

The Southport Sun



Southport Springs Monthly Newsletter
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May 2023

MAY

HOA Events

"Derby Day 2023"

Saturday, May 6th
Doors Open At 2:30pm

Pot Luck

Followed By Nickel Bingo
Tuesday, May 16th 5:30pm

Spin The Nite Away (with) "DJ Gary Wilcox"

Saturday, May 20th
7:00pm - 10:00pm

Note: HOA Event Tickets Available For Purchase
(as posted) Wednesday Mornings After Coffee
In The Coffee Café from 9:00am-11:00am

Other Events

Karaoke

Friday, May 12th
6:00pm - 9:00pm

Listen & Dance To "Dance Party Duo"

Thursday, May 18th 5:00pm - 8:00pm
Compliments of The Parkway Tavern

Karaoke

Friday, May 26th
6:00pm - 9:00pm

Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 29th 9:00am
(at the Vet's Memorial Garden)

see details on page 6

NEVER FORGOTTEN



This table is reserved to honor our brave and selfless American Military members who have perished on the battlefield, those who have not returned home to us after being taken prisoner on foreign soil and for those who went missing and have not found their way back home.

(as of this writing, there are still 72,261 WWII, 7,800 Korean War and 1,582 Vietnam War Military missing and unaccounted for)

THIS IS SACRED SPACE

(deserving always of our utmost respect and honor)

The table is Round symbolizing our everlasting concern for our fallen and missing.

The table is set for One symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner alone against his or her suppressors.

The white table cloth symbolizes the Purity of their intentions to respond to their Country's call to arms.

The Single Red Rose reminds us of the Life of each of our fallen and the loved ones and friends that miss them each and every day.

The Vase tied with a red ribbon represents our continued determination to Remember our fallen and find our missing.

The slices of lemon reminds us of the Bitter Fate of those who will never return.

The Salt symbolizes the Tears endured by the loved ones of those who have fallen and those who have not returned.

The Inverted Wine Glass reminds us that they Cannot Toast with us at this time.

The Empty Chair reminds us that they are No Longer With Us.

The Candle is reminiscent of the Light Of Hope that lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home from their captors.

We Remember, We Respect, We Honor...



Evans Weeden
3800 Ranger Parkway
1932 - 2023

*Sincere and deepest sympathies
are extended to Evan's family
and friends.*

*"And He will raise you up on
eagles wings, bear you on the
breath of dawn, make you to
shine like the sun and hold you in
the palm of his hands."*

Michael Joncas



A Mother's Love

*No gift on earth is greater,
No treasure held above,
The joy that comes from knowing
A Mother's endless love.*

*In spite of how it's tested,
It grows from year to year,
Providing strength and comfort...
It "gently" draws us near.*

*It warms and it protects us,
And guides us from afar,
Shedding light upon us,
Like a bright and shining star.*

*And when all things are measured,
Not one shall rise above,
Or be compared in value,
To a Mother's endless love !*



I'd like to thank the Sunshine Group for the lovely card and Gift Card after my fall outside of the Clubhouse. I'm feeling much better and the bruises are slowly disappearing. I recently had my two teeth replaced.

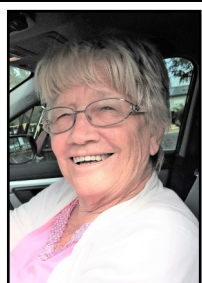


Martha Campbell

I'd like to thank the Sunshine Group for the card and Gift Card after my recent surgery. This was Surgery #3 on that shoulder. They say three times a charm and I'm hoping that's true.



Bett Stiefel



The Women's Club would like to thank our very generous neighbors here in Southport Springs. We had the food drive for our four community churches and their food banks. Because of your generosity we were able to fill the trunks of four cars and take them to the respective churches. Thank you so much for all the food. Then on April 5th, again because of your generosity, we were able to fill 210 Easter Baskets for the Meals on Wheels. We met at 8:00am in the Little Club, made an assembly line and filled all 210 baskets and delivered them to Meals on Wheels. The baskets were given to the Meals on Wheels recipients on Good Friday. Thank you for your donations and help. Several volunteers showed up to help also. We also enclosed cards donated to us from RuthAnn Brown saying the baskets were donated by the residents of the Southport Springs Community.



I feel like I keep saying thank you and thank you over and over again. You guys are all so wonderful and never let us down. We are so blessed to have you. **THANK YOU.**

On another note, the Women's Club was part of the Wine Tasting Contest on Sunday, April 16th. Unfortunately, we did not win. Congratulations to the Sunshine Committee from the Women's Club for winning the big prize. And thank you, again, for those that showed up to make it a fun afternoon. Charlene Maxwell and Sue Wampler did a fantastic job.

Carol Dziki



The Sunshine Committee members participated in the Wine Tasting and competition event on April 16th. We were judged on table set up and oral presentationand WE WON the competition! The prize was a \$100 gift certificate and our share of the gate. This will provide several gift certificates for the Sunshine Committee to distribute to our residents who need a little "Sunshine".



So many people to thank starting with Charlene Maxwell and Sue Wampler whose ideas and energy made this happen; Karen Muncey who contributed the wine, cheese and crackers from the Parkway Tavern; Sean Rankin who donated the \$100 gift certificate; my team (Marge Miller, Mariaelena Smith, and Michele Randall), the judges, each of the committees that had a table and everyone who attended to make this such a fun event!!

Reminder: Tim Carman has medical supplies at his house which are available free of charge to residents and guests. Please contact Tim, at **618-978-8564**.

My Co-chair, Cindy Judy, will be away through May and part of June. She and Sam will be closing their home in Pennsylvania and upon return they will be full-time residents.

That being said, in Cindy's absence, please contact me with names of residents in need of some sunshine. I can be reached at karolmcginn@gmail.com and **813-388-0148**.

Karol McGinn

CEREAL FOR SUMMER



Let's Don't Let Kids Go Hungry This Summer!

Southport Springs Servant Hearts and Women's Club will be collecting cereal for "Cereal For Summer" at Coffee Hour on the following dates:

Wednesday, May 3rd and Wednesday, May 10th

Donations will be brought to The Suncoast Credit Union to add to their donation box. All donations will be distributed to those in need right here in Zephyrhills. Cereal can also be left at Fran Fusco's (3841 Privet Court).

Please Help us Help the kids this summer. As always, thank you so much for your amazing generosity.

For more information you can call Fran Fusco at **813-602-4019** or Carol Dziki at **813-783-9761**. As always, thank you and God bless....

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What Time Is It? It's Wine Time!

On Sunday, April 16th, Bereavement, Women's club, Veterans, and Sunshine committees did presentation on eight different wines, regions and theme tables for Southport Spring's wine challenge. Everyone did a fantastic job and we thank everyone who participated. We had a new resident (Pam Clearwater) and her friend (Diane Strong Bjorholm) do the judging. They judged each table and presentation like it was the Olympics. Wine Challenge winner of a \$100 Visa gift card donated by Sun Communities management was the Sunshine committee. All participating committees equally received \$78.00 from donations at the door for their organizations and the # 1 wine judged by all was **Norton D.O.C. Malbec from Argentina**, #2 wine Playwright Pinot Grigio and #3 wine was Longevity Chardonnay. A 'Big Thank You' to the committees, the Parkway Tavern and Sun Communities management for all the donations and sup-





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GOING COUNTRY

So folks got a chance to “**Go Country**” for an evening last month as they listened and danced (a little two steppin) to the music of Kris Pierce. Look of the evening included jeans, cowboy and cowgirl hats and boots, lots of fringe and western bandanas. Best dressed cowgirl was yup, Maggie (Sparkles) Betters and best dressed cowboy was Jim Teixeira. And who was that blond bombshell?? All in all, it was a great evening filled with lots of fun, great country music and great outfits.



OCEANS AWAY!

Thursday, April 20th - A group of fun-loving Southport folks (and a few friends) hopped the HOA tour bus at 7:30am and headed to Port Canaveral where they boarded the Victory Casino Cruise Ship for a day of gaming and fun at sea. The weather was absolutely perfect and the slots were on fire and some guy left the ship with nine grand (wasn't any of us). This was the last bus trip for the Fall 2022/Spring 2023 Season. Your tour coordinators (Joe * 'Charlie' Grigelevich) are finalizing the Fall 2023/Spring 2024 Season as we speak and expect to publish it on or about June 1st. So be on the lookout!



Brain Teaser

What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment but never in a thousand years?



Answer On Another Page



HOA EVENTS COMING THIS MONTH

Southport's Derby Day 2023

Saturday May 6th

Doors Open At 2:30pm

Main Clubhouse

Serving Hamburgers & Hot Dogs w/ Picnic Sides
(compliments of The Parkway Tavern)

Lemonade, Iced Tea & Dessert Provided By Your HOA

Beer & Wine
\$3.00

Rail Drinks
\$5.00

come join the fun and pick your winning horse



Derby Day Hat Contest
(Women and Men)

Net proceeds to benefit
The July 4th Fireworks Fund



OTHER EVENTS COMING THIS MONTH

KARAOKE

FRIDAY, MAY 12TH & 26TH

6-9PM

(MAIN CLUBHOUSE)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
TO JOIN IN THE FUN!

FREE ADMISSION

DONATIONS GLADLY ACCEPTED TO HELP DEFRAY COSTS

EVENING INCLUDES A \$HARE THE WEALTH RAFFLE



'Dance Party Duo'

(AKA/Mark & Miller)

Third Thursday

May 18th 5-8pm

Compliments Of The Parkway Tavern

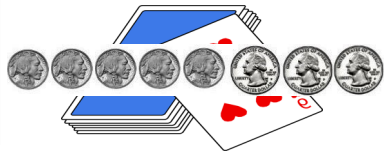
Full Menu from 11:00am to 4:00pm

Buffet Dinner Available From 4:30pm to 7pm
\$13.00pp

POTLUCK BRING A DISH!



Tuesday
May 16th 5:30pm
(Main Clubhouse)
Followed By
NICKEL BINGO



Bring A Favorite Dish for 12 To Share
(Lemonade & Iced Tea Provided)

Please Remember To Bring Your Own Dinnerware & Flatware
See Sign-Up Sheet On The Main Bulletin Board

COME & ENJOY
**DJ
GARY WILCOX**
(((SPIN)))

THE NIGHT AWAY
SATURDAY, MAY 20TH
7-10PM

HOA MEMBERS \$7.00 NON MEMBERS \$9.00

TICKETS GO ON SALE WEDNESDAY, MAY 3RD



MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

MONDAY, MAY 29TH 9:00AM

AT OUR
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

*"Their remembrance is as
lasting as the land
they honored."*

Daniel Webster



HOA Event Tickets
Available For Purchase (as posted)
Wednesday Mornings
After Coffee In The Coffee Café
from 9:00am-11:00am

Non HOA Event Tickets
Available Where and When as Posted

HOA EVENTS COMING NEXT MONTH



'Dance Party Duo' (AKA/Mark & Miller) Saturday, June 3rd 7-10pm

HOA Members \$7.00pp
Non Members \$9.00pp

TICKETS GO ON SALE WEDNESDAY MAY 17TH



Listen & Dance To The Music Of 'JT & Jen' Saturday, June 24th 7-10pm

HOA Members \$7.00pp Non Members \$9.00pp

TICKETS GO ON SALE WEDNESDAY JUNE 7TH

PIZZA PARTY

**Sunday
June 11th
5-7pm
\$12.00pp**

See
Sign-up Sheet
On
Main
Bulletin Board

TriVia? NIGHT?

**Winning 4 member Team
Wins \$100.00**

**Come
Join
The
Fun!**

**Net Proceeds To Benefit
The July 4th Fireworks Fund**

**Tuesday
June 20th 5:30pm
(Main Clubhouse)
Followed By**

NICKEL BINGO

Potluck

Great Food!
Great Fun!

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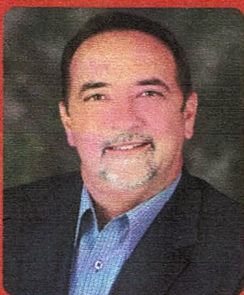
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HOA NEWS *Barbara Holdridge, President*



I hope everyone is enjoying this warm weather we've been having, but we sure could you some rain. Someone once said "Be careful what you ask for." So, I say again with caution, "we sure could you some rain".

Every week more and more of our snowbirds are leaving for the summer. We wish you safety in travel and look forward to seeing you all in the fall!

May 6 is our annual Derby Day event. It's always a very enjoyable get-

together with a chance to even win some money. Come and join the fun. Don't forget our May 16 potluck supper and nickel bingo. Come as you are to the potluck supper or the nickel bingo or both and bring a friend or two to enjoy a fun evening.

Your HOA Board will have its last board meeting May 9th for the summer. Meetings will resume starting in September. I hope everyone has a healthy and safe summer. Happy Memorial Day to all.

Barbara

...PLEASE...

For your safety and the safety of everyone here in Southport including those of you driving golf carts...PLEASE do not exceed the posted speed limit! And PLEASE take the time to **STOP at all the stop signs! Trying to get to where you're going a minute or two sooner could be the cause of a serious, life altering injury. Thanks.**



The Southport Sun

As Of January 1st 2023 "The Southport Sun" (our community newsletter) became an "On-Line" publication only 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 southportspring-shoa.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.



Note: Subscribers can pick up their copy on the first business day of the month in the Coffee Café between 9:30am and 11:00am



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Events & Activities

May 2023



MC - Main Clubhouse
LC - Little Clubhouse
CC - Coffee Cafe

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8am Tennis - TC 8:15am Yoga - MC 9:30am Power Walking - MC 1pm Sequence - LC 6pm Dominoes 6:30pm Shuffleboard	2 9am Line Dancing (Intermediate) - MC 10am Line Dancing (Advanced) - MC 1pm Hand & Foot - LC 6pm Horseshoes 6:30pm Corn Hole (behind the LC) 7pm Euchre - LC	 3 8:30am Coffee & Donuts (meeting at 9am) MC 9:30am Power Walking - MC 2pm Mahjong - LC 4pm Pickleball 6:30pm BINGO - MC	4 8am Tennis - TC 9am Line Dancing (intermediate) - MC 10am Line Dancing (Advanced) - MC Noon Bridge - LC 6pm Horseshoes	5 9am Bible Study - LC 9:30am Power Walking - MC Noon Hand & Foot lunch followed by cards - LC 7pm Farkle - LC 	6 8am Tennis - TC 2:30pm DERBY DAY MC 
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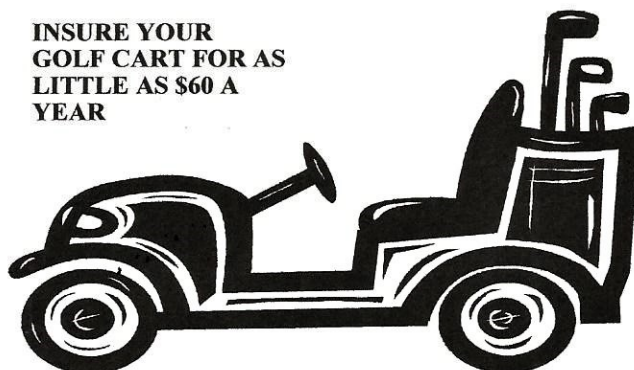
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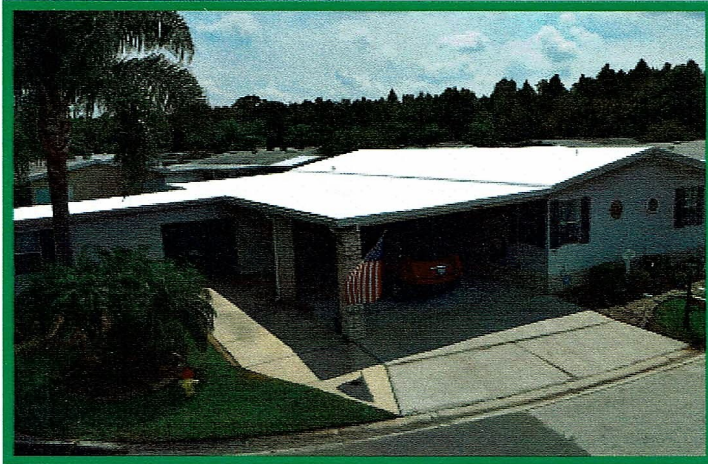
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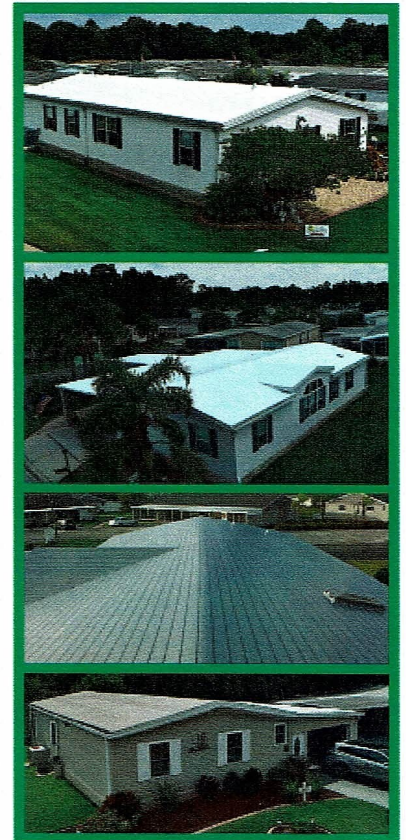
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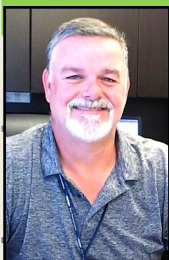
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MAY 2023

MANAGER'S MINUTE



Hurricane Season June 1st – November 30th



The Time Is Now

The 2023 Hurricane Season is just around the corner. Now is the time to take preemptive measures to assure your home and site is ready prior to the hurricane season. Here are just a few things you can do now to get prepared.

- Build and Emergency Kit (Food, Water, First Aid, Lighting, Personal Care, Pet Needs...)
- Compile Contact Information
- Create a Home Inventory
- Clear exterior of home from all loose items (furniture, decorations, small pots and plants. Anything not tied down)
- Clear your gutters and rainspouts. Make sure they are properly secured to home
- Run Generators if you have them ahead of time.
- Learn your evacuation routes.

These are just a few things that will help you be ready for the upcoming season. Hurricane packets and guides will be available at the main clubhouse and front office by the middle of May for all residents.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2023 will occur on Monday, May 29th.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

On behalf of the entire Southport Springs Team we say thank you to all of our veterans that served and for all those families who have lost a loved one in service.

Quote of the Month:

**"Success is not final;
Failure is not fatal:
It is the courage to continue
that counts."**

~Winston S. Churchill

Just a Few Reminders

- Flower beds must be kept free of grass and weeds and bedding must be refreshed regularly to maintain appearance.
- Pressure cleaning must be done whenever the home has green growing on it, not just once a year.

Community Speed Limit



Reminder that your Monthly Rent is due on the 1st of each month. We do not accept partial payments.

UPCOMING SOUTHPORT PROJECTS

- NEW ENTRY GATE SYSTEM
- NEW MICROPHONE SYSTEM AT MAIN CLUBHOUSE
- WIFI ADDITION TO LITTLE CLUBHOUSE



Mark Your Calendars

Genealogy

The Southport Genealogical Society

will meet Monday, May 8th 2023 at 1pm in the Main Clubhouse Coffee Cafe. This month's feature presentation will be **Research Day**. We have internet service, so bring your laptops and tablets with you. For more information, you can text me at **813-713-3547** or you can E-mail me at **mtrent43@yahoo.com**

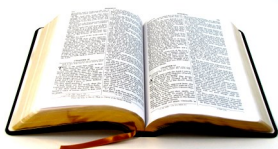

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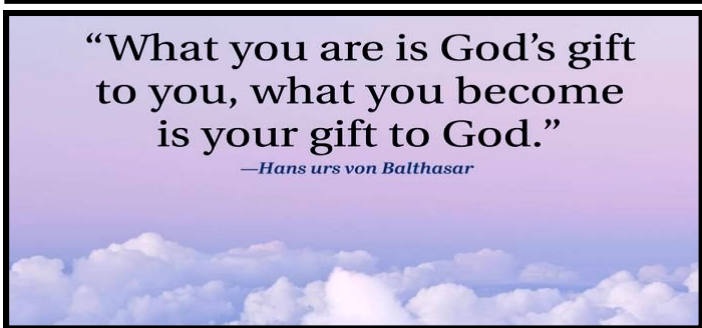
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The VA has asked for an historic amount of \$4.1 billion dollars to be used for construction and repair as the VA considers closing some aging medical facilities, some of which are over hundred years old. Much of the money will be used to update facilities that "lack resiliency and sustainability." An inspection program to assess all the

VA's properties is ongoing. Many locations continue to find more facilities that have an urgent need of repair. Work has begun at several complexes. A comprehensive review of all VA properties is deemed vital to supporting their long-term building plan. At this point, the evaluations of all buildings is not complete, leaving the department without guidance for modernizing its health system in the coming decade.

A year ago, the VA released results of a year-long asset review. It's been determined that thirty new hospitals and two hundred and twenty-five new clinics should be built and that some of the underused clinics should be closed. These recommendations met pushback initially from many of those in a decision-making role.

Today the process has slowed but still moving forward. For more information go to Military.com. The article is entitled **"VA Asks for Historic \$4.1 Billion for Construction as the Agency Weighs Closing Some Aging Facilities"**, by Patricia Kime.

Here's a bit of Trivia: What is the Pack Act? The **Pack Act** is described as one of the largest benefit expansions

in the history of the Veterans Department and is poised to provide additional benefits and health services to over five million Veterans. There will be more on the **Pack Act** in an upcoming issue. Miscellaneous Topics: The Veterans committee needs more help. Both from patrons and veterans. As we lose our veterans from the Korean conflict and Vietnam era, we need to replace them with younger Veterans. Not only does the work we do now continue; but it will expand over time for numerous reasons.

As a group we are trying to bring you more current information, provide our Veterans Charities with more funding and manage the needs of our Veterans Memorial Park. Again, thanks from all of us to all of you for your continued support and donations.



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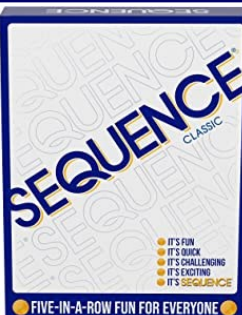
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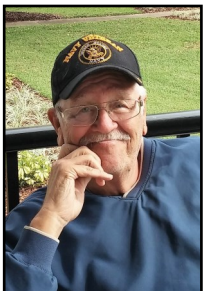
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Describing Hummingbirds without using superlatives is difficult. This family includes the world's smallest birds with the most brilliant colors, fastest wingbeats, and the ability to fly up, down, sideways, and backwards. The brightest colors belong to the males. They spend their time hovering amongst the flowers to sip nectar feeding almost constantly to supply their racing metabolism. After mating, the males take no further role in family life. The female alone builds the nest, incubates the eggs, and feeds the young.

There are well over 300 species of hummingbirds, all native to the Americas. The vast majority are found in the tropics and only a handful of species reach the States. Southern Arizona hosts about 12 species and Central Florida may see 3 species. The most common to us is the Ruby Throated Hummer. The smallest birds in the world belong to this family. Usually, they range in size from 2.5 to 5 inches in length. All hummingbirds in our region have long, hallow pointed beaks for probing flowers. They use their long tongue, inside their beak, to gather nectar and to snare small insects. Yes, they love insects. More on that later.



The males are usually first to arrive around mid-March from Mexico, the females return a few weeks later. Hummingbirds, being birds, do lay eggs, the smallest eggs in the world. The eggs are

about the size of a pea. Most often 2 per nest and incubated for two weeks depending on the species. The nest is not much larger than a shot glass. Usually composed of fibrous plant down and moss bound together to a branch with spider webbing. Hummingbirds "decorate" their nests to camouflage them weaving leaves, sticks, and plant fibers on to the outside surfaces.

Hummingbirds are promiscuous breeders. The male courts and mates with receptive females. But the female may mate with more than one male. The young are fed a mixture of nectar and small, soft-bodied arthropods such as spiders and gnats.

There is a reason a hummingbird is always on the move, constantly making food trips. They must eat every 10 to 15 minutes. This means they need to visit between 500 to 1000 flowers per day. Hummers use flower nectar for food. Sugar content of the nectar is about 25%. They're also particular about the texture of a nectar. Since hummingbirds have long tube-like tongues, they prefer nectar that is not too sticky. Hummingbirds also need protein which they get from bugs, small beetles, spiders, gnats, and fruit flies. Ruby Throated Hummers only hunt during daylight hours, "diurnal."

Hummingbirds migrate in large groups called charms. Ruby Throated hummers leave here around October 1st and may migrate around 1200 miles to their winter homes. Their life spans are not long, and many do not live past

year one. Those who mature further can live three to five years.

Being a hummingbird is like driving a car with a one-gallon gas tank. There is a constant need to refuel. Hummers are often remarkably close to the lower limits of their energy supply. On cold nights, when the cost of keeping warm is high, it may be too risky to keep its engine running. At such a time the bird bristles its feathers to allow its body heat to escape, and as its body temperature approaches the surroundings its heart rate drops and it may even stop breathing for minutes thereby appearing lifeless. At day-break, hummingbirds restart its metabolic engines and warms itself again. This sort of temporary hibernation is called torpor. They also enter this state to conserve energy needed for migration.

Remember, they eat more than just nectar. Protein is an important part of their diet. It is not just nectar in feeding bottles that are attractors, nor are the correct plants all you need to keep our hummers in our yards. They also need fresh water and plant cover. A rotting strip of banana peel attracts hordes of gnats. Put it on top of your feeder. The hummers will be your pals for a long time. Power washing just before or while they are here, kills or drives away insects they must have. Also, pesticide use should be stopped. It also kills a hummingbird's food source.

Feral cats are one of the hummingbirds enemies also snakes and praying mantis put hummers high on their favorite meal list. Snakes generally are after the hummingbird's eggs and/or new born hatchlings.

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1 T. Canola Oil
3 Peppers sliced to equal 3 cups
1 onion sliced to equal 1 cup
1 (16 oz.) jar Salsa
1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1 T. chopped fresh Cilantro
Sour Cream (optional)



Instructions:

Cook pasta, drain reserving 3/4 cup of cooking water. Sprinkle chicken with 1 tsp. fajita seasoning. In 12" nonstick skillet, heat oil over med-high heat. Add chicken; cook stirring occasionally until browned (4-5 minutes). With slotted spoon, transfer to platter and set aside. In same skillet, cook peppers, onion and remaining fajita seasoning until softened (7-8 minutes). Stir in salsa, chicken and reserved pasta water. Cook until hot and bubbly (2 minutes). Toss with pasta. Sprinkle with cheese and cilantro. If desired, garnish with sour cream.

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Happy Springtime All
As summer approaches our snowbirds return to their northern homes. I can only say see you all in the fall and be safe. As all of you have noticed, the course has no more outside league play and quite slow on "golfing guests". Not to be called Outsiders LOL.

We do not have much going on in May. I will have a golf meeting on Tuesday May 16th. Watch for the sign to be put up the week before. The meeting will be at 6:00. As most of you have noticed, the new plaques are in place in the clubhouse. I had a request to have a Men's Match Play plaque made up to match the Women's plaque. This will most likely happen next year. I am getting with Earl on what is going on this summer as to the course. I will send a blast out with that info once I receive it, to put any rumors to bed.

The club championship is set for March 16th & 17th of 2024. We will also be having a golf fund raiser event sometime next winter. The Championship Dinner cost \$600.00 and was paid to the Tavern from the funds in Our Bank Account. The 50/50 at the Championship Dinner raised \$250.00 and we raffled off \$120.00 in cash prizes to the lucky ticket holders. Leaving \$130.00 left over cash. The plaques cost \$75.00 to have new names put on them. Ron Greene spent \$21.25 on markers, white-out etc. that were needed for scores to be posted. So, we have a balance of \$33.75 cash that will be deposited into the Golf Bank Account. I am waiting for approval from First National Bank to have me put on the account.

The May newsletter will have the revised start times for our summer leagues. Also, I have added an additional person, Ray Whitney to our Golf Committee. Welcome aboard Ray! I would also like to thank Jim Teixeira & his son, for providing a new Vern Goodwin plaque!

Finally, to all the golfers.... Please make sure you drink plenty of water when out there on the course this summer. Fill your Divots on the greens and fairways and leave the rakes in the bunkers. If you see anything that needs to be addressed, please get with me or a committee member. Report any issues to the Golf Shack and let them address the **golfers**. Also please note that I have a new cell phone number **813-599-9513**.

Be safe and take it a little slower out there on the course this summer.



Regards,
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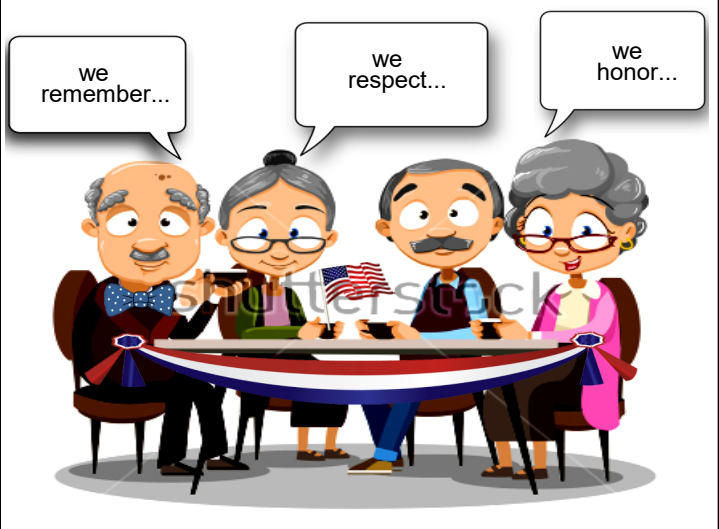
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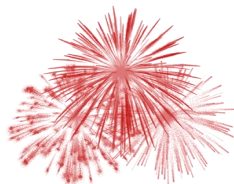
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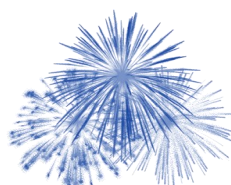
May

Dolan, Christine	May	1
Trent, Linda	May	2
Cherry, Linda	May	5
Dziki, Carol	May	7
Smith, Mariaelena	May	8
Pruett, Cindy	May	8
Emmons, Jan	May	9
Marsh, Linda	May	11
Till, Annie Mae	May	13
Werner, Thelma	May	14
Baldwin, Pat	May	16
Mack, Holly	May	16
Rayburn, Diana	May	18
Brown, Ruthann	May	18
Betters, Maggie (Sparkles)	May	19
Marsala, Carolyn	May	19
Rupert, Lavinia	May	20
Ballard, Darlene	May	20
Azadian, Sylvie	May	21
Williams, Linda	May	22
Wenk, Genie	May	23
Falco, Donna	May	24
Dehne, Sheila	May	24
Howard, Theresa	May	25
Thompson, Judy	May	25
Miller, Susan	May	26
Hall, Teresa	May	28
Viner, Marilyn	May	29
Rearick, Becky	May	31

June

O'Neil, Terri	June	1
Hendricks, Nancy	June	1
Shelton, Paula	June	3

Sabourin, Suzanne June 3



Celebrate!

May

Vogrin, Jim	May	1
Bair, Bill	May	3
Sanderson, Jim	May	4
Witkoski, Bob	May	5
Schutt, Bob	May	5
Newton, Harry	May	6
Wallis, Richard	May	6
Benson, Ken	May	6
Butz, Al	May	13
Peters, John	May	13
O'Donnell, Ray	May	16
Holdridge, Everett	May	16
Kohler, Ray	May	18
Maurer, Paul	May	19
Negron, Alie	May	20
Carman, Tim	May	22
Davidson, John	May	25
Heisler, Tommy	May	26
Vogel, Norman	May	27
Todd, Tom	May	27
Wolfanger, Gary	May	27
Schenher, Ron	May	27
Poupard, Gene	May	28

*A Big Shout Out To Gene
Who'll be celebrating his 101st Birthday*

Ramos, Ozzie	May	28
Shepherd, Ken	May	28
Somers, Cliff	May	28
Mosley, Dennis	May	28

Pesicka, John	May	29
Griffin, Dennis	May	29
Trent, Marty	May	29
Hart, Mike	May	29
Verni, Al	May	30
Doyle, Wayne	May	30

June

Maynard, Bill	June	2
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1. "Hey Mom, what's it like to have the greatest daughter in the world?"
Answer: "I don't know, ask your grandmother."
2. Mom's recipe for iced coffee: (1) Have kids (2) Make coffee (3) Forget you made coffee (4) Drink it cold
3. Why was the house so neat on Mother's Day? **Because Mom spent all day Saturday cleaning it.**



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May

Cluck, Ed & Mary Adele	May	1
MacDonald, Ed & Jayne	May	1
Jones, Harry & Sue	May	3
Wenk, Steve & Genie	May	3
Jacques, Dan & Sue	May	5
Pelc, Jim and Beverly Ann	May	5
Bernier, Greg & Shawn	May	7
Jarvis, Ernie & Jane	May	7
Cox, Don & Mary	May	8
Daugherty, Floyd & Jane	May	9
Clark, Dick & Esther	May	12
Gray, Gerry & Lydia	May	12
Putt, Joe & Rose	May	12
Barnhardt, Chuck & Lelia	May	14
Roy, Al & Janice	May	15
Menth, Barry & Jody	May	15

Sostilio, Bob & Ann	May	17
Hannold, Tom & Tina	May	18
Eberman, Tom & Desdie	May	18
Griffin, Dennis & Roberta	May	19
Gunderson, Leon & Donna	May	22
Stiefel, Roy & Bett	May	23
Goodyke, Dave & Barb	May	23
Cottet, Kent & Marie	May	24
Earon, Gary & Nancy	May	24
Ramos, Ozzie & Anne	May	24
Hunt, Jeff & Emma	May	25
Whitney, Ray & Nancy	May	25
Schwebach, Bob & Sarah	May	27
Ossander, Ifan & Pauline	May	28
Sinclair, Frank & Penny	May	29
Hand, Vann & Kathleen	May	30

June

White, Bill & Joyce	June	1
Huston, Stan & Ginny	June	1
Maurer, Paul & Beverly	June	1
Roland, Marty & Sandra	June	2
Grigelevich, Joe & 'Charlie'	June	3
Doyle, Wayne & Catherine	June	3

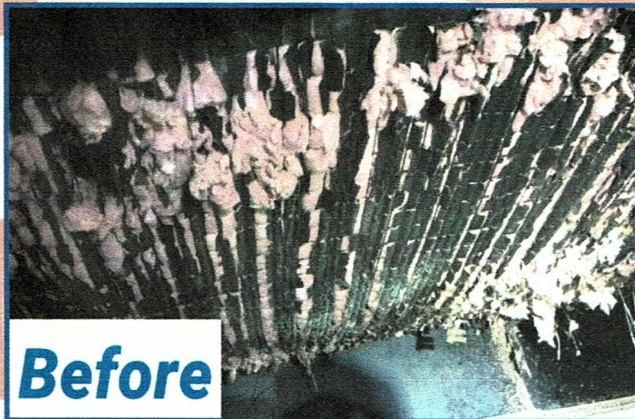




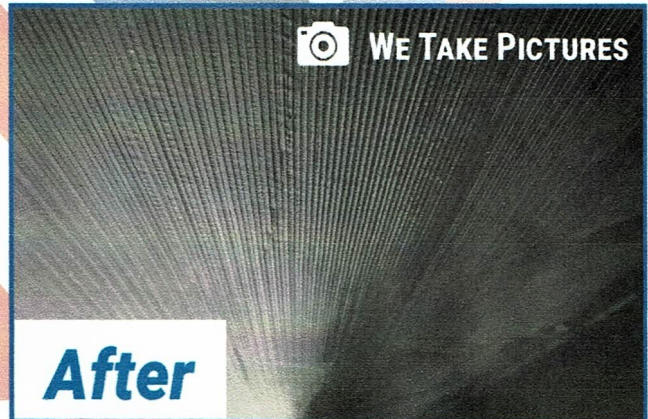
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When I received the assignment to write something for this month, I was at a loss. I wanted to do something different. Honoring the fallen has a long standing tradition of ceremonies and parades. It just didn't feel like enough to me. I wanted to find a way to honor and support our soldiers currently serving all over the world. I want them to know that someone is thinking about them. I am extremely fortunate to have served when there were no active conflicts. I saw no battle. I cannot imagine what soldiers today face in the field.

I discovered that May is Military Appreciation Month. Wow, how did I not know that?

A month is a long time: Thirty-one days to be exact. In doing my research, I found lots of really interesting and easy ways to celebrate and support our soldiers, past and current. I'm sharing one of these ideas with you in hopes that you will consider taking action on one day in May. America's military troops train all over the world. From the moment a recruit enters and reports for active duty, contact with life as they have known it is over. Basic training is both mentally and physically taxing. Exposure to the daily news, music on the radio, and no television was probably the most difficult transition for me. The only news that we received came from the once a week "mail call", which was usually restricted to Fridays. Mail call was the most popular day of the week. Receiving a letter, card or package from home truly lifted our spirits. It reminded us of all that we left behind when signing that enlistment contract and deploying on the adventure of a lifetime. Many soldiers lack the support of a home team and receive no mail at all. For a soldier deployed miles from home for the first time, it can be incredibly isolating. So I got to thinking about and researching ways on how we could show our enduring support for our Armed Forces. My search turned up a unique project founded by a Tampa Army Veteran. Brandon Dutkiewicz who had a vision of reinventing care packages.

About 'Support A Troop':

Support A Troop was founded by Brandon Dutkiewicz, a former member of the United States Armed Forces. He has spent more than two years deployed overseas. It was during this time that he recognized many issues that family, friends, and organizations were having with sending and receiving care packages. An abundance of multiple items received in care packages were being unused and tossed away, due to an over shipment of the same items, and lack of information with what a troop needs. Now, as a veteran, he has devoted himself to the start of this mission, bringing service to the ones who need it

Their Mission:

Support A Troop is a care package service that is bridging the gap between troops and patriots. We provide a cost-effective and convenient service that strives to boost the morale and lifestyle of troops overseas, ensuring that deployed troops never feel forgotten.

What They Do:

Support A Troop provides the answer to the question, "what do they need"? That question is on the mind of every family member, friend, loved one, and patriot who wants to support the brave men and women serving our country, overseas. We provide a service that boosts the morale of those deployed by allowing them to create their own "wish list" providing you with their exact wants and needs. Every care package sent to a troop is 100% what they want. The *Support A Troop* application is available on both Apple and Android devices.



Wall Of Thanks

Some 'Thank You' Notes Worth Sharing

I would like to thank my late father for all of the sacrifices he made, and for his own tour of duty in Iraq. Thank you for all you've done for me and for our nation dad. I miss you!

Meribeth Camp

I cannot express how much I appreciate you serving me and our country. I know you have sacrificed much and I cannot truly repay you for your service. But my gratitude and respect for you are of the upmost. I pray you feel loved and supported. God bless you and the USA!

Hudson Honeywell

My dad was a Lt Colonel in the Army and fought in Vietnam. I will always be proud to support our troops. While he is no longer with us- I think about him all the time and want each and every soldier to know that YOU ARE VALUED and WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE! You are not forgotten!!

Kasy Cross

Thanks for the hard work and dedication to helping keep our country safe. I cannot imagine being away from family and friends and losing those closest without being able to do anything about it. For those reasons and more, I say THANK YOU

Taylor Sullivan

Our veterans are the heart and soul of what's right with our country. Thank you for all you do to keep us safe and free!

Trina Colafrancesco



Memorial Day!



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