per person
Proceeds To Benefit Southport's Sunshine Committee

WAS IT A HIT AND RUN? OR WAS IT A HOMICIDE???

Does Preston Ellis, Las Vegas' famous impersonator know anything?

Or maybe Mitsy Monroe the "over the hill" showgirl might have a clue.

And then there's "Wild Bill" Billions the poker player. They say he knows everything about everything.

Or Debra Down, the Blackjack dealer at the Labachio who knows a lot of shady folks who hang around casinos.

But the Pawn Shop owner. Yes, I'll bet Jesse Pawnit could shed some light on this.

Oh, Oh! Lisa Ride the limo company owner. She's got connections all over the strip!





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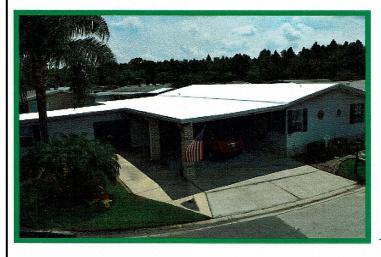


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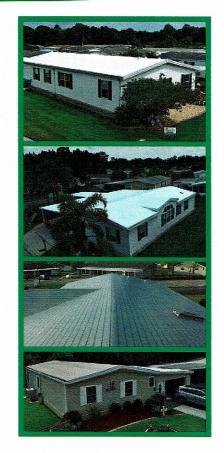




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have a 16mg SD card For more information, you can text me at 618-978-8564 or you can E-mail me at timc522@aol.com

Tim Carman



Morning Bible Study

Southport's Morning Bible Study group meets every

morning at 9am in the Little Clubhouse. "Studying the Bible helps us grow in faith, grow in joy and grow in wisdom". Everyone is welcome. For more information, you can call me at 813-778-4027

Rita Walters

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2 Timothy 3:16-17





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VETERANS ADVOCATES WANT BLOOD CANCERS ADDED TO PACT ACT LIST AS BURN PIT RECONGNIZED RELATED CONDITIONS

The Department of Veterans Affairs is conducting a scientific review to decide whether acute leukemias, chronic leukemias, and multiple myeloma should be covered under the

PACT ACT legislation passed last year, that widened benefit eligibility for veterans who served in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere that were exposed to burn pits and other battlefield pollutants. Currently lymphoma is but leukemias are not! In a survey conducted by the VA, veterans advocates supported inclusion of these illnesses as service-connected conditions, saying they have seen former service members that were afflicted and are now dying of these diseases.

According to an organization that helps personnel with exposure related conditions of the 1,239 cancer deaths of veterans in the study 145 were from leukemia, myeloma, or sarcoma. In another study, out of 411 vets that were a part of the group, 3 have died from myeloma and 4 are currently afflicted. These are insane numbers for such a young, otherwise healthy population.

Two years ago, the VA launched an internal process to determine whether these illnesses should be presumed to be related to military services. At this time no decision has been made.

The designation of a condition as "presumptive" removes the burden from the veteran to prove their illness or injury was caused by their time in the service and eligible for VA health care. As of November 1, 2023, the VA had received 1.17 million PACT ACT related claims. It had approved more than 544,000. In the first year alone, the department distributed 1.85 billion dollars regarding those claims.

Thanks for reading.













Bob Gallion SPS Veterans Committee Chairman 813-838-3668



DISPOSAL OF AGED US FLAGS

In the past, our Veterans Committee had accepted aded flags from our residents and took care of getting them properly retired and destroyed. Effective February 1st that program will be discontinued. The number of flags dropped off here in Southport continues to grow in significant numbers and in some cases, have contained trash in the bags along with the flag(s). It's a changing world! Apparently outsiders are aware of our previous program and have dropped off flags from their communities as well.

There are several other drop-off points in the area that all can be used in the future including Home Depot and Lowes if you have a few flags. The Moose Lodge on 301 and The VFW on rt. 39, South of town will take a larger number of flags. We've confirmed that all four locations currently accept aged flags for disposal. However, I would suggest you call the location before heading out to confirm they are still a viable option.

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WEED MANAGEMENT IN LAWN - PART 3



Weeds can be defined as unwanted plants growing out of place. This includes those in flower beds, borders, vegetable gardens, lawns, and containers. Proper ID of the plant and some idea of how and why the weed is there in the first place is needed before a control strategy can be made. A difficult challenge. Weeds are a huge category. There are many types, causes, and treatments. Some are either winter or

summer weeds, many bloom after two years of root development, some need three years of development before you see a flower. You may also find that without a flower identifying the weed type may be more difficult than ex-

The first and best method of weed control begins with proper turf grass management practices that encourages a dense and thriving turf. Healthy turf at 3" in height shades the soil limiting the amount of sunlight that hits the seed. A full dense turf minimizes spaces available where weeds can take hold and germinate.

Weeds fill holes that trap seeds. They do not create holes. Proper fertilization, watering, mowing, disease and pest control are needed to provide the owner with dense turf that can prevent or minimize weed infestation and dominance down the road. If turf grass such as St. Augustine is over or under irrigated, fertilized, or mowed the turf is weakened and weeds will move in. As St. Augustine does not produce viable seeds there is no chance it will fill in before the weeds take over. Turf damaged by mowers, tree removal, or skinning with an edger will end up being weed beds unless the damaged area is quickly repaired with plugs or sod cut to the sizes you need.

Pest damage is a large problem as are the various fungus attacks on our turf grass pretty much on a year-round basis. The list goes on; chinch bugs, mole tunneling, mole crickets, nematodes, Army Web Worms to name a few. All of these can create exposed soil that will convert to a weed patch if not quickly addressed.

The best way to control weed growth is to keep your yard

Fertilizer or Weed and Feed products will help but the use of those products have their own set of cautions.

The use of nitrogen containing fertilizer is also a topic that is important and lengthy. Both product types will be discussed in future issues. St. Augustine fertilizers also have issues due to application limiting conditions that exist in the county. Pasco County has both irrigation watches and fertilizer limitation in place. More on that in future newslet-

Today many lawns need work and can be significantly improved once we get out of the dormant season. The best advice currently is to look at what you need to work on now. Then as it warms, complete projects that are needed. I hope to offer a seminar on these topics in the next few months. Should you have questions reach out and send me a text.

Bob Gallion

Retired Master Gardener, Pasco County Text me at 813-838-3668 if you have any questions.

OLDTIMERS LEAGUE THEY KEEP ON 'PITCHIN'





That's our Horseshoe Team (the players in red) with the folks from Forest Lakes (in blue) following a match in early January over at Forest Lakes Estate. For those of you who are viewing this awesome photo in black and white, you'll want to go to our website (southportspringshoa.com) to see it in full color. So after four weeks of play, our team is in last place. But who's counting??? There are six more Tuesdays left in the season (through and including the 1st Tuesday in March. So come on out and support your

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NEED TO RESERVE SPACE?

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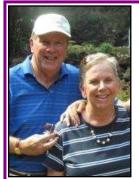
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Instructions:

Combine ham, pork, cracker crumbs, eggs and milk in a large bowl. Shape into a loaf and place in a 9"x13" pan. Combine remaining ingredients in a small saucepan, stir well. Bring to a boil, simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Pour sauce over the loaf and bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Baste occasionally with sauce. Serves 8.

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- Instructions:
 To make strawberry hearts for the garnish, cut a small "v" to remove the stem of the strawberry. The cut it into slices.
- You can rim your martini glass with sugar if you want. Use lime/lemon wedge along the rim of the glass to get it wet then dip the glass in a plate of sugar. Gently mix the rum, peach schnapps, vodka and
- cranberry juice together in a shaker and pour it into the prepared martini glass.
- Garnish with a couple of strawberry hearts and a strawberry on the rim.

Note: you can use either a plain or citrus flavored vodka. This cocktail is a little sweet and little tart and doesn't really need a sugar rim. I do it because it looks pretty.

Happy Valentines Day





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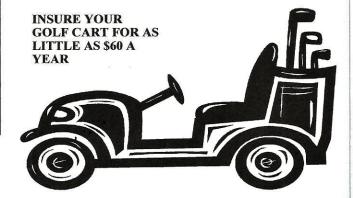
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Hello All

I am writing this on Sunday the 21st of January, as the Women are starting their Ryder Cup matches. It is sunny and 55 out but a stiff breeze. We had 32 ladies hit the course starting on holes 1 thru 5. The Men's Ryder Cup happens Sunday the 28th and I will write more about the two events next month naming the winners and thanking all who helped put these events together

February is going to be busy on the course. We have the 10th Annual Sun RV Resorts Tournament on the 14th. The net proceeds will benefit Thomas Promises. The sign-up sheet is on the golf board and is \$85.00 per player. We will have four of our ladies and four Southport men repre-

senting Southport in this event.

Sunday February 25th is the tentative date for The Golf Association Fund Raiser. This may change. We also have a men's get away in Sebring Florida for a three day two night outing February 26 thru the 28th. Sign-up sheet and info is on the board and is a great time each year. The ladies had their travel outing at Mission Inn and said the resort and golf was excellent but the courses were a bit lona.

We now have a new course landscape company Davey Tree & Golf. I like the name LOL. As many have seen they have very some nice equipment. The Kye has now fully come in and the course looks so green. Earl has asked that we come to him if we have any issues or comments on the new company and not the workers. But a "Welcome Aboard" to them never hurts. The Club championship is still set for March 16th and 17th and will be an 8:00am start each day. The sign-up sheet will go up March 2nd. Keep your eyes out on the golf board for more info on the championship and dinner. I do not have an update as of press time from Earl as to what is going to be done on the course this year. He is waiting on a budget from Sun which always determines what will be done

Regards, Dave



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		2023 - 2024
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	7:15 am	Men Quarters 18 holes Contact: Joe Finley 813-310-7256
	11:00 am	Ladies Match Play Contact: Barbara Pritchard
χ	11:48 am	'Rat Pack' Men 18 holes Contact Norm Vogel 716-713-7966
Tuesday:	7:15 am	Men Blue Tees 18 holes Contact: Joe Finley 813-310-7256
	12:36 pm	Men Fun 18 holes Contact Jim Jaggers 727-415-6524
Wednesday	7:00 am	Men Fun 18 holes Contact: Larry Britton 321-544-7718
	7:15 am	Men Quarters 18 holes Contact: Joe Finley 813-310-7256
	8:28 am	Lambert Ladies Fun 18 holes Contact: Darlene Lambert 413-519-4903
	12:04 pm	Mixed Seniors Fun 9 holes Contact: Helen Greene 813-362-9928
,	6:00 pm	'Sundowners' Mixed Fun 9 holes Contact: Shawn Bernier 813-541-3127
		Lisa Schlabowske 847-651-6829
Thursday	7:15 am	Men Quarters 18 holes Contact: Joe Finley 813-310-7256
	10:28 am	'Ladies Swingers' 18 holes Contact: Barbara Holdridge 813-701-6789
	11:00 am	Men's Match Play Contact: Tom Rich 813-780-1982
	11:48 am	Men Fun 18 holes
		Contact Jim Jaggers 727-415-6524
Friday	7:00 am	Men Fun 18 holes Contact: Larry Britton 321-544-7718
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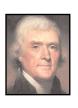
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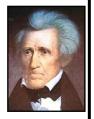
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That James Madison was the shortest President. He was only 5'4" tall and weighed just over 100 pounds.

That prior to becoming President, Andrew Jackson killed a man in a duel. The gentleman's name was Charles Dickinson and the duel took place because of a dispute over a horse.





That Lincoln invited Ulysses Grant to join him at the Ford Theater the night Lincoln was assassinated; but Grant declined because he and his wife had plans to visit their children in New Jersey.

That Gerald Ford turned down offers to play professional football for the Detroit Lions and the Green Bay Packers.





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Morgan, Lynda	Feb	5
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Marshall, Michele	Feb	20
Caster, Margie	Feb	20
Brombach, Lynn	Feb	20
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March

Brennan, Chevonne	March	1
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Oosterhoff, Wayne	Feb	2		
Knierim, Gerald	Feb	3		
Strawn, Mike	Feb	3		
Gilmore, Dave	Feb	3		
Snowden, Gregory	Feb	5		
Phillips, Mike	Feb	6		
Judy, Sam	Feb	6		
Donnelly, Bob	Feb	6		
Pollack, Eliot	Feb	7		
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Hall, Chuck		Feb	18
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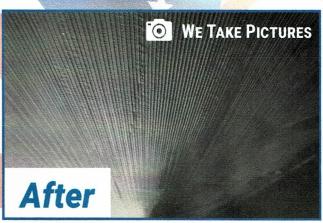




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EDITORIAL

Lori Pettit. Ass't Editor

Love /lav/ noun

An intense feeling of deep affection or..

A great interest and pleasure in something or..

Feel deep affection for someone or.. Like or enjoy very much

I like dogs very much. I delight in dogs. I have a passion for dogs. I

take great pleasure in dogs. Specifically, living in constant contact with dogs. Having a routine of life that revolves around caring for dogs. Why dogs? Because they are majestic and magnificent examples of the combadiment of level.



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- We the dog(s) sleep in the same room with you with provisions for "On The Bed Overnights" following good behavior...or just because that is where we want to be. Additionally, you may earn credit for good behavior when you permit us full use of the facilities without restriction.
- Play time begins when I the dog say so.



Play begins Lori, when you get into your chair with your first cup of coffee. A tennis ball dropped at my feet while I steadied by my coffee cup to its resting spot. Once seated, the dog would bring the tennis ball and

drop it. Then she would take a few steps back and wait for me to throw or roll it for her to chase and return. I think she was a collegiate goal tender for hockey or soccer in a previous life. Her ball stopping skills with her feet were superb! When coffee intake was complete, a walk was required.

She would play for hours if a willing participant was found. I created a ball playing monster when she was a puppy. Playing ball forced her to run and expend puppy energy. The days began and ended with dog duty. When all of that was not enough to burn off the puppy energy, we took her to doggy day camp. On Tuesdays and Thursdays she rode to work with me and I dropped her off at doggy day camp.

Penny somehow knew what day of the week it was. On

Tuesday and Thursday mornings, I would get ready for work in the usual way. Penny recognized many words. We learned quickly to spell the name to avoid the outburst of the "zoomies". Somehow she knew exactly what day it was. Without a word from me she would calmy go to the hall closet and sit. The closet held the leashes and harness for riding in the car. Winter jackets were also in there. Only on doggy day care days would she go and sit calmly at the closet door. We're talking about a nine-month old puppy at this point in time.

The daycare facility sent report cards home each day with Penny. We were shocked to hear about her first Day Camp boyfriend Spencer. Spencer was a Labradoodle. We worried about how Teddy from the dog park would feel about her seeing other boys. Spencer was replaced a few weeks later by a large yellow Labrador named Max. Penny made

friends with dogs of all sizes at day camp.

Our ride home from daycare was quiet. Before being buckled in the back seat, Penny would stand up and throw her front legs around my neck. I was embraced and usually slobbered on. Gratitude washed over me in those moments. I knew she was happy. I was happy making the hot, slobbery ride home with a dog exhausted from all day play. She would rest for two days following each visit. The puppy energy "zoomies" tamed for another 48 hours. More rest for me!

It's a simple contract. No mediation clauses are needed. No court will hear the case. Comply with the terms and everybody wins. I walk, you exercise, we meet people. The people like me and start giving us treats. Then we each begin to know new people. And we get more treats. And people love to pet us when they see us. And we get more love and more treats. We win!

Sincerely, All Dogs

Play begins when you get into your chair with that first cup of coffee. And so it was for roughly nine years of Penny' life. A tennis ball dropped at my feet while I steadied my coffee cup to its resting spot.

For 40 of my 58 years I have been in a committed relationship with a dog. My status as a "dog lover' is my identity. Dog companionship has been my life choice. I have ac-

cepted the terms of the contract.

It is a hot and steamy pursuit full of passion, drama and joy. Dog personalities are mirrors of their human companions. Our love and reverence for the living beings around us is always on display. When you see a dog and its lover on a walk, you are seeing commitment to a joyful companionship. It is a testament to the love that humans can have and hold for other animals. It is a revered place in the life of another being. And that place is at the center of "Love".

Note: The photo of Penny Pettit to the left is her sunbathing in Albuquerque, New Mexico in November, 2014.

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