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President's Letter

Happy New Year to All!

I wish for you good health and happiness.

It's hard to believe it is 2020! Sandalwood, like every community has had challenges since 1996. It took a leap of courage and a great amount of time to acquire the property. From the beginning they were up to the challenge and every year with pride and determination we have grown to what most say is one of the best communities around.

That same determination has come through every year with every new Board of Directors. So much has been accomplished to make Sandalwood what many call a very desirable place to live. Most people tell me they have heard about Sandalwood being "the nicest park around", and I assure them it is. When I walk people through our clubhouse and show what we have to offer they certainly are always impressed.

Thank to anyone who has contributed in one way or another to help with projects or events. There are so many who do behind the scenes work. Even a little means a lot.

The personal qualities of a Board member are critical to a Boards successful operation. Integrity, competence,

insight, dedication and effectiveness are vital. This Board has given this and more.

Thank you to Barb Moore, Dave Alvis, Janet Wnek, Larry Reed, Sandra Marsocci and Tony Koss. They have contributed so much time over the past couple of years. A lot has been accomplished outside of attending Board meetings.

Sandalwood continues to be a great success story. Next year marks our 25th Anniversary. On February 12th, 2021 we will have a celebration. Please mark your calendar as you will not want to miss this event.

Lastly, as we go forward, I reach out to all. Let us bond a friendship that extends to everyone. We are all different. Yet everyone wants the same thing. Good health, happiness and love.

Your President
Regina Fortin

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The Sandalwood Board of Directors has the responsibility of administrating the wishes of the Shareholders.

Contact any board member with your concerns or suggestions. They will act in the best interest of the park.

Written comments may be sent to the office.
sandalwoodoffice@gmail.com



SANDALWOOD ACTIVITIES

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The SAC Board of Directors has the responsibility to plan, coordinate and implement our many activities and events.

Contact any board member with your suggestions, we will gladly look into it.

AMENITIES AT SANDALWOOD PARK

Office The office is open for business 9 am – noon

Board Meetings are held each month from November through April. SAC meets every second Tuesday, SPH meets every second Wednesday.

Shareholders Annual Meeting is always the third Thursday of January at 2pm

Maintenance Fees are due the 1st of January, April, July and October. It is encouraged to use automatic pay. (Please see the office for a form). If you are not on automatic pay, you should have a coupon book for your payments. If you have misplaced your coupon book, please mail payments to:

Sandalwood Park HOA P.O. Box 4008. Sarasota, Fl. 34230-4008
Checks should be made out to. Sandalwood Park HOA

Newsletters are distributed the first week of each month. Volunteers distribute from January through April. May through December the newsletters can be picked up at the clubhouse. The newsletter is also on our website.

Directories One directory per household is available in the office.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS ARE LISTED IN THE DIRECTORY AND NEWSLETTER

Trash and Recycling are on Thursdays.....Fridays if there is a holiday during that week

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Clubhouse is open to all shareholders. Should the office be closed, use your key. Unless open for an event, please do not access the clubhouse between the hours of 10pm and 6am. Your key to access the clubhouse also gives you access to the back gate on Pinebrook Road.

Laundry There are two washers and two dryers available at a cost of \$1.75 per machine and may be used by renters/visitors. We also have clotheslines should you prefer air drying.

Bocce & Shuffleboard equipment is located in the small shed near the shuffleboard courts. Keys to the shed are located in the exercise room and are hanging above the light switch.

Website Sandalwoodpark.com

Mowing Lawns are mowed every other week during the winter months. Every week as the weather warms and the grass grows faster.

Plantings All new plantings must be submitted for approval.

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All articles and information for the Newsletter are to be submitted only through the Sandalwood editor. Anything sent directly to OnTrac Publishing will not be printed.

All articles must be in Microsoft Word and submitted on or before the 13th of the month.

Please send your information to:

Gail Pellitteri
gbpell@yahoo.com
941/882-4065

WEDNESDAY IS GAME NIGHT

Do you like to play cards?



Come to the clubhouse on Wednesday evening and join the fun! Everyone is welcome, the more the merrier!

BINGO!

Tuesday & Friday 6:30PM

So fun...try your luck.

Come one,

come all.....



*Leave all your troubles at home, join your
Neighbors at the clubhouse and
have a good time!!!*

SANDALWOOD WEBSITE



Did you know that
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Premium hearing aids can adjust to his preferences based on the sound quality of the room. These hearing aids detect whether the room is open with a lot of background sounds or closed-in with softer sounds. When Chuck walks from his bedroom, through the hallway and into his great room, his hearing aids adjusted three times without him having to touch a button.

Over the holidays Chuck had some friends down to visit. Chuck noticed that John wasn't hearing well in the great room with everyone in it. They got talking about hearing aids and John was wearing the same brand as Chuck.

Chuck called me and talked to me about John's struggle. I had room in my calendar, so they came in, and I read out the program on John's hearing aids. Not only did they have the same brand, they had the same model. When I read out the program, I noticed that John's settings were not taking advantage of all the bells and whistles available for these premium hearing aids.

Since John was visiting for two weeks, we had time to adjust his program and John could go out and try the new settings while eating out or visiting with a group of friends.

Now both Chuck and John can take advantage of all the bells and whistles available in their hearing aids.

In this fast-evolving digital age, there are amazing features in these tiny hearing aids. If you wonder if you are using all the bells and whistles available, call me to review your program settings.

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Looking For Volunteers And New Members For The Activities Board

SAC is looking for permanent volunteers to help on a rotating basis. Things like setting the tables for our dinners, decorating the room, manning the box office, helping with a 50/50, etc. Most of these things are falling on the same people so some fresh/new blood would be appreciated. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board-we hope to see your name on it.

That being said, we are also in need of new members to join our board. We meet twice a month in season to plan the many events that are enjoyed by our residents. There are lots of new faces joining the Sandalwood family, getting involved with your park is a great way to make new friends. New friends and sharing in the planning of fun things to do- hey, it's a win-win. Of course, our seasoned residents are welcomed on the board too, your input and suggestions on where/how to improve things are invaluable.

If you are interested in learning more, please call Carmen Wallin at 941/483-4527.



De-Decorating For Christmas

It seems like just last week our many volunteers were helping to decorate the clubhouse. I think we can all agree, it looked terrific. Thanks so much to all who came and pitched in. But as you know, what goes up must come down. Our "un-deck the halls" get together will be on Friday, Jan 3rd at 9:30. Coffee and donuts will be served, as usual. Hope to see you there.



TICKET SALES

The SAC "box office" is now open in the Activity Room of the clubhouse. During the two weeks prior to a ticketed event, tickets will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00-12:00. For your convenience, box office schedules will always be posted in the newsletter. Please remember that checks are the preferred payment.



LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES

Our first Movie Night of the Snowbird Season will be Sunday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. The movie will be Finding Forrester (PG-13) starring Sean Connery and

Rob Brown. Info on the film is on the clubhouse hallway bulletin board. Although sign-ups are not required, a sign-up sheet will be posted in January in order to have a ballpark number attending. Free water and popcorn will be offered to movie goers.

CHECK, PLEASE

Since having our dinner parties catered, it has become apparent that we need a better way to keep track of ticket sales. Payment for events **MUST** be made by check payable to SAC. If you do not have a checking account, we will certainly accommodate you but all others must have check in hand. This is also proof of payment should you misplace your tickets(s). Thank you all for your cooperation in this matter.

SINGLES WANTED

Please remember to bring small bills for the 50/50, trivia, and any event that requires singles or fives. It is very hard to make change for a \$20.



Pot Luck & Name That Tune

Tune up your ears for the January potluck on January 25 at 5:30/6:00. This will be a regular potluck, so you will need to bring a covered dish and whatever you want to drink. No entree will be provided; the sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board by January 4. We'll be doing another Name That Tune, and I'll be sure to play enough notes so that you'll be able to name most or all of them. Hope to see you there.

Menopause, The Musical

We have a number of seats reserved at the Venice Theater for the musical "Menopause" on Sunday, January 26th at 2:00. "Menopause" is hilarious, and as you can tell from the title, most people in our park can relate to the subject matter. We need to have at least 20 people in order to get the reduced price of \$32.00 rather than the regular price on \$37.00. The final number of tickets must be given by Friday, January 3. The money doesn't need to be paid by that date, but the commitment must be made. If you want to be seated with certain people, please group your names together so I can honor your request when I receive the tickets. I'll let you know at that time what the cost will be. Make your checks payable to SAC.

Resident Arts And Crafts Exhibit

On Thursday, January 16, 2020, SAC will be sponsoring an Arts and Crafts Exhibit in the Clubhouse Activity Room. Come witness the many talents of Sandalwood's residents as they showcase their creativity. This exhibit will be open prior to and following the park's Annual Meeting. If you have a talent you would like to share, please contact Susan Smith (susansmith6699@gmail.com) in order that we can arrange the room accordingly. Space per exhibit will be determined by the number of participants.

Although this is being promoted as an exhibit, participants will have the option to sell.

POTENTIAL EXHIBITORS: I know you are out there. There is little time left, please contact me ASAP as I want to get spaces allotted.



First Dance of the Decade

Our January dance will be held on the 11th, 7:00-9:30. We are lucky to have gotten The Booty Shakers Hot Mix for the evening. If you've seen them at The Moose (or elsewhere), you know they rock and get everyone on the dance floor. Admission is \$5.00 at the door. Please remember to bring small bills for the 50/50.



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SAC CALENDAR FOR 2019

JANUARY

02nd Box Office - Showcase – 10:00-12:00
 03rd Take Down Decorations – 9:30
 04th Sign-up For Potluck
 07th SAC Agenda – 10:00
 07th Box Office - Showcase – 10:00-12:00
 08th SPH Agenda – 9:00
 09th Box Office - Showcase – 10:00-12:00
 11th Dance – 7:00
 12th Movie – 7:00
 13th Box Office - Showcase – 10:00-12:00
 13th Trivia – 6:30
 14th SAC Board – 10:00
 14th Box Office - Showcase – 10:00-12:00
 15th SPH Board – 10:00
 16th Annual Shareholders Meeting – 10:00
 16th Craft Show – Before and After Meeting
 16th Box Office - Showcase – After Meeting
 18th Pancake Breakfast – 8:00-9:30
 19th Showcase – Crystal & Ryan - 7:00
 21st Box Office - Valentine's Party – 10:00-12:00
 23rd Box Office - Valentine's Party- 10:00-12:00
 25th Pot Luck – 5:30/6:00
 26th Gospel Sing – 6:00
 26th Venice Theater – Menopause, the Musical - 2:00
 27th Trivia – 6:30
 28th Box Office - Valentine's Party– 10:00-12:00
 30th Box Office - Valentine's Party– 10:00-12:00

FEBRUARY

01st Michigan/Ohio Party - TBA
 04th SAC Agenda – 10:00
 05th SPH Agenda – 9:00
 08th Valentine's Day Dinner Dance
 08th Sign-up for Pot Luck
 09th Showcase – Michael D'Amore - 7:00
 10th Trivia – 6:30
 11th SAC Board – 10:00
 12th SPH Board – 10:00
 15th Pancake Breakfast – 8:00-9:30
 16th Movie – 7:00
 22nd Resident Pre-Sale - 4:00-5:30
 22nd Parkwide Yard Sale - 8:00-1:00
 23rd Gospel Sing – 6:00
 24th Trivia – 6:30
 25th Box Office - St. Pat's Party – 10:00-12:00
 27th Box Office - St. Pat's Party– 10:00-12:00
 29th Pot Luck – 5:30/6:00

MARCH

03rd SAC Agenda – 10:00
 03rd Box Office - St. Pat's Party – 10:00-12:00
 04th SPH Agenda – 9:00
 05th Box Office - St. Pat's Party – 10:00-12:00
 07th New England Party – TBA
 09th Trivia – 6:30
 10th SAC Board – 10:00
 11th SPH Board – 10:00
 14th St Patrick's Dinner Dance – 5:30/6:00
 15th Venice Theater – Guys & Dolls – 2:00
 15th Movie – 7:00
 19th Bocce/Shuffleboard Party TBA
 21st Pancake Breakfast – 8:00-9:30
 22nd Showcase – Mary Ellen Hooper – 7:00
 23rd Trivia – 6:30
 24th Box Office - Easter Dinner – 10:00-12:00
 26th Box Office - Easter Dinner – 10:00-12:00
 28th Picnic – TBA
 31st Box Office - Easter Dinner – 10:00-12:00

APRIL

01st SPH Agenda – 9:00
 02nd Box Office - Easter Dinner – 10:00-12:00
 05th Snow Bird Farewell – 3:00
 07th SAC Agenda – 10:00
 08th SPH Board – 10:00
 09th Box Office - Easter Dinner – 10:00-12:00
 12th Easter Dinner – TBA
 13th Trivia – 6:30
 14th SAC Board – 10:00
 19th Movie – 7:00
 27th Trivia – 6:30



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PARK SALE

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Please remember that there will be no carport sales this year. We are no longer accepting clothing, Holiday décor, TVs and microwaves.



Showcase Season Tickets

Our season showcase tickets will continue to be on sale. Remember, this is the year for the favorites you picked last spring. Tickets will be available in the activity room from 10:00 to 12:00 every Tuesday and Thursday through January 14 (Jan. 2, 7, 9, and 14).

Seating will be theater style in rows as well as round tables for people who prefer a more casual seating. We're very fortunate to have the quality of entertainers that come to us each year. These same shows would cost at least \$37.00 at a theater, while we have them for \$60.00 for the season.

The first show will be "Crystal and Ryan" on January 19 at 7:00, Michael D'Amore will entertain us on February 9, and the final show will feature "Mary Ellen Hooper" on March 22.

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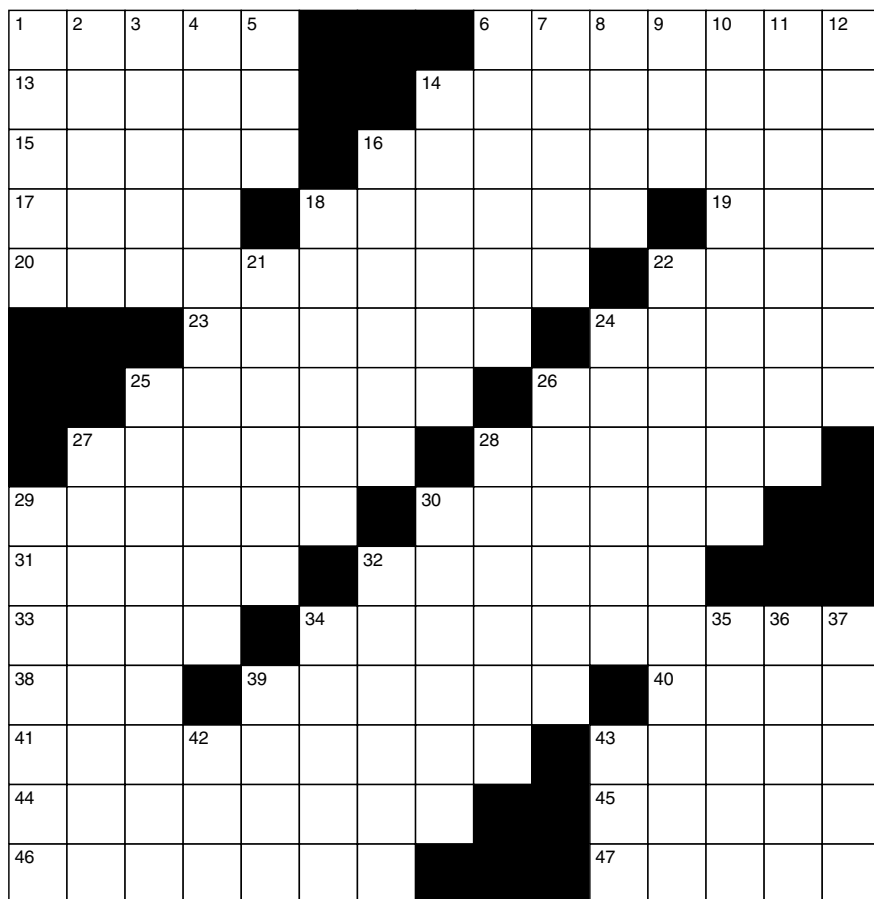
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Across

1. Ancient port of Rome
6. Skintight attire
13. Take a bite out of
14. Spanish inquisitor, for example
15. Three-ton beast
16. 1986 Gene Loves Jezebel tune
17. Unholy
18. Andre Agassi's game
19. "Is ___ Keeper?" (Cosmo headline, maybe)
20. Sunny Jim's specialty
22. Mead mix?
23. Healed
24. Fry quickly
25. Checked, with "in"
26. Acted as an informant, in slang
27. Depended (on)
28. Stopped
29. Quite a while
30. Portions of about 11%
31. Like diamonds in the rough?

32. Type of bubble
33. Germ
34. Tiptoes
38. TV host Pennington et al.
39. Sympathetic sorrow
40. Undeniable
41. Annulment of slavery
43. Give ___ time
44. Buckle again
45. Peach ___
46. Pays
47. Pyromaniac's crime

Down

1. Fall leaf color
2. Hindu deity
3. Essay subject
4. Enforced
5. G.I.'s address
6. Extended credit
7. "To ___ human..."
8. Mel and Ed of baseball
9. Your, in Rome
10. Austrian noblemen
11. Warmed anew
12. ___ up (formulated)
14. Showed anxiety
16. Rounded up
18. Metric heavy weights
21. Pinnacle
22. Nurturing type
24. The ___ the earth
25. Does the last dishwashing step before drying
26. Drew and Reagan
27. Garden buzzer
28. Makes a pass at
29. Couldn't cut the ___
30. Munch
32. Some taxes
34. Peppermint ___ of "Peanuts"
35. Tough tests
36. Kind of engine
37. Kind of chair or car
39. Leaning Tower of ___
42. King or David, to friends, maybe?
43. Physicians' org.

(Solution on Pg. 14)

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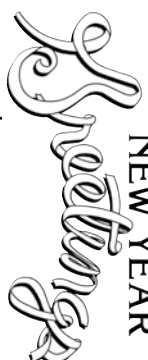
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		Box Office - Showcase 10-00 - 12:00 SAC Agenda	SPH Agenda	Box Office - Showcase 10-00 - 12:00		Dance
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Movie	Box Office - Showcase 10-00 - 12:00 Trivia - 6:30	SAC Board Box Office - Showcase 10-00 - 12:00	SPH Board	Annual Shareholders Meeting Craft Show before and after meeting Box Office - after meeting		Pancake Breakfast
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Showcase - Crystal & Ryan		Box Office - Valentine's Party 10-00 - 12:00		Box Office - Valentine's Party 10-00 - 12:00		Pot Luck
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Gospel Sing Venice Theater - Menopause The Musical	Trivia - 6:30	Box Office - Valentines Party 10-00 - 12:00		Box Office - Valentine's Party 10-00 - 12:00		
WEEKLY EVENTS						
Cardio Exercise 8:00am Huff & Puff 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Mah Jongg 1:00pm Shuffleboard 1:00pm Pinochle 6:00pm	Cardio Exercise 8:00am Tuesday Lunch 12:30pm Bingo 6:30pm Bocce	Cardio Exercise 8:00am Huff & Puff 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Cards & Poker 6:00pm Bocce	Cardio Exercise 8:00am SCC 9:00-11:00am Euchre 7:00pm Bocce	Cardio Exercise 8:00am Huff & Puff 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Mexican Train 1:00pm Shuffleboard 1:00pm Bingo 6:30pm	Cardio Exercise 8:00am Huff & Puff 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Mexican Train 1:00pm Shuffleboard 1:00pm Bingo 6:30pm	Cardio Exercise 8:00am

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