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Villas Events

Cheryl Korosa

Tidings of Happiness, Health and Happenings for this New Year!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to decorate our community for the Christmas season. You did a great job. We will take down the decorations on Saturday, January 7th after our monthly breakfast. Again, volunteers are needed. Please meet at the clubhouse about 10:15.

There is interest in having a condo crawl. We had planned to schedule this for mid-February, however, due to the elevator project we need to do this in January. If you have remodeled your condo and would like to show it off, please let me know. If there is a condo that you would like to see, let me know and we'll see if we can get it on the list. It would be nice to have a one bedroom and a three bedroom unit on the list since most don't know what the inside of these units look like.

I still would like to get some advertising for our Villadom. Please let me know if you are willing to help us with this endeavor.

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, January 13th.

The monthly cookout will take place at noon on Tuesday, January 11th. Hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, and chicken sandwiches are on the menu. Please come and join in the celebration of Egon Rahmacher's 99th birthday.

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

News from the Board

Tom King

Happy New Year to all. We closed out 2022 in good shape overall. We completed a major portion of our roofing project. We luckily missed any severe damage from a major hurricane. We also added some new plantings and flower beds to enhance the beauty of our community, so I think we had a good year.

Heading in to 2023, we begin addressing new challenges and opportunities. We look forward to the start of the elevator upgrades which are scheduled to begin at the end of January. We will work at conforming to new state laws and mandates regarding building structural integrity and reserve funding.

Last year, the board authorized a special assessment to be carried out through the next several years instead of one big assessment. So again, we will be approving a Special Assessment to bolster the reserves needed to complete the roofing project in 2025. This year the assessment will be as follows: 1 Bedroom units = \$598.00, 2 bedroom units = \$869.00 and 3 bedroom units = \$1196.00.

Please contact your neighbors in buildings 4, 5 and 6,7 to offer help such as shopping or carrying things up or down the stairways during the elevator upgrades. If you have appointments during the shutdown periods please try to reschedule them.

We have 3 board positions up for election this coming February. You should have received the form from Resource to get on the ballot. Hopefully, if you are interested in getting involved you submitted your intention by the 12/29/22 deadline.

In closing I hope everyone has a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2023.

Tom

Happy New Year!

Each evening of the year we close out the day and prepare for a good night's sleep. The transition, usually of no special significance, from 11:59 pm to 12:00 am is effortless. Perhaps before we slip into sleep, we may recall the good moments of the day; at other times, phew I wish I had handled that differently. It's the rhythm of life. And then along comes December 31st, New Year's Eve. Just one single strike of the clock and it will be a New Year! It's not the usual tick of the clock, it's a New Year! Celebrate! Clean the Slate, an opportunity for Resolutions. What a wonderful time; an opportunity for a fresh start as we welcome the New Year and anticipate our next 365-day journey.

How Do We Celebrate?

Good-luck rituals in celebration is a universal trait. The Dutch, believe the circle is a symbol of success, eat donuts. Greeks bake special Vasasilopitta cake with a coin inside bestowing luck on whoever finds it. Fireworks started in China to chase off evil spirits The Japanese hold "forget the year parties" to bid farewell to problems. In New York, the ball dropping at midnight goes back to a time when watches were only owned by the very rich and signaled to crowds that gathered that it was a New Year.

We celebrate life each year, we make resolution to improve. Do we keep our resolutions, for the most part 88% do not; but isn't it fun and a symbol of our optimism to consider the future in a positive way.

Bernadette Moriarty



Eucher

There will be a signup sheet at the clubhouse for those who would like to play on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Fun Activities

We, the Water Aerobics girls (and guys?) invite you to join us for stretches, (OH! I have a muscle there!) to jump, (not very high) and run in place.(in the water at the pool).

We do dance steps frontwards and backwards, we bench press water up and down. After jogging in a circle, the current is strong when we turn around and go the other way.

We hang onto the side of the pool to do crunches and smile as we huff and puff. The instructor has a hic-up at the same time, every time.

We have fun, enjoy the fresh air, meet new people, and feel great afterwards.

Come join the uncoordinated synchronized swimmers on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 9:30 am.

Garden Club

Bonnie Boak

There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board outside the clubhouse for anyone that wants to help in the maintenance of the annuals.

Book Club News

Come meet Terry Mapes, our Librarian, on July 17 at 1:00 in the Social Center. We will discuss books we read during the summer, but the main discussion will be about Other Birds by Sarah Allison Allen. See you there!

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Villas Profiles

Terry Mapes

Being a young boy when Sputnik hit Wisconsin, Terry was sure he was going to be a scientist when he grew up. In high school he took Chemistry, and that was the end of that ambition. One day his mother brought home a typewriter and the fascination with words began. Words became beautiful for him! Words led him into reading classes, literature classes, English classes, writing classes and Journalism. Terry started writing while in high school. However college Journalism confirmed the idea that he could make a living with words. After college, his first job was as a reporter for a newspaper in Akron, Ohio. Several years later at a conference in Ashland, Ohio, Terry met Linda, the daughter of an Ohio University faculty member. Determined that he could make a living as a reporter, they married, bought a house in Ashland, raised a family and, you guessed it, filled it with books. By the time the house was sold last year there were about 5000 books, including a collection of Mad Magazines beginning in 1950.

"In about 1972, Mega States of America by Neil Pierce crossed my desk. I asked for a column in the paper for book reviews and I got it." The book collecting had begun. It seemed everyone wanted their book review in *Book Talk*. (Terry admitted that he sold over half but couldn't part with his favorites. The collection of Mad Magazines was the most popular item at the auction.)

When retirement was the new lifestyle, Villas de Golf became home in the south. Linda's father lived in Indian Rocks and she had relatives here, so this was the natural place to settle. The first thing Linda did was volunteer both of them to be the Villas's librarians. When Linda died several years ago, Terry became the sole librarian. He is still sorting, shelving and organizing the Club House Library.

Because his passion is still WORDS, for over a decade Terry has had a blog. It can be accessed at www.wordmanship.blogspot.com. Three times a week he changes the information about language and literature. Keeping an active mind, understanding civil writing, participating in serious thoughts motivates his blogging. "I won't be finished reading until I'm finished writing"

Terry has accepted an invitation to the Villas Book Club on January 17th. Come and meet our librarian!

Guys and Dolls

Reenie Schauf

Guys and Dolls golf scramble will be on Saturday, January 21. Golfers of all abilities are encouraged to join in this Villas de Golf event. The course is in great shape, it's short, and it's in our backyard. After the game, your January hosts will have prepared a homemade dinner for you at the social center. Lasagna, Caesar salad, garlic bread, and dessert are on the menu. Cost to be determined when we have the guest list. Please bring your own beverages. Sign up at the clubhouse or call Reenie at (608) 633-0712. Hope you'll join us.

Men's Golf League

Jim Schauf

Happy Holidays from us golfers to all you smart people that don't. I have people say, "Have a great day" and I have to reply, "Nah, I'm going golfing". I did have a great week last week. We have a few less players this week, but we have plenty of rounds to go.

Shuffle Board

The season is approaching. Please look for signup information on the bulletin board.



Buildings and Grounds Volunteers

A special thanks to the hardworking volunteers that covered the plants during the last weekend of cold weather.

Our plants came through without a problem. We have lost a few palm trees this year, so we will be looking to replace them in the spring.



Buildings and Grounds

We will be looking for volunteers to help spruce up the Clubhouse with some fresh paint and to brighten up some of the driveway lines. These projects will begin on Monday the 9th of January. Look for the signup sheet at the clubhouse.

<<<<<< 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 7:00 Sat – Tai Chi 10:30

Villas de Golf January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Monthly Breakfast 9 AM
8	9	10	11 Captain's Cookout 12 PM	12	13 Car Wash	14
15	16	17 Book Club 1 PM	18	19	20	21 Guys and Dolls
22	23 Board Meeting 3 PM	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				