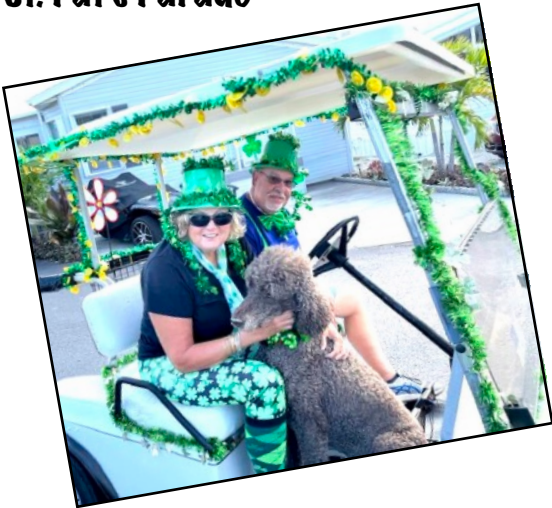


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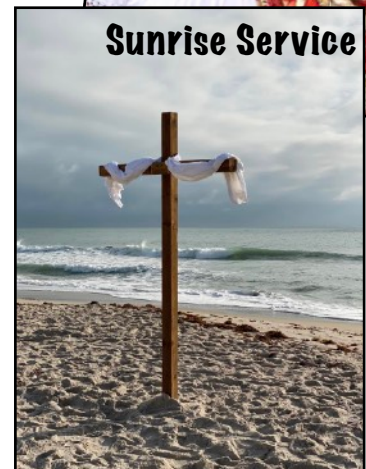
Art Show and Sale



Bocce Party



Sunrise Service



PRESIDENTS REPORT
by Jim Buysse, President,
OR Board of Directors

WOW! Another season is coming to an end for all of us snowbirds. It has been a really busy season with all our activities at Ocean Resorts. I would like to thank all the committee chairpersons and volunteers that make all of this happen. It has been enjoyed and appreciated by the large turnouts of our Ocean Resorts family.

I'm sure the Park Manager will advise you of all the proper procedures before heading north, so I won't. I wish you all a safe and speedy journey back to your other paradise and a safe return next season. Please take care of yourself and each other.

I would like to leave you with two quotes I feel are appropriate to Ocean Resorts - "If you want to please everyone with your job then go sell Ice Cream" and "You can't change the direction of the wind, but you can adjust the sail or take it down".

It's Nesting Season on the Beach by Linda Smolarek

Be considerate and kind to those species who share our ocean front home. Over 30 species of shorebirds and seabirds use beach habitats for nesting, resting and finding food. Sea turtles use Florida's beaches as nesting sites from March to October. They dig nests in the sand and lay their eggs.



Here is how we can help:

- Keep out of roped or flagged beach areas even if you don't see any wildlife.
- Do not allow your dog to dig holes which could damage turtle nests or trap hatchlings. Typically a turtle digs a hole about 14 to 24 inches deep, laying 80 t 150 eggs.
- Refrain from allowing your dog or children to chase birds on the beach. This activity may result in birds abandoning nests or whole colonies moving due to disturbance.
- Avoid walking your dog on the beach at night or early pre-dawn hours during the March-October sea turtle nesting season.
- Keep your dog on a leash and avoid the areas near the dune line. Please don't let them run through the sand dunes. Stay below the wreck or tidal line.

In closing, we have a rare gift here, a beach where our dogs are allowed; to lose that privilege would be devastating to many of us who own dogs and enjoy their company on the beach.

Trash Volunteer Appreciation Lunch



Joe Harding held a "thank-you" lunch on 3/24 for all the Trash and Recycling Volunteers. The Activities Committee donated Hot Dogs, rolls, sodas, condiments and charcoal for this event. Thank you to Joe Harding and all his wonderful volunteers. What would we do without them?



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE AND HAPPY HOUR

Thanks to Cibby Gardiner and all of her group of leprechauns who organized and participated in the annual parade and happy hour. And a big shout out to our Queen for the Day - Yvonne!!



Photos by Cibby Gardiner,
Sherry Crowell,
Elizabeth Flaherty and
Barb Goodman



"How Green is Your Ocean Resort Garden?" by Linda Smolarek

In the spirit of enjoying our little paradise in Ocean Resort a new column is being introduced. "How Green is Your Garden?" will encourage and highlight some of our garden projects. It can be new landscaping, a window box, a decorative outdoor piece, anything that makes us say, "Oh, isn't that pretty"! We will include a picture and name of those we highlight. Can't wait to see what next year brings!

Kurt and Linda Thomas' garden on Compass Cove

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE by Sue Ertel

On March 15th we had a combination event consisting of the Chili Bowl and the Corn Hole Tournament. The morning started out with cool temperatures and rain so the Chili Bowl was moved inside. After a week of weather in the 80s, the cooler temperatures made it a perfect time for 85 guests and helpers to enjoy a bowl of Chili, customized with toppings from mild to wild. A special thanks to the Chair of this event, Kathy Jankovic, and her helping hands for making this event a spicy success!



While waiting for the rain to stop, 32 teams showed up to play Corn Hole. A total of 28 games were played in the drizzly weather. At 3:30, just in time for the final game, the sun came out! Pam and Denny Maag won the final game against the brother/sister team of Ray and Lorrie Briggs. Thanks to Joe Goodman for his help setting up the games and for being the Judge. Nancy Provance and Wanda Kavanaugh did a terrific job of timekeeping and keeping everyone organized. And a special thanks to Lynne Dagg and David Cross for chairing this event.



Photos by Barb Goodman

Thoughts from the Activities Committee: Safe travels for everyone heading north in the next few weeks. Hopefully spring weather will have arrived by the time we arrive home. See you in the fall when our Ocean Resorts fun will start all over again! From Sue Ertel, Chairperson

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (continued)

On March 24th we held our second Wine-Pairing event. On Monday, March 13th, the day we started selling tickets, there was a traffic jam of golf carts and bicycles in front of the Post Office and at least 20 people standing in line waiting for the ticket table to be set up. Forty-six tickets were sold very quickly.



Our resident chef, Nancy Clement, and her husband, Michel, wowed the audience with a Minted Pea Puree appetizer served on a crostini with shrimp along with a Chardonnay white wine. The second course was Limoncello served with a decadent dessert - Pear and Caramel Cake with a Chantilly Cream Cheese Topping. Thank you to Nancy and Michel for a delightful afternoon enjoyed by all. Thank you to Barb Harding for chairing this event, along with her amazing helpers, and also a thank you to Kathy Jankovic for donating 2 adorable Wine Purses raffled off as door prizes.



Bingo is winding down and the last time to try your luck was April 4th. Thank you to Barb Connors and her great volunteers for being there every Tuesday. And thank you to all the people that attend and support our committee.



Photos by Sherry Crowell



The Easter Egg Hunt was held on March 8th and was attended by many children and their OR families. Thank you to Judy Smolarek for chairing this event every year. Also a big thank you to Judy for organizing and selling all of our wonderful Ocean Resorts clothing at our events.



Photos from Judy Smolarek and Kathy Jankovic



BOCCE by Mary Dombro



The bocce season ended on March 20th with almost 70 people attending a salad and pizza party in the clubhouse. Oreo ice cream bars were served as dessert. Those of us who attended last season's party were thrilled when the pizza arrived on time this year!

Congratulations were offered and gift certificates were given to the top bocce players.



Tuesday winners were Marie and Luxy LeClair and their teammates, Beth, and Ken Reeves. Christi and Jeff Chambers and their teammates, Marie, and Luxy LeClair, were the Wednesday champions. In fact, Christi, Jeff, Marie, and Luxy never lost a game all season. That's quite a feat! Beware champs! People will be knocking on your doors, asking you to be their partners next season.

It was announced that Marie LeClair will chair bocce next season since I have chosen to resign as co-chair. I have the utmost confidence in her ability to take on this position.

I was surprised, when presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a gift certificate from all the bocce players. Thank you so much for the kind words and your generosity. I've always appreciated the cooperation and assistance that you have displayed during the bocce season and am looking forward to another nine weeks of fun and camaraderie.



Photos by Barb Goodman

THANKS MARY!!!!



Photo by Kathy Jankovic

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE by Bill Howe

About 200 people attended the beautiful Easter Sunrise service at OR's beach Easter morning. It was a bit overcast but the sun did rise through it all and spread the golden hue across the beach as the service was finishing and taps were being played by Joe May on the bagpipes.

Mary Wilson gave a sermon to the crowd. There were readings from the Bible by Sam Bouchlas, a responsive reading by John Provance, and beautiful singing by John Hudspeth. Following the service on the Beach all were treated to a Continental Breakfast organized by Ray Zwart.



Photo by Bill Howe

LUAU by Donna Comolli

What a great time was had by all! Everyone turned out in their colorful Hawaiian attire...with several husband and wives in matching outfits! We had many compliments on the food with our menu being Pulled Pork, Coleslaw, Mac & Cheese and delicious desserts! And of course our refreshments consisted of Mai Tai's and beer, plus water and soda.

We had a special trio to entertain us, straight from Hawaii! As you can see, they were very scantily dressed with very colorful hair! They had a finely tuned, choreographed dance, which was very entertaining! Denny, Evert and Obie can sway their hips to the hula! A big thanks to members of the Social Committee who put this together!

And a big thank you to the committee members who made this event happen - they all worked very hard! Joan Foley, Joan Naylor, Cibby Gardner, Kathy Antonovich, Mary Dombro, Mindy Cline, Tanya McKewon, Becky Buysse, Amanda Radar, Pina Dyer and Barbara Lindke...it takes a village!

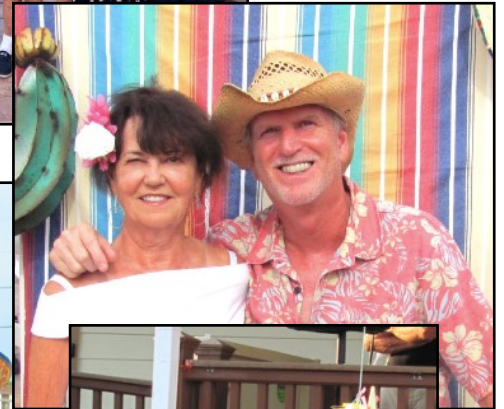


Photos from Cibby Gardiner and Barb Harding



COURTS COMMITTEE - MEXICAN FIESTA

A big thanks to Connie Hay and her group for planning the Courts Committee's Mexican Fiesta this year. A great time was had by all!!



**Best Dressed:
Dave Cross and
Kathy Smith**



**Photos from Bill Howe
and Barb Harding**



DJ's - Delton and Joni Jones

Planting trees is one of the easiest and most sustainable ways to positively affect the environment. We need trees now more than ever.



10 Reasons to plant a tree for Earth Day:

1. Trees remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, the major contributor to the threat of global warming. Planting trees offsets greenhouse gasses from your home and car.
2. Trees produce the pure oxygen we breathe, and remove air pollution by lowering air temperature through respiration and by retaining particulates.
3. They moderate the effects of sun and wind, and trap dust, pollen and other pollutants.
4. Planted in the right places around buildings, trees can significantly reduce air-conditioning costs and save money., cutting air-conditioning costs by 15 to 35%.
5. Trees reduce the amount of re-radiated and reflected heat from streets, buildings, and sidewalks. Trees slow cold winter/ hurricane winds and cut heating costs by 10-20%.
6. Trees increase property value by as much as 15%.
7. Trees make people feel good. Workers are more productive when they see trees along their commute routes and from their office windows.
8. They provide shelter and food for wildlife such as birds, squirrels and beneficial insects.
9. Trees reduce the cost of controlling stormwater. They aid soil in absorbing stormwaters into the groundwater and promote soil permeability to facilitate groundwater recharge. *This is becoming an ever-increasing problem in Ocean Resorts...plant a tree!*
10. Trees purify water and help make waterways safe for drinking, boating, fishing and wildlife.

So, in honor of Earth Day, think about placing a simple tree on your lot in accordance with our 20% green space per lot ordinance. The air, the water, the birds and your Ocean Resort Neighbors will thank you.



YOGA by Nancy Wilder - The season is winding down and the last OR yoga class was on April 11. Many thanks to Jean, our beloved instructor, and thanks to all of our attendees. I'm planning on moving my yoga practice to the YouTube channel and there are many choices: chair yoga is available and there are a number of intense workouts. No excuses - pull out that mat and stretch and breathe in the comfort of your own home. Do those toe raises and balance poses as you stand at the sink. Try those leg raises as you watch TV. Use your time to be stronger and more focused.

We'll see you all next season.

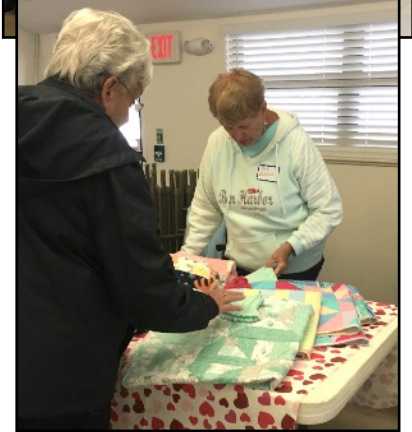
Be safe and kind my friends.

ART IN THE PARK 2023

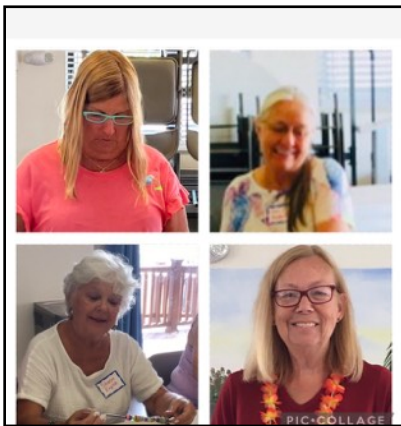
by Kathy Jankovic



The annual Art in the Park Sale was held on March 19th. Fourteen artisans and crafters displayed a myriad of books, jewelry, paintings, embroidered and sewn items. New this year was a special display of items made by the Caring Hearts group. They create and donate hand made blankets and layettes for NICU babies at Lawnwood Hospital and warm items for area homeless shelters.



Thanks to all those who joined us for our 2023 sessions. A bigger thanks to all of the session leaders who shared their creativity, expertise and time with all who participated.



Those leaders were Allison Alvandian, Gail Anderson, Sharon English, Sue Ertel, Christine Unger, Kathy Rohe, Nancy Clement, Cibby Gardiner and Kathy Jankovic (not pictured).



The 2024 schedule will begin on January 8, 2024. Our sessions are for all types of arts and crafts. This includes drawing, painting, decoupage, fiber arts (knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting); culinary, calligraphy, greeting cards, spring decorations, flower arranging, beach or shell crafts, driftwood, simple woodworking, projects to do with grandkids, and many more.

Session leaders are needed for the 2024 season. Please consider sharing your talents with others. We meet on Mondays from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the clubhouse. Funds are available to subsidize most projects. Basic supplies (scissors, glue etc.) are also available. Assistance is provided to leaders for each session. Any suggestions for sessions or to volunteer as a leader should be directed to Allison Alvandian, 1-293-887-0290.

Photos by Kathy Jankovic

OR CELEBRATES OUR NONAGENARIANS

JEAN LOCKERBY

by Bill Howe



One of the best parts of working for the newsletter is interviewing someone who is or soon will be a nonagenarian....90 years of age! Jean Lockerby is just one such treasure here in our midst. You can see Jean walking the entire park roadways most mornings just after sunrise, usually carrying a walking stick behind her back. She may even, on a good day, make a second trip around the park recalling with each step the memories of living here for the past 48 winters. Jean's four adult children take turns helping get their mom to and from Florida each winter season.

Jean met her husband, Chuck, while he worked at IBM after his military service as an Intelligence Officer during the Korean War. Jean worked for the Department of the Army out of the Pentagon for several years beginning in 1953.

Jean first came to OR in 1975 with Chuck at the recommendation of their son who wanted them to enjoy the warmth of South Florida. During their first stay at OR, Chuck insisted on staying in a tent in the 'tent area' close to the tennis courts. Jean advised him, after that most uncomfortable experience, that THAT would not happen again - no more tents! They rented a used motor home until 1979 at which time they bought their current home.

Jean and Chuck had limited tennis experience before coming to OR. She played school softball and volleyball, and she took a two week tennis lesson at a YMCA near her home to prepare her for a respectable sports history at OR where she competed in tennis, bocce and swimming. Jean confesses that she never quite got the hang of breathing while going through the strokes of swimming. Jean recalls fondly how she and Chuck worked erecting the tennis shelter that still stands today at its present location.

Asked about other fond memories of her time here at OR, she was immediate in her response...."the people". She has a sizable collection of photographs from her life here at OR and there is a high probability that she has many albums at home containing photos of family members and their visits to OR. Another precious memory is of the unity of the people in the community during the reconstruction of OR from the dual hurricanes of 2004 when she and Chuck lost the sunroom of their current home on Inlet.



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If you happen to see Jean walking the roads of OR during the morning hours, be sure to stop and give her a chance to brighten your day!

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OR CELEBRATES OUR NONAGENARIANS - DOLORIS PASCOE by Bill Howe



It is called the “Treasure Coast” because of all the hidden treasures to be found here. I found one such treasure in Doloris Pascoe right here in OR and right in plain sight. Doloris has lived in OR seasonally with her husband of 61 years, Steven, since 1969.

Invited into her home for the interview, I noticed paintings of seascapes, boat harbors, and landscapes adorning her walls. I inquired as to the artist of these paintings and she humbly said that painting is her lifelong hobby. I saw a stack of additional paintings nearly a foot tall and she stated she painted those as well. She added that her

children have already taken many for their homes and she sold 12 to her dentist, one for each of his dental office examination rooms. Remarkable artistic ability for sure.

Doloris continued supporting her family for years with her paintings and, if that was not enough, her skills in metal sculpting of home décor items she has sold through the years, often with her husband’s assistance. Her Michigan home housed a workshop complete with torches, cutting tools acetylene tanks, metal saws and sheets of bronze, copper, and various other metals. She has even been recognized in the Smithsonian Institute for her metal sculpting, a very unusual activity for a female in the 1970s. And, through her design abilities she was introduced to Lee Iacocca, CEO of the Chrysler Corporation, in the late 1970s, who hired her in a male dominated field, creating life size clay models of future automobile designs.



Doloris developed a hearing impairment as a child and public school made paying attention and learning difficult. So at age 16, she left school and enrolled in the Meinzingers Art School in Detroit in 1944. While attending art school, she worked odd jobs to help with family finances, blowing glass tubes for thermometers and painting the tiny figures of people and animals that adorned musical Cuckoo Clocks popular at the time. Meinzingers closed abruptly before she graduated, completing her formal art training.



OR CELEBRATES OUR NONAGENARIANS - DOLORIS PASCOE (continued)



Doloris and Steve married in 1961 and Steve's love of travel and adventure took them to travel and explore Florida. Stumbling upon the entrance to OR, they rented vacant lots and stayed in their motorhome until purchasing their current home on Inlet in 1981 which, since Covid, they have made their permanent home. Residing at OR fit the bill for their family with 2 children with the Olympic size pool with a 10-meter diving board, incredible boating opportunities, and hiking opportunities in the area. She even recalls eating at the Red Hawk Restaurant, the predecessor of PV Martins (destroyed by the 2004 hurricane).



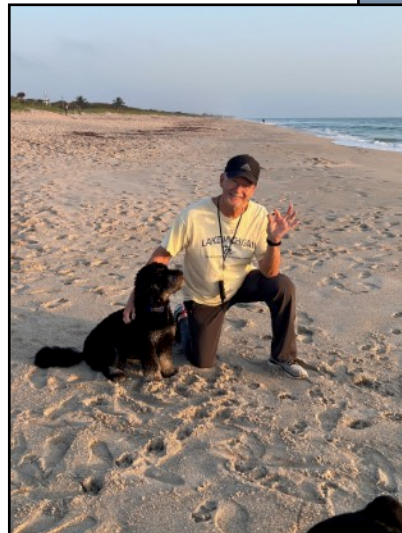
At 95 years of age, she now leaves the hiking to her husband who can be seen daily, with a walker, walking to Round Island to pick up litter and feed wildlife on the way. She calls him the most adventurous, kind, and caring man she has ever known. That, she assures me, was her first attraction to him and that is the success of their marital longevity. She is truly a treasure to find in Ocean Resorts!!



Steve P.

A BIG THANK YOU to all of the people who walk the beaches and roads in our area picking up garbage and keeping them clean for the rest of us!!

Ginger E.



Bill and Alfie H.



Dean and Peggy S.

Other known beach trash collectors of whom we couldn't get pictures:

Sue H.
Kathy S.
Connie H.
Gary and Cibby G.
Sue F.

And if there are others, forgive us for not mentioning but THANK YOU ALSO!!



Pool News- Making a Splash by Kathy Jankovic

The pool is a popular amenity with residents and guests in the Ocean Resorts community. Please do your part to keep it healthy and clean. When you have guests, please share our simple guidelines with them.

Do you ever wonder why there is a dirty, greasy gunk line on the blue tile? It's called TSD, Total Dissolved Solids. TSD is a result of sunscreen residue, dust in the air, skin cells, sweat and urine. There's no way to make this sound pretty! Using sunscreen 15-20 minutes before you get to the pool and showering each time you get back in the pool helps keep the TSD's minimized.

At the March 29, 2023 board meeting, President Jim Buysse has asked those who use the umbrellas to close them after you use them. Please do not use the umbrellas on very windy days so they don't get broken or end up flying to the beach. Umbrellas are intended for use at the pool. It would be a shame to go back to the times when you needed to bring your own umbrella to the pool if you wanted to use one.

Lap swim is scheduled daily from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Water exercise class is scheduled daily from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Lane lines located in the decorated black bins may be used any time the pool isn't crowded or during water exercise time. It is the responsibility of the lap swimmer to put them up and to store them when you are finished using them. When using the lane line, the depth line should be placed on the pool deck. It shouldn't be floating freely in the pool.

Have a great summer and keep safe in the water.



MEDITATION by Nancy Wilder

During a recent visit to the Elliot Museum in Stuart, I came across brochures advertising Sound Therapy. This will be a must experience for next season. Sound healing is an ancient technique for psychic healing. During a session you lie on a yoga mat (bring a blanket to snuggle) or sit in a chair and let the yourself bathe in the soothing sounds and vibrations. Each instrument played serves a different purpose. Crystal singing bowls, Tibetan bowls, gongs, tuning forks, drums and chimes are the most common instruments used in a session. It has been shown that this type of therapy slows down brain waves to a restorative state, which then activates the body's self-healing system. We all need ways to unwind, recharge our energy and find a blissful state.

There are also full moon healing sessions and weekly sound therapy practices on Tuesday and Sundays. I look forward to trying this powerful practice. The museum is only twenty miles away and a great place to visit.

Namaste my friends, be safe and kind.

LETS EAT OUT!
by Sharon English

The Oar



As this will be my last restaurant review, I chose **THE OAR RESTAURANT** in downtown Vero Beach. **The OAR** is new on the dining scene and is located in the beautiful old Seminole building. This fine dining restaurant has a calm, intimate atmosphere with an elegant seaside decor. There is also outdoor dining in the courtyard with a charming old fountain.

For our meals, we chose an oven roasted pork chop and a crispy sea bass served with assorted vegetables. The portions were quite big but we managed to have a dessert of churros with homemade chocolate ice cream. **The OAR** only serves beer and wine. Everything was perfect including the service. I highly recommend **THE OAR** for your next special occasion.

THE OAR RESTAURANT

1309 19th Pl, Vero Beach, FL. 32960
772-226-7155

Hours: Daily Tues. - Sat. 5-9 PM, closed on Sunday & Monday

Menu found at theoarrestaurant.com

* Parking behind the restaurant - enter from 14th Ave.



THANK YOU SHARON!!

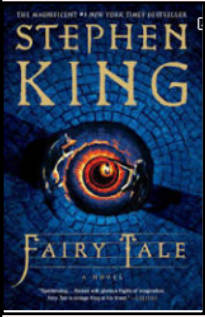
From the OR-Island Times Newsletter Staff

Tom and Sharon have been shareholders in Ocean Resorts since 2000. Their first house was on Keel Way for 4 years and they have lived the past 18 years on Montego Circle. They are both from the Pittsburgh area. Tom taught for 13 years prior to owning and operating a funeral home in Oakmont, PA. Sharon taught elementary grades K-3 in Oakmont Public Schools for 31 years.

When they lived on Keel Way, Alyce and Don Daino lived across the street from them. Alyce thought Ocean Resorts should have a newsletter and since Sharon was a retired school teacher, Alyce thought she could write articles. Sharon never liked writing stories but she had just read a restaurant review in the local newspaper which sparked the idea of how she could contribute to Alyce's idea, which is still going strong as The Island Times. If Sharon ever did write a book, it would be about Ocean Resort's fun times, the interesting people and the many stories passed down through the years.

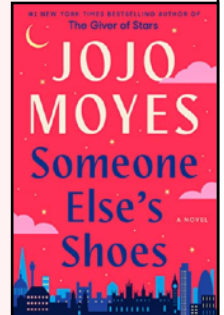
Tom and Sharon have been involved in various activities throughout OR. They started the OR Happy Hour when they moved here full time in 2015. As social butterflies, they enjoyed attending and helping out in the many events here. Tom and Sharon's future plans involve moving to Mount Pleasant, SC, to be closer to their family. They hope to do some traveling and, of course, return to Florida as snowbirds again.

THE JOY OF READING by Nancy Wilder

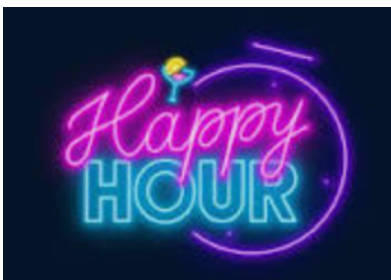


Fairy Tales, by Stephen King, is a big, get lost in kind of book. Our narrator is Charlie, a 17 year old, really good kid. It's impossible not to like Charlie. His mother died young and his father struggles with alcoholism (but gets sober). The story is about Charlie's relationship with the reclusive grouchy old neighbor and his dog. Of course, ala Stephen King, there is also a descent into a strange world. The book's plot explores the dark side of fairy tales. I can remember being scared by Red Riding Hood's adventure, Humpty Dumpty's fall and what about those poor three little pigs? But the story also has a handsome prince with many rescues and even a little romance. Its scary at times but mostly a feel good book. Give it a try.

Someone Else's Shoes by JoJo Moyes is one of her newest books. I have read and reviewed Moyes' books before. Years ago I would eagerly read everything she wrote, but I thought the books got too predictable after a while. This isn't a heavy read, but it was quite enjoyable. The character development was excellent. The book's theme was fun and identifiable. I used to have a pair of red heels that I loved. I felt "fancy" when I wore them. The book has twists and surprises all along and a good ending. Another one of those, read until it's done books. We will probably see a movie of **Someone Else's Shoes**.



N.I.C.E. Neighbors In Care of Each Other - The group of people who have organized N.I.C.E. wants us to remember to look out for our neighbors, whether you are still here at OR or you are at your northern home for the summer. If you haven't left yet but are planning to do so soon, instead of throwing the food in your refrigerator away, give it to a neighbor. If you are a walker and you see a car that hasn't been moved for awhile, check on the person who lives at that house. If you know there is an elderly person who lives nearby, even if they are active, check on them now and then. We are all in this wonderful world together and if we don't look after each other, nobody will!



From Donna Comolli and the Social Committee - We are having our last Happy Hour on April 20th to say good bye to our Snowbirds!! Look for our Happy Hours in the fall starting with Halloween! Get those costumes ready!!!

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