



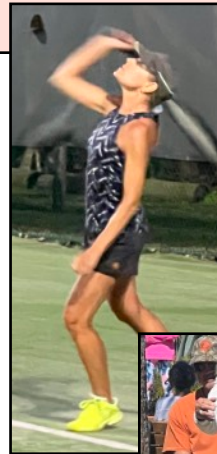
# OCEAN RESORTS ISLAND TIMES FEBRUARY 2024

Photo by Karen Wroblewski



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Parker (Tassy)

The 2024 Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, February 3 at 10:00. Results of the election of the Board of Directors were announced. Also announced was the result of the vote for the Amendment to the Amended and Restated By-Laws of Ocean Resorts Co-op, Inc which was passed with a vote of 223 'yes' votes (80 'no' votes). Thanks to the Election Committee for all of their hard work leading up to the election.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Jim Buysse

I would like to thank everyone who exercised their right to vote in the last election. Special thanks to the group of people who made the effort to get shareholders out to vote! It just shows what can be accomplished if you work as a group for the good of Ocean Resorts. Also, I would like to thank my fellow Board of Director members for electing me again as their President.

A reminder to all committees - you need to submit your chair person names to the board for approval prior to our March BOD meeting.

It's nice to see all the familiar faces and some new faces of our snowbird friends in the park. The park is crowded so please be aware of your surroundings and keep everyone safe. There are a lot of children and a bunch of us older people walking around who don't see and hear too well so be careful!

A reminder to be courteous and respectful to each other and the board. And, as always, take care of yourself and each other.

## CONGRATULATIONS to the 2024 Board of Directors:

**President** - Jim Buysse  
**Vice President** - Jim Connors  
**Secretary** - Sheila Delson  
**Treasurer** - Dan Luce  
**Director** - JB Kavanaugh  
**Director** - Gary Reyer  
**Director** - John Vollmer

## ELECTION COMMITTEE

Kathy J., Mary D., Joan F., Sue E., Bill H.,  
Donna C., Cathy M., Barb L. and Carmel J.



Bill Howe witnessed a very rare sighting of a bobcat sitting on the railing of our boardwalk.... AND he was able to get a few pictures of it before it hopped down and disappeared into the sea grapes!! A warning to people with little dogs...be careful in this area!!!



Submitted by Lee Koesema

**WELCOME  
NEW  
SHAREHOLDERS**  
(PHOTOS TAKEN OR ARRANGED AT THE  
ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING)



**Jeff and Marcy  
Schrotenboer  
Inlet Way**



**Patricia and Dan Licari  
Beachblanket Circle  
and  
Paul, Julie Klay, Anthony, William and  
Maximus  
Compass Cove Place**



**Gerry and Sally White  
Compass Cove Place**

**HAPPY 60th ANNIVERSARY !!!**

We want to wish Dick and Diane Buysse a very happy 60th wedding anniversary. Their children hosted a party for them at our clubhouse earlier in the month with seven out of eight of their children surprising them with their presence! When talking with Dick on his daily morning trip to the boardwalk, I learned that Dick and Diane have 27 grandchildren!!

Thanks to Marilyn Terlikowski for the information about the party and the photos!



## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE by Sue Ertel

How can it possibly be February already? After a very busy January, the Activities Committee hosted only one event in February, the monthly Hot Dog/Hamburger Roast held on 2/21. The lunch was well attended, as usual, as everyone enjoys this event.

In March, we are planning our second Wine Pairing on Tuesday, 3/5. Tickets will be sold for this very popular event during the last week of February and usually sells out on the first day. The March Hot/Dog Hamburger Roast will be held on Wednesday, 3/6. Our very popular Poker Run will be held on Thursday, 3/14; tickets will be sold during the first week of March. Our last event of the season will be the annual Easter Egg Hunt, held on Saturday, 3/30. Watch for upcoming information regarding these events on the post office bulletin board.



Bingo continues to be very popular on Tuesday nights and will continue throughout the month of March. Show up, have some fun and maybe win a game or two, along with the Pickle Jar!

Thank you to all our volunteers! These great events could not happen without your help. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2/27 at 1:30 in the Clubhouse. Hope to see you there. New members are always welcome.

## BOCCE by Marie LeClair

Bocce Ball has taken off this season like no other. We have 22 Teams and a list of anxious substitute players. We welcome all the players and it is turning into a very interesting season.

Just a reminder, if anyone wants to go to the courts to practice, we do have a toy box near the courts with ball sets. The only thing missing is the measuring tape and if needed please call Marie at 772-332-9280.

Our season runs for nine weeks. We all look forward to the pizza party at the end of the season where all are invited, including spouses, to be held in March. We give awards to the best teams for Tuesday and Thursday games. It is always a fun get together.



## HE IS RISEN!

Come join us as we celebrate the risen Christ at the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Easter Sunrise Service on the Beach on Sunday, March 31st at 6:45 a.m. Please bring your own chair or blanket to sit on.

A continental breakfast will be served immediately following the service in the OR Pavilion.

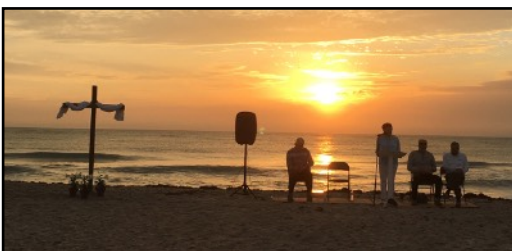


Photo by Kathy Jankovic (2023)

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE by Donna Comolli

**Western Dance** - We all had a great time at the Western Dance! Our menu included hot dogs, baked beans, coleslaw, sauerkraut and dessert. Everyone looked wonderful in their cowboy hats, shirts and boots. The sheriff was even there to keep an eye on us. We danced to the music of Whisky Six, who kept us on our feet!



Photos by Nancy Wilder  
and Linda Bergendahl



**LUAU** - March 23rd is our last party of the season so get out your colorful Hawaiian shirts and dresses! Our menu includes pulled pork, rolls, mac & cheese, coleslaw and dessert. We also serve Mai Tai's and draft beer!! This is always a great time as we say good-bye to some of our snowbirds!!



## OR GOLF TOURNAMENT by Becky Buysse

The 5th annual Ocean Resorts two person, best ball tournament was held Tuesday, February 13. There were 18 men's teams and 6 women's teams. Men's winners were Ken Clasby and Paul Post, and the women had a tie for 1st place between Linda Thomas and Lynn Dagg, and Vicki Mann and Christi Chambers. The best outfits were Jim Buysse and Paul Antonovich! Great success again.



# The DOGS of OR (and their people!!)

Editor's note: If you didn't get your picture in with your dog and would like it in the next issue, please contact me at [bgoodman7@me.com](mailto:bgoodman7@me.com)



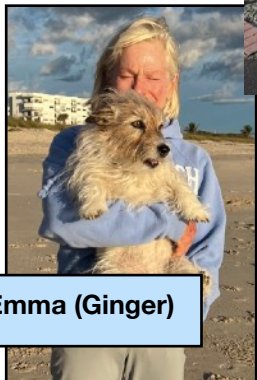
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(Ariana)**



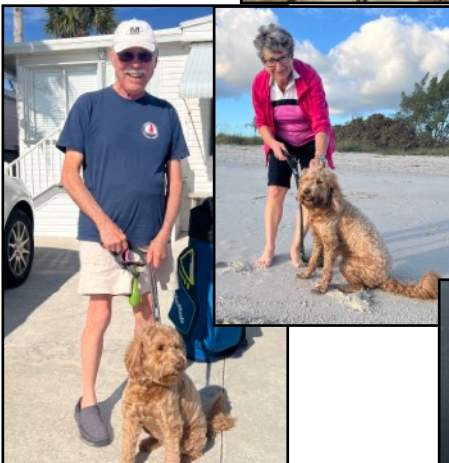
**Alfie (Bill)**



**Molly (Carl)**



**Emma (Ginger)**



**Daisy (David and Lynn)**



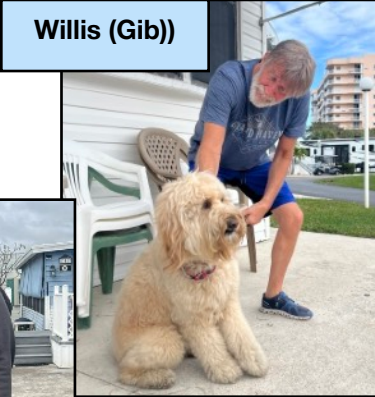
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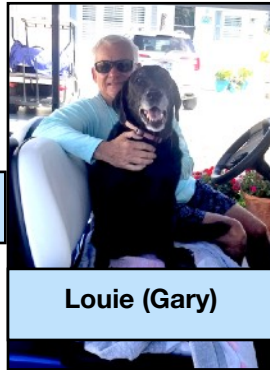
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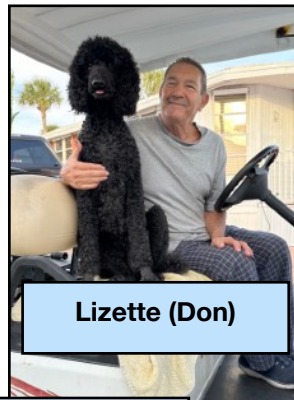
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**Willis (Gib)**



**Louie (Gary)**

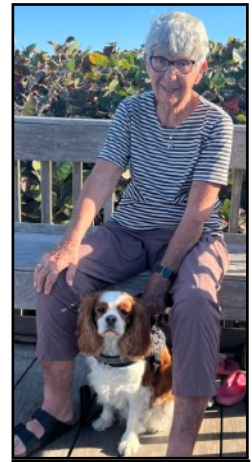


**Lizette (Don)**

**Teddy (Gracie  
With Anita's  
Dog))**



**Whiskey (Dan)**



**Lucy (Barb)**



**Gabby (Dick)**



**Buckeye (Tom)**

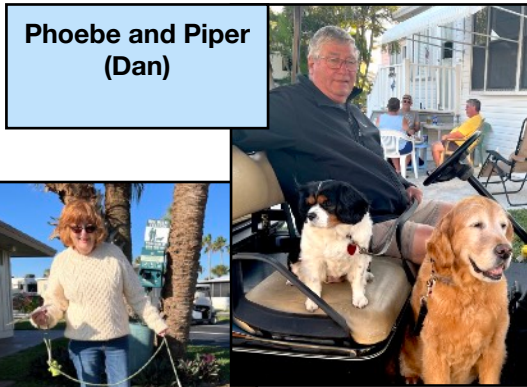


**Sophie Mae  
(John & Faith)**

**A note from the office:  
If you haven't provided  
proof of rabies to the  
office, please do so.**



**River (Joan)**



**Timmy (Joan)**



**Kenzie (Judy)**



**Tater & Tot (Jack & Pat)**



**Scout (John)**



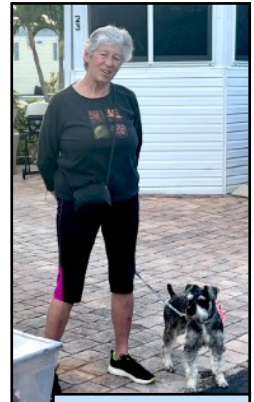
**Taco (Terry)**



**Isabella (Liz)**



**Gizmo (Karl)**



**Sergeant (Julie)**



**Newton (Lois)**



**Radler (Sandra)**



**Holly (Linda)**



**Shadow (Karen)**



**Charlie (Penny)**



**Kippy & Lucky (Keith & Maggie)**



**Bailey (Steve)**



**Elliott (Michele)**

# COURTS COMMITTEE



**Pancake Breakfast** - The Courts Committee put on a great Valentine's Day Pancake Breakfast, and many spouses were treated to a tasty breakfast with orange juice, coffee and sausage! Both the Pickleball and Tennis players were great chefs. Thank you for all who attended!



Photos by Barb Goodmen



**PICKLEBALL** - The mixed doubles tournament held in early February was a smashing success with Ken C. and Tassy D. winning the trophy this year. Karen H. and Cindy C. came in second place,



Wanda K. presented the PB trophy to the winners.



Photos by Bill Howe

**The Red and Blue Tennis Tournament** was a lot of fun with the Blue team winning and buying lunch for the Red team this year.





## MAH-JONGG by Elizabeth Flaherty



Mah-jongg - The purpose of mah-jongg is to complete one of the patterns shown on your mah-jongg card with the tiles that you have been dealt. There are three major suits which we call tiles; cracks, bams, and dots. Then there are winds, flowers, dragons, and jokers. You take all of this combined together and pass them around, having a lot of fun, and at the end, hopefully, you've made one of the patterns on your card.

Your first mah-jongg is a big deal and you're having so much fun you just never want to stop! If anyone would like to join, come up to the club house Monday afternoon and/or evening, Wednesday afternoon or Thursday evening. Watch first if you'd like. There are plenty of us that would love to teach you and I'm sure you'll never want to stop playing!

You can call Elizabeth Flaherty to get started. We would love you to see you join!

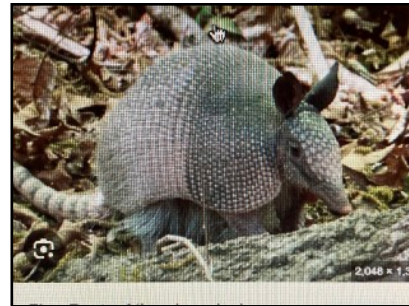


## NATURE AT OR - LINDA SMOLAREK

### ARMADILLOS

We've seen them darting off into the brush or alongside the road. Here in Florida we have nine-banded Armadillos but there are over 20 species of armadillos world-wide. They are a medium-sized, armored mammal that is mostly nocturnal and generally found in the southeastern United States, but their range has been expanding northward the last 100 years, even as far north as Illinois. They prefer warm, wet climates, and forested or grassland habitats. They can live from 7-20 years in the wild. The term "armadillo" means "little armored one" in Spanish and refers to the bony, armor-like plates covering their body.

Nine-banded armadillos can not roll up completely like a few of their cousins can. They are roughly 2.5 feet long and weigh about 12 pounds. Nine-banded armadillos nearly always have litters of four babies, identical quadruplets. The babies look very much like adults, but are smaller and softer than their armored parents. When startled or scared, armadillos can jump four to five feet high. Usually this surprises any creature trying to



have it for lunch. Unfortunately, this doesn't work so well when startled by a moving car, which is why they are common road kill.

These guys are insectivores. They mostly eat bugs beetles, grubs, worms, spiders and termites. Once in a while they do eat fungus, fruits and seeds, as well as some carrion. But they love bugs the most. These little armored mammals are actually good swimmers when they need to be. They can also hold their breath for up to six minutes and are really skilled at walking underwater to cross streams. Armadillos have long been a source of food for humans. Nicknamed "poor man's pork" and "Hoover hog" by people who blamed President Hoover for the Great Depression. But all and all, they are kind of cute in a prehistoric way and add to the diversity of our Florida life.



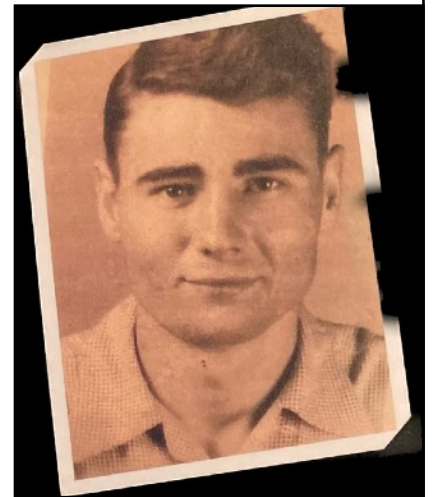
## Ocean Resorts Celebrates Nonagenarian James Howard Carlson By Lee Koesema

"Jim" was born on October 8th, 1933, in Noble, PA, changed to Elbon, (Noble backwards), when they realized they already had a town named Noble. Jim had four brothers and one sister, 3 of whom were delivered at home by grandma. When Jim was just 11 years old, he and his cousins worked at the Coal Mill gathering up coal for the family's stove. Jim's dad worked the coal mill too. The saying then was, "I owe my soul to the company store," (*tough times indeed*).

Jim received an unexpected Christmas card in December, 1952, a "draft notice". However, with Jim still in High School and dad on the school board, he was deferred until graduation. Jim graduated from High School in May of 1953, in Brockport, PA. He was quite good in basketball, and was considered for a scholarship with Penn State, but the Army had their own scholarship in mind for Jim.

In July of 1953, he went to Buffalo to work at the Ford Plant. During his first year at Ford he was called back into the service and in August of 1954 he entered the Army with the 101st Airborne 88th Division, training in S.C. His dad said that anyone could jump out of an airplane, but that was Jim's dream. Life being life, one morning twenty volunteers were asked to go to Korea. Jim volunteered immediately and was trained in communications as a lineman. When he told his dad he wasn't jumping out of airplanes, his dad, very relieved, asked what he would be doing, and Jim replied that he was going to be a lineman in Korea. "WHAT??!", replied his dad.....in quite the remarkable vocal range. Jim's younger brother was already over there and two more would follow.

The cold war was just starting, so Jim's orders changed again, and Jim was ordered to go to Europe (Salzburg, Austria), named for the salt mines, right across the river from the Russians. An amazing coincidence would ensue in that Ed McKee and Bob Flieth, (OR Shareholders to-be) were at that same camp, Camp Roeder, in Salzburg, Austria. Jim would ultimately become next door neighbors



with Olive and Ed McKee, and played cards with Irene and Bob Flieth. Olive worked for a General in Austria, and ended up meeting her husband Ed there. From Austria, Jim was sent to Germany. Jim followed the infantry stringing wire, about ten miles a day, mostly by foot. One time in 27 degrees below zero, and after laying wire 3 days and 3 nights, Jim developed frostbite. *\*An intriguing piece of trivia, Jim has a nephew, Scot, a Lieutenant Colonel, who was in charge of buying the suit Saddam Hussein would wear for his execution in Iraq.*



When Jim was discharged from the Army, he returned to the Ford Plant where Ford allowed him to include the two years spent in the military to his vesting time for retirement. Jim worked for Ford Motor Company from July of 1953 until January, 1993. He met his wife, Norma, in May of 1959 when she was 16 years old. They were married in August of '59; she was 17 and Jim was 26. After losing their first three babies, they were finally blessed with two girls, Lisa and Lesley, who gave them four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Jim worked with a man named Bob McQuinn who talked about his wonderful Florida get-a-way, called Ocean Resorts. Jim was coming close to retirement, and Bob told him if he ever made it to Florida, to look him up. Jim and Norma took some time off and came to Florida, renting at OR for three years. Each year they would stay longer and longer. When Jim retired in 1993, they purchased their home at 5341 Compass Cove Place, where Jim still lives today. *(Olive McKee gave Jim her husband Ed's shovel from the Battle of Normandy, for being such a wonderful friend and neighbor.)*

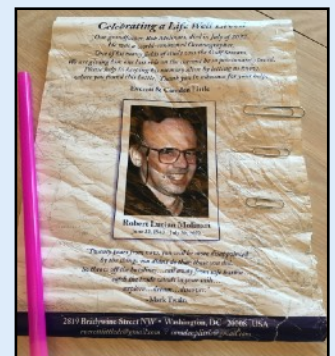
Being a life long mountain man, Jim was not as excited about Florida as Norma was but eventually came to love spending the winters here. Over their many years, the couple enjoyed playing cards, particularly pinochle. They enjoyed the beach, pool, fishing, and making long-lasting friends. They had a boat for several years and Jim was fishing every chance he got. He was an active member of the Marina Committee helping with their events. His lovely wife Norma passed away ten years ago this April after being married almost 55 years. Jim still has a place in the beautiful Adirondack Mountains, in NY, and he still enjoys the summers there. After Jim lost his chihuahua and best friend, Chi Chi, he rescued a chihuahua named "Emmit". Already having a great-grandson named Emmit, he refers to them as, "Emmit #1 and "Emmit #2".

We thank you Jim for your service and for making OR your winter paradise. You sure make 90 look good!



**MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE by Kathy Jankovic** - As I walk the beach I take a bag to collect beach treasures and trash. On Friday, February 2, 2024, I was headed north on the beach. About 40 feet from the water line, near the dunes area, I saw a glistening in the sunshine. I went to pick up what I thought was beach trash and found an intact Retel One vodka bottle with a message inside.

I was curious to know when and where the bottle started it's journey. When I opened the bottle the message said the bottle was placed in the water by the grandchildren of an oceanographer named Robert Lucian Molinari. It was intended to be a memorial. I googled the name and discovered an obituary that told Molinari was an respected expert that studied the Gulf Stream and ocean ecosystems. His research was based on Florida's west coast. Contact information included email addresses and a postal address in Washington DC. I'm awaiting a response to my email message.



Perhaps this is a reminder from above that everyone can help take care of the environment as they enjoy the beauty of the beach. First, avoid polluting the beach. Take a bag with you to pick up trash, especially the plastics that can harm marine life. Everyone can do small things to improve our world. Perhaps this is the message that Molinari meant to send to us.



**Andy's Snook**

**Luxy's Pompano and Andy's Trout**



**Al, David, Dan and Brian on a couple of successful deep sea fishing trips!!**



**Gerry White's Black Tip Shark**

**Bill Smith's Cobia**



**See you on the water!!  
Andy Stanish, Dockmaster**

### HOW GREEN IS YOUR GARDEN??



**Terry and Julie Hughes' Koi Pond in their left side, front yard. Notice the alligator with the Santa hat peeking out from the rocks!!**

Photo by Bill Howe



**Elizabeth A beautiful lady with her beautiful flowers!!**



**Sheila Delson's backyard garden is a labor of love!!**



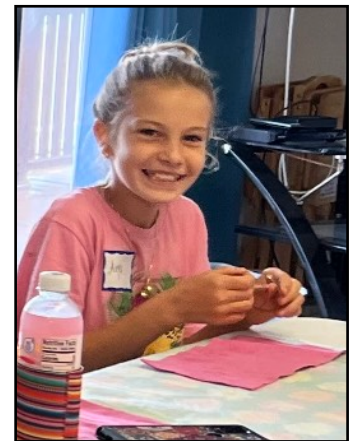
## ART IN THE PARK by Kathy Jankovic

**Pearled Oyster Ornament** - While shopping, Kim Weich discovered an elegant oyster shell ornament at a Vero Beach boutique and instructed participants on the techniques to fashion those found in the expensive stores. Participants layered several coats of various paints, and added a charm and a pearl to complete the pricey boutique look-a-like on 1/22/24.



**Flower Arrangements** - An easy way to make a flower arrangement that needs no watering and is inexpensive is to use book pages, magazines and cupcake liners. On 1/29/24, crafters learned how to make several types of flowers and a decorative container. This session was lead by Kathy Jankovic.

**Bracelets** - Donna Commoli lead a memory, beaded bracelet session on 2/5/24. Everyone created a special bracelet with materials provided. It was better than shopping at an expensive beachside boutique and a great activity for all ages.



**Pebble Art** was hosted by Kathy Bechtell. Participants were able to choose materials from options provided or their own collected beach treasures. We even had some new faces!!

**Cork Decoration** - Christine Unger lead the 2/19/24 pineapple cork decoration session. Almost 100 corks were carefully hot glued to a cardboard base. Crafter's then choose colors to coordinate with a tropical theme.



## SENIOR HUMOR Submitted by Lee Koesema



## LET'S EAT OUT!!

by Karen Wroblewski

I would like to talk about a place formerly called Captain Butchers. Last year they changed their name to the **Sebastian Saltwater Marina – Restaurant – Lodge**. We have enjoyed this lovely spot on the inter-coastal waterway for many years. They have plenty of room to dine inside, but they also have a lovely deck on which to dine if the weather is cooperative.



The menu has a wide range of seafood appetizers and entrees. We have enjoyed the huge portion of peel and eat shrimp many times. Another favorite, and one that will blow your socks off, is the Seafood Combo on the Raw Bar Menu at a cost of \$41.00. It was at least a 18-20 inches diameter bowl filled with oysters, peel and eat shrimp, tuna poke, fish dip and crackers or pita chips, You also get shrimp ceviche and it's served with cocktail sauce. To say the least, it was divine. I only got an additional bowl of lobster bisque but I did not need it as I was so full from this entree.

They also serve a Grouper Basket at \$18.00. It is hand battered, fried, and served with key lime tarter sauce, fries and coleslaw. Another favorite is the Seafood Platter at \$33.00. It contains mahi (grilled, blackened or jerked), seared jumbo shrimp, and scallops, with citrus beurre blanc, coconut rice and a fresh vegetable. Roger and I always share this and we both have plenty to eat.

And if you have room, they offer delicious key lime pie!

Do not miss the ambiance of eating out back on the deck near the boat. One night as we were dining we watched the moon rise. WOW!!! Not to mention that on the way there we saw a rocket launch. What a night that was. And by the way, it is just about two blocks past Squid Lips.

**Sebastian Saltwater 1732 Indian River Drive Sebastian, FL  
772-918-4229**



## 2024 Art in the Park Annual Arts and Craft Show

We invite everyone to attend our annual Art in the Park Show and Sale on Sunday, March 10 from 12:00-2:00 p.m at the clubhouse and pavilion area. This is an opportunity for you to find unique handcrafted items for yourself or special gifts for family and friends. Come and see what our talented artisans have created.

Prizes for the raffle will include an Ocean Resorts apron, quilted Nantucket bag, set of pearlized oyster ornaments, pebble art creation, towel holders and many more items. Money raised from the raffle keep costs low or at no charge for our weekly sessions. Information for those wishing to secure a table has been is located on the bulletin board inside the post office.

We are always looking for leaders and new ideas for the weekly sessions. Contact Allison Alvandian at 203-887-0290 with suggestions or to lead a session for the 2025 season.





## THE JOY OF READING By Nancy Wilder

I love words. I read, write, do crossword puzzles, play scrabble, and talk a lot, all those wordy pursuits. Recently in the post office I heard someone describe herself as a flibberty-jibbit. I had never heard that word but it was a common word in her family. Here are some examples of words from former times.

Gallivant, britches, codger, rigmarole, hoodwink, ragamuffin, fiddlefaddle, humbug, skullduggery, jalopy kibosh, bejeebers, hullabaloo, bamboozled, flabbergasted,

brouhaha, discombobulated, lollygag, malarkey, cattywampus, nincompoop, skedaddle, shenanigans, flummoxed, berserk, thingamajig, whatsit, kerfuffle, poppycock, bogus, balderdash, fuddy-duddy lambasted, flimflam, whatchamacallit, concoction, doohickey, gobsmacked (my favorite), thingamebob, camaraderie, knucklehead, wishy-washy, fiddlesticks, caterwauling, rigmarole, tomfoolery, bodacious, fiddle-dee-dee, willy-nilly, decrepit, persnickety, egads, audacity, baloney, kerfuffle, numb-skull.

I have used at least half of these words, some frequently, what about you? Can you make a sentence with each of these words? How about...I gallivant around in my britches with a persnickety codger, looking for the thingamajig in my jalopy.

**MEDITATION by Nancy Wilder** - I have read this before but its worth repeating: I asked a friend of mine who has crossed 70 and is heading towards 80 what sort of changes he is feeling in himself? He sent me the following....

After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children and my friends, I have now started to love myself.

I realized that I am not Atlas. The world does not rest on my shoulders.

I leave my waitress a big tip. The extra money may bring a smile to her face. She is toiling much harder for a living then I am.

I stopped telling the elderly that they have already narrated that story many times. The story makes them walk down memory lane and relive their past.

I have learned not to correct people even when I know they are wrong. The onus of making everyone perfect is not on me. Peace is more precious then perfection.

I give compliments freely and generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer. Not only for the recipient but also for me. And a small tip

for the recipient of a compliment: never, never turn it down - just say thank you.

I walk away from people that don't value me. They might not know my worth but I do.

I am learning not to be embarrassed by my emotions. Its my emotions that make me human.

I have learned it is better to drop the ego then to break a relationship. My ego will keep me aloof, whereas with relationships I will never be alone.

I have learned to live each day as if its the last. After all it may be the last.

I am doing what makes me happy. I am responsible for my happiness and I owe it to my self. **Happiness is a choice. You can be happy at any time, just choose to be.**

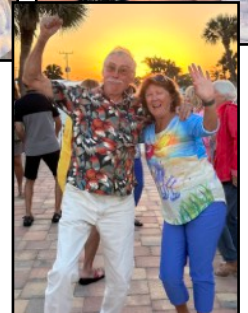
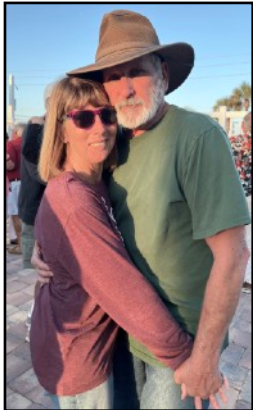
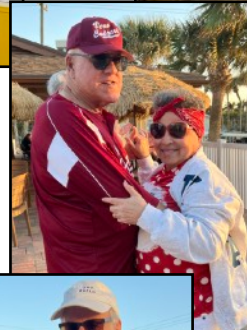
Why do we have to wait to be 60 or 70 or 80? Why can't we practice this at any stage or age?



**Chicken BBQ!!** - Thanks to all of the helpers who sold tickets, cooked, set-up, served and cleaned up. Over 200 meals were served!! And a BIG thanks to Lisa Karasack, chair of the beautification committee who sponsored the event!



**Dancing to the Sophisticats!**



**SHOPPING LOCAL  
by Kathy Jankovic**

If you're looking for a source for fresh produce you might want to try **FRIENDS PRODUCE** on US1 in Ft. Pierce. This



small, friendly family-run business has a quality variety of fruits and vegetables at affordable prices. The low, white building is located on the east side of the street. A colorful street side banner marks the location. You can see the Sunrise Theater from the parking area. It's better to park on the side of the building rather than in front. That makes it much easier to get back onto busy US1.

Patronizing small family run businesses is a win-win opportunity for everyone. It's close to Ocean Resorts, has healthy food options and saves money. Give it a try.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- March 2-3: Pickle Ball Tournament
- March 5: Wine Pairing Event
- March 6: Hamburger/Hot Dog Roast
- March 9-10: Tennis Tournament
- March 10: Art Show and Sale
- March 14: Poker Run
- March 17: St. Pat's Parade and Pot Luck
- March 19: Fishing Tournament Awards
- March 23: LUAU
- March 30: Easter Egg Hunt
- March 31: Sunrise Service on the Beach

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