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Vibe

Carol Jordon

Moving forward there will be a form in the clubhouse for anyone who would like to schedule an event. We will need basic information: date, times, breakdown of event and cost. Place filled out form in office slot for board approval. A board member will get back to you in a timely manner.

Sample of events: Dinner/BBQ, Happy Hour @ the pool, Field trips to Casino in Tampa or Recycle Center, Chili cook off, Pizza Night, Karaoke night, etc.

We always have plenty of help for setup and cleanup.

Shuffleboard

We had perfect weather for the start of shuffleboard season. We have 21 teams and 6 subs. We are always looking for additional subs. If interested, please contact Carol 260-710-1752. We play on Wednesday's at 9:00, 10:30 & 12:30.

We also play (weather permitting) Sundays at 1:00 just for fun.

Carol

Euchre

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

News from the Board

Tamara Smigels

Happy February and Happy Valentines Day!!!

I want to thank everyone who has volunteered to participate and/or organized projects and events!!!

The Board has appointed Dan Boruch as a Director, we all look forward to working together. Welcome Dan and thank you for volunteering for the position.

The Board has selected the Prescott Engineering for the Mansard Replacement Project. The Board will work closely with Prescott Engineering for both the design and bidding process. This phase of the project will take roughly a few months to complete.

The Board has selected D'Andrea Electric for the Electrical Room Project. The Board will work with D'Andrea to create a timeline to replace the old components in both the electrical rooms and laundry rooms.

A friendly reminder to replace your electrical panel in your condo unit if they are old and one of the four electrical panels that are not considered to be approved by the State of Florida: Federal Pacific, Zinsco, Sylvania, or Challenger.

Citizen Insurance Company under new law can come inside units to inspect your electrical panel and make sure Villas de Golf is in compliance with the new State of Florida laws.

The Board will be doing a deep cleaning of the garage on February 19th. If anyone has stored personal items in the garage, please obtain them ASAP. No personal items should be stored in the garage.

We are trying to remove clutter and keep our community clean; therefore, please do not put any unwanted items in the Clubhouse, Social Center, and/or garage. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to a Board member.

Golfing News

Reenie Schauf

Guys and Dolls Golf Outing

Get ready for the next golf scramble on Saturday, February 17. All abilities are welcome to compete for bragging rights and very small prizes. After golf we are planning a real dinner so please be sure to indicate whether you will join us. The amount each person pays is based on the number who initially sign up for the meal. The signup sheet for golf and dinner will be located at the clubhouse.

Our last month's winners squeaked out a victory by a one stroke difference. Congratulations to the team of Oaks and Barnhart. Closest to the pin on the par three second hole was Kevin Duross.

Well done!

Any questions contact Reenie Schauf

Men's Golf League

Jim Schauf

Membership in our golf league is bursting at the seams. We have had some people letting me know at the last minute they would like to play and we could not accommodate them. This has been addressed with the group and hopefully won't be a problem going forward.

The first scramble of the year was held last on the 18th. The winning team, with a score of 55, was Sandy Brown, Tom King, George Lind, and Jeff Schweiger. I'm not sure, but have a sneaky feeling Mr. Brown and Mr. King will not be on the same



team any time soon.

Until the next scramble it's everybody for themselves.

Garden Club

Bonnie Boak

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

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

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- Director..... Kevin Duross
- Director..... Sam Kuntz
- Director..... Dan Boruch

Buildings and Grounds

Hey Folks, the volunteer season is underway. The prepping of the railings has been our main focus. So far, (4) buildings have been scraped and made ready for paint. Once the weather warms up we will paint the railings. Other projects, the front entrance has been refreshed with flowers and mulch. The railings around the pool have fresh paint on them. Thanks to all the volunteers, we can't do it without you. Let's keep VDG looking good!

Villas Profiles

by Marge Fischer

Aye! Aye! Captain, My Captain! And Navigator!



If you want to find these people you will have to move fast. They are always on the move. It started in Indiana where Gretchen grew up. Then to Ohio where Kent grew up as the son of a Methodist minister. As a young couple they moved the family of four to three different cities in Michigan, three cities in Pennsylvania and many places along the way to finally end up in Florida. While Kent was working as a manager for the catalog division of Montgomery Wards, Gretchen was packing and unpacking, and packing and unpacking, doing it again, and again. Finally owning a home in Seminole Florida seemed like it was the last move. Their son and daughter finished school in Florida and both Kent and Gretchen found jobs for a company making audio equipment for the blind. Wait! What's that ?— A For Sale Sign! Two co-workers convinced them that Villas de Golf was the place to be! (Gretchen was again packing and unpacking) Well they did it. Twenty-five years ago they moved to building seven in the Villas de Golf condominium complex. Now they WERE settled! What?!? Movers again! A three bedroom condo came up for sale and you know what? Gretchen was packing and unpacking again. Now they seem pretty stable but not sedimentary! Just to get an interview Gretchen and I had to find Kent and almost tie him down to get some information. Kent makes airport runs. Kent knows how to fix just about everything and will do it for just about everyone. Kent is active in the Lion's

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Shuffleboard

Carol Jordan

January 24th 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

Love

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 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!

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.

Club and of course Gretchen has been a Lioness. (Yes! Gretchen is a different kind of Lioness too) Being a veteran, Kent knows the value of blood and has donated 88 pints of blood over the years and is still giving. Kent volunteers at Heritage Village. Kent golfs with the guys. He monitors Villas de Golf's website, makes sign-up sheets for our activities, and makes sure all pertinent information gets to all of us. Can you believe it! He has a hobby. He takes parts of the palm frond and makes beautiful canes and walking sticks. (You can buy them for about \$30 which he donates to the Lions or Heritage Village). He even has time to read and the north-end happy hour happens when he puts out the flag! Opps, I forgot, he is a big sports fan for all the Tampa teams. I know this profile is about a couple! Well! You know the saying: "Behind every man is a very great navigator" That's Gretchen. She keeps the calendar straight. She cooks, cleans, and organizes their lives. She babysits the grand pets for her son and even for the daughter in Denver. (She has put limits on the ugly pet spider there). She has made sure they enjoy life. Together they have traveled. Gretchen navigated them to Scotland three times, to England several times and to 48 of our 50 states. Gretchen has organized luncheon outings for the ladies of VdG. She, too, will do many things for people. Gretchen is this pleasant, thoughtful, quiet (well not so quiet when she is driving) "Google Queen" to most of us. What holds this couple together? They love and like each other. I think it's because they are open, friendly people. In almost all the interviews I have done over the years, the friendly atmosphere is the answer given most to why our residents choose VdG. That is Kent and Gretchen's doing. They joke, they laugh, and they are welcoming to all. I think they have dropped their anchor here and we are all better for it.



Tips And tricks

Freeze Grapes to chill your wine.

An alternative way to keep your wine cool is to freeze grapes and use them as ice cubes. Plus, you can enjoy eating them afterwards

Is your showerhead or kitchen faucet clogged or looking grimy?

If yes, try pouring some distilled white vinegar into a sandwich or freezer bag and tie it around your shower head. Prepare to come back the next day to see it squeaky clean!

Place a Lazy Susan in your fridge or cupboard.

A lazy Susan is a turntable that you can place on any counter or shelf to help you access your food more easily.

So, if you regularly find yourself with food piled up at the back of the fridge or cupboards, making it difficult to see, then this hack is for you

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

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

Tues- Water Exercises 9:30

Wed- Chair Yogo 10:00, Poker 6:30, Euchre 6:30

Thurs- Men's Golf, Water Exercises 9:30

Fri- Water Exercises 9:30

Sat – Tai Chi 10:00

Villas de Golf February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1 Bingo 7 pm	2	3 Monthly Breakfast 9:30 AM
4	5 Volunteer Day 9 AM Bridge 7 pm	6 4 PM Annual Membership Meeting	7 Shuffleboard Euchre 7 pm	8 Bingo 7 pm	9	10
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