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The Villas de Golf Monthly Newsletter

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Villas Events

Cheryl Korosa

Ahh, Amore, Happy Valentine's Day! Happy Paczki Day! Ayee, Happy Mardi Gras!

There is interest in having a condo crawl. We had planned to schedule this for mid-January, however, we did not receive enough units to view. If you have remodeled your condo and would like to show it off, please let me know. We can always put it back on the schedule if we have enough units to view.

I need volunteers for our car wash! Please let me know if you are willing to help out with this fun community event. It is scheduled for Friday, February 10th at 9:30am to 11:30am.

The monthly cookout will take place at noon on Tuesday, February 14th. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats are on the menu.

We will have a seminar on Estate Planning on Friday, February 17th at 3:00pm. The guest speaker is renowned attorney Patrick Smith. Plan to attend this informative seminar.

What Happens After Death? A relevant 3 part discussion will be presented by Jeff Schweiger. There will be dialogue, discussion, questions and reasoning through Scriptures. All are invited and welcome to attend. This takes place in the clubhouse on Tuesday, February 21st, Tuesday, February 28th and Tuesday, March 7th at 10:45am to 12:00pm.

We have a yard sale on the schedule for Saturday, March 11th. It's time to make some money on dust collectors you have sitting around the house. Tables are \$10 each. Villas De Golf will NOT store your items for you. We can round up volunteers to help you bring your treasures to the clubhouse the day of the sale.

Brigitte Miner will be hosting a Creative-Resin workshop on Monday, March 6th.

Gabriel and Mary from the Happy Days Band will be back for our March cookout. Make sure to put Tuesday, March 21st on your schedule.

News from the Board

Tom King

As we close out rather chilly, sometimes down right cold month of January, we can look forward to increasing hours of sun light and hopefully corresponding warmer temperatures in February.

In the coming month and into March we will be upgrading and modernizing our elevators. The first to be done will be buildings 4/5, followed by buildings 6/7. During this time please try to assist your neighbors who need help getting themselves or their things up and down the stairways.

We have our annual membership meeting on February 7th at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be followed by 3 additional meetings including the election of officers, a special assessment meeting, and a regular board meeting. Hopefully, they will all be reasonably brief.

Effective immediately following the regular board meeting on the 7th, I will be resigning from the Board of Directors. Hopefully, I have helped make a difference and a positive contribution to both our community and the association. I have been a member since early 2014 when I was appointed to the board. In the time since then, we've had only one election of new members.

Some of our board members have been volunteering for over 20 years but only because no one else has stepped up. These folks are now in their 80's and want to step back from the day to day dealing with the issues of running this place

I can't tell you how important volunteers are to this community and association. If we don't have people willing give their time and energy to help run our community then the next best alternative is to hire people to do the job. Hiring a full time manager and or maintenance person only adds to the already increased cost of operations. Those costs will be passed on to the owners, no question about it.

If you want to be a part of the solution, contact a board member, ask what it is you can do to help.

Get involved! Run for the Board!

Golfing News

Reenie Schauf

Guys and Dolls Golf Outing

The February golf scramble and dinner is planned for Saturday the 18th. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the clubhouse closer to the date.

Those who own or rent at the Villas may choose to invite a guest to golf, dinner or both. Be sure to include these names on the sign-up sheet so our count is accurate. In honor of Valentine's Day, we wanted to have friends join us for this outing.

After the scramble, dinner at the clubhouse will follow with social hour from 4:30-5:30 and a potluck dinner. Let's amaze our friends with delectable dishes.

January golf was canceled due to a slight error on interpreting the weather, but we still had the dinner!

Thanks, Jim, for cooking up lasagna. Magnifique!

Love is in the Air

Bernadette Moriarty

Valentine's Day, also called **St. Valentine's Day** when lovers express their affection with greetings and gifts. The origins of the celebration go back to the 5th century.

You say; please do not connect my day of love to martyrs, fertility rites, priests; sinners, jailing or the Roman festival of Lupercalia or love matches of the 5th century. I could, but I won't.

A common legend states that St. Valentine defied the emperor's orders and secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war. While in prison, he would sign off his messages as "Your Valentine". Along with him sending affectionate greets to friends, it is for this reason that his feast day is associated with love.

Valentine's Day did not come to be celebrated as a day of romance until about the 14th century. And it was not until the 18th century, that the trading valentines became the custom in Europe and the United States. At this time friendship cards were exchanged.

The introduction of penny-posting and improved printing technology, during the 19th century, offered a wide variety of beautiful valentine cards and low-cost mailing. It was a time when illustrators and engravers provided

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Events

Local Events;

- Largo Golf Course is having Music on the Breezeway Friday, February 17th from 6 – 9pm.
- Zac Brown Tribute concert, Horan Park, St. Pete Beach Friday, February 24th from 7 – 9pm.

Keep an eye on the bulletin board for any upcoming events.

Book Club News

Alice Young

The Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, February 21st at 1pm, in the Clubhouse.

The February Book Selection is "The Heart Is A Lonely Hunter" by: Carson McCullers

If you'd like to discuss the book or just listen - or are interested in recommendations from fellow book lovers, please join us! All are welcome and the discussions are lively!

We would like to thank Terry Mapes, our resident Villas de Golf Librarian for attending our January meeting and sharing his expertise. Terry had a long career writing book reviews for Mansfield News Journal in Ohio. You can also visit Terry on his blog where he is still sharing his reviews!

Men's Golf League

Jim Schauf

The golf league is growing weekly as old members arrive and new ones join. We normally have around 30 participants. Prize money is very minimal, however bragging, lying, exaggerating, chirping, and complaining are quite prevalent. Actually it is a great bunch of guys who seem to really enjoy themselves every Thursday. Well in my case, the golf is not too enjoyable sometimes. The game is called golf because it was the only four letter word left.. Jim

Euchre

Euchre is every Wednesday night at 6:30 in the clubhouse. Everyone is welcome. Any questions, call Bonnie, 586-242-5474.

Villas Profiles

by Marge Fischer

Carolyn Smyth: A Jill of all trades and a master of many! She has done it all.

Carolyn is the daughter of a war bride from Australia and a university administrator from Knoxville, Tennessee. In her youth she went from a debutante, a UT graduate, and a travel agent across the United States to the West Coast. After visiting several cities in California she settled in what she calls "an intentional community". Yes! A Hippie commune! Besides working as a reforestation crew, the group started a cooperative corporation and established a tree seedling nursery. Gradually Carolyn, her husband Daniel and a friend, bought the 150 acres called Prindel Creek Farm. While being a wife, and a mother of two children she found time to drive a school bus and became the transportation administrator for the bus company.

Around 2004, when the nursery was closed, they decided to again share this beautiful mountain with other people. The stately trees, the salmon spawning ground, the clear flowing river and the double waterfalls were the perfect place for a campground/event center. Promoters came and staged musical festivals. Bluegrass and Americana festivals became her favorite. Suddenly, Carolyn's real passion surfaced.

John Prine, Lyle Lovett, Bradi Carille are household names for her. She will go to "House concerts" where you get close and personal with the artists. She has attended music festivals (30A Songwriters Festival in Santa Rosa Beach FL, Pilgrimage in Nashville, even Blues fest in Byron Bay Australia). Her favorite is the music celebration on the cruise ship festival called Cayamo. Carolyn meets Cayamo friends everywhere she goes. The friends she has from this Americana event have a special place in her heart. They are her second family.

Problem solving, seeing both sides of a situation and "I won't ask someone to do something for me that I wouldn't do myself" are all a part of her daily life-style.

Where is Carolyn now? On her way to Miami to board the ship for her ninth Cayamo!



Garden Club

Bonnie Boak

If you want to help water or weed the annuals, call Bonnie. 586-242-5474.

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- Director..... Debbie Tipton
- Director..... Kevin Duross

Buildings and Grounds

We were able to get the B&G volunteers busy in Jan doing the typical maintenance duties around the complex. We meet at 9am on Monday mornings for a couple of hours doing these tasks, including some pressure washing, washer and dryer cleaning, etc. So far, we have cleaned some sidewalks and grill patios plus half the washer and dryers. If you wish to pitch in, just show up.

Love

elaborate and exquisite creations that inspired lovers to express their love in a St. Valentine message. The exchange of cards from “Your Valentine” and to “My Valentine” became an American tradition in the 20th century. Hallmark provided inexpensive cards that were innovative, and expressed heart felt greetings to those that we love.

Yes, Valentine’s Day has become big business in the 21st century, but at its heart is the love we have as couples, family members and friends.

Happy Valentine’s Day!

Twenty ladies had an enjoyable luncheon at the new Doc Ford’s Restaurant in Jungle Terrace. We look forward to a return visit.

The Ladies luncheon at Doc Fords



Shuffleboard

Carol Jordan

January 25th was the start of the shuffleboard league there will be 7 weeks of regular play, and 2 weeks of playoffs. We have a total of 21 teams.

It was great to see all the smiles and to hear all the laughter. Come out on Wednesday mornings and support your friends and neighbors. We are still looking for a few more subs, if you are interested contact Carol 260-710-1752

Recycle Woes by a recycle junkie

Vilas de Golf offers such beautifully sculpted landscaping, pretty walkways are a reason to get a little exercise outside. Bending and lifting are vital parts of exercise to stay healthy and strong. So, how about this, when you get a delivery packaged in cardboard, break it down and bring the flattened cardboard to the recycle bin. Too long of a piece of cardboard? Exercise your back and arms to fold it in half. Please do not simply and lazily throw the cardboard box in the bin for someone else to jump in and stomp down.

Thank you for your consideration in the matter.

A big Thank You to Kathy Schweiger for a stellar performance at our Cocktails and Broadway show. In case you missed it, you will have another chance to hear Kathy perform at our St. Patrick’s Day party.



<<<<<< WEEKLY EVENTS >>>>>>

Mon- Tai Chi 10:30, ~~Bridge 7:00~~

**Thurs- Men's Golf, Water Exercises 9:30,
Bingo 7:00**

Tues- Water Exercises 9:30, ~~Game Night, Mahjong 7:00~~

Fri- Water Exercises 9:30

Wed- Tai Chi 10:30, Sew n Sew 1:00, Poker 6:30, Euchre 6:30

Sat – Tai Chi 10:30

Villas de Golf February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1 Shuffle board	2	3	4
5	6 7 PM Annual Membership Meeting	7	8 Shuffle board	9	10 Car Wash 	11
12 Super Bowl	13 Valentines Day 	14 Cookout 12PM	15 Shuffle board	16	17	18 Guys & Dolls 
19	20	21	22 Shuffle board	23	24 Mens' Stag 5 PM Ladies Luncheon	25
26	27	28	1	2	3	4