

# Sandalwood Park News

# March 2010



Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc. Venice, Florida

#### SANDALWOOD PARK HOMEOWNERS, INC. PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF BOARD ACTIVITIES ANNUAL MEETING 2/18/10

The major accomplishment of the year, and the most significant accomplishment since the park was purchased, was the completion of the clubhouse expansion. I'm pleased to announce that the addition, furnishing and the remodeling of the original building were all completed for less than \$500,000. I'm also pleased to announce that we borrowed only \$200,000 of the \$400,000 which the shareowners had approved. But I'm most pleased to conclude that the project accomplished our common goal of providing adequate facilities for our active association. The major rooms have been named "Sandpiper" and "Activities". The lanai has been developed as an exercise room as directed by the membership at the 2009 annual meeting.

The brick paver program sold 57 bricks at the entrance to the Sandpiper Room with names engraved. The money raised from this project was used to purchase a projection TV which has proven to be a much used addition to our facility. Engraved bricks are available for \$100.00 each. New clubhouse rules have been adopted and posted on the bulletin board.

A policy was adopted allowing small boats to be stored in carports during the summer.

A park bench was installed in memory of Al Bysiewicz.

A patio was added near the east door of the Sandpiper room and designated a smoking area.

The board voted to annually provide \$1,200 to the Activities Club in exchange for making all residents automatically members of SAC.

Cortina Road was patched and sealed as were the streets in the park. The road to the new maintenance area was paved.

SPH took possession of the Branagan property at 551 Aspen, removed the unit and placed the lot for sale at a price of \$55,000.



# Name this Resident

Hopefully, this newsletter article will bring in lots of old pictures. Do you know who this is? Can you guess??

Please send a picture to publish in an upcoming newsletter and see how many can recognize you. Even baby pictures are fun. <u>Help us keep this</u> <u>article alive!</u> Give your picture to Alice Fitzpatrick (346 Longwood Dr) or send or email to Pat Gleckler. patannee@copper.net 3056 Longleaf Ranch Cir, Middleburg, Fl 32068 Mystery person will be revealed .in next month's newsletter.

> February photo is Ralph Puffer



#### **BREAKFAST AT PERKINS**

Weekly breakfast at Perkins Restaurant is on



Thursdays at 8 am. All Sandalwood residents and guests are welcome.

Come and enjoy the fellowship of your Sandalwood friends

#### IMPORTANT FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION Free Smoke Alarms Available

SAC has arranged for the fire department to come into the park and present a short program on fire safety. Anyone who does not have a smoke alarm or who has one that doesn't work, can sign up, and the fire department will either install a new smoke alarm in your home or repair yours. There is NO CHARGE for this program.

The sign up sheets will be on the bulletin board and will remain there until the middle of February. At that time the list will be given to the fire department, and a date will be set for them to come to the park to install them. We will set a time for the program, and you may attend or simply ask them to do your installation. This should be a plus for Sandalwood, so sign up soon. Questions, call Carmen 483-4527



#### **NEWCOMER'S PARTY**



Wednesday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> was the opportunity for all Sandalwood residents to meet their new neighbors and welcome them to their community. The Sandpiper hall was filled with an outpouring of hospitality

and good feelings towards the newcomers. There are 26 new people in the park this year and 24 were able to attend. Carl Van Gilst, President of SPHA welcomed everyone and expressed the hope that they would all enjoy the park as much as we all do. Carmen Wallin spoke as President of Sac and informed them all of the activities SAC provides.

All newcomers were introduced and asked to tell where they were from and anything else they would like to add. After the formalities a grand array of food was provided along with punch and a huge cake decorated in a welcoming motif. The best sign of a successful food table is when it is left empty. This was the case this afternoon.

Joanne Rafferty, chairperson, and her committee, Pam Brown, Pat Stevens, Barbara St. Onge, Barb Moore, Grace Bysiewicz and Sandy Yarranton did a fine job making it a smooth moving afternoon. Charlotte Rivard and Gail Hixon manned the punch bowls and Joan Everitt gave out name tags .at the door

Many thanks to the ladies for a job well done!



#### SANDALS & SOMBREROS **MEXICAN FIESTA** Sat-March 27, 2010 5:30 pm **Buenos dias!**

Sandalwood's Mexican Fiesta, "Sandals & Sombreros" promises to be a fun time for all. For \$10 you will receive a tasty meal and dancing to "Sonny & Sable" (the musical duo that entertained at last March's Italian dinner party.)

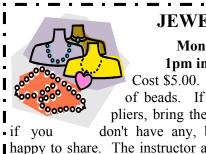
The committee is working hard to make sure it will be festive and fun along with good food. Coordinators for this event are Norm and Trish Vandenbusche, Bobby and Chris Overbay, Tony and Joan Ellis, Tommy Morgan and Fran Walker, Ray and Lisa Chitty, Carl and Elaine Heintz, and Harry and Linda Jenkins.

To purchase tickets, please contact the Chittys @ 488-7930 or the Overbays @ 486-8542

or see Marietta at the office. Ticket sales will end on March 20 or until the maximum 150 are sold.

The committee encourages you to dress for the occasion should you have any thing that goes with the theme, e.g. sombreros, sandals, bright colors, ponchos, etc.

It will be a tiempo maravilloso!



# JEWELRY CLASS

Monday, March 8th 1pm in Activities Room. Cost \$5.00. Bring at least one string of beads. If you have needle-nosed pliers, bring them also, but don't worry don't have any, because people will be happy to share. The instructor also has tools which you - can use. The clasps, line, etc., will be provided.

## YOUR COOPERATION IS NEEDED

Everyone wants to keep Sandalwood a clean well kept community, so it's important that each resident has a registered caretaker for their property. (EVEN IF YOU ARE THE CARETAKER).

Forms are available outside the office door in the Activities Room. Please pick one up and take a couple of minutes to complete it. THANKS

	BLOCK CAPTAINS	5
Marietta Jones	484-6467	438 Spruce
424-433	Boxwood & 434-43	39 Spruce
<b>Betty Pratt</b>	231-972-2978	492 Sandrift
485-490 Ashwoo	od, 491-496 Sandrift	, 471-474 Sandrift
Loretta Demcher	4857842	483 Beechwood
	Boxwood, 480-484 E wood, 475 Sandrift,	,
Barb St. Onge	488-7356	564 Longwood
551-557 Aspen, 557	-564 Longwood, 566	-567 Walnut Circle
Pat McLochlin	445-5503	365 Longwood
440-445 Spruce, 44	46 & 455 Boxwood,	447-454 Longwood
Judy McLochlin	445-5503	365 Longwood
	353-368 Longwood	1
Allie Dane	484-9929	422 Boxwood
	Longwood, 419-423 5 Longwood, 423 Sa	,
Connie Wheeler	412-0892	369 Longwood
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<b>Rayolyn Bliss</b>	488-3387	350 Longwood
340-352 I	Longwood, 576-578	Longwood
Donna Eckman	488-8964	445 Spruce
	382-396 Longwood	1
Shirley Thompson	484-7847	507 Walnut
	le 504-508, 549-550 509-510; Longwoo	/ /
<b>Connie Bressler</b>	412-3911	467 Boxwood
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Mitch Watson	484-6487	404 Longwood
	397-411 Longwood	1
Joan Ellis	488-8201	511 Spindrift
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Gaille Miller	485-6920	553 Aspen
535-542 & 568	-569 Walnut Circle,	, 543-548 Aspen
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bedspreads for the Endangered Animal Rescue Sanctuary. Call 488 -7851 for pick up. Janet Mervine

# PIRATES OF SANDALWOOD



2010 SANDALWOOD PICNIC MARCH 13, 2010 12:30-5 pm

ISLAND TREASURE APPETIZERS FIRE ROASTED PORK SANDWICH SHIPWRECK BAKED BEANS SPUD SALAD ASSORTED DESSERTS KEG, VINO, TEA, WATER



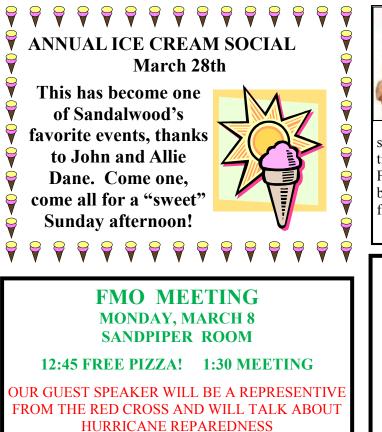


Games after the meal

**Costumes optional** 

\$6.00 and \$8.00 for guest

Tickets will be sold by Betty Pratt and Connie Bressler.



# ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME



#### "ANNIE"

Come with us to see "Annie" at the Venice Theatre at 2:00 P.M. on March 14. We have wonderful seats reserved and the price will be \$20, \$21, or \$22, depending on the number of tickets sold. The

sooner you sign up, the better, so we can determine the ticket cost. Money doesn't need to be turned in until February 19. You should give your money to Carmen, but you will not get you tickets until they are sent to us from the theatre.

If you have questions, call Carmen (483-4527)

**SANDALWOOD DIRECTORY UPDATES** Please update your directory with the following:

Ken & Johanna Lauzon 572 Longwood Dr. 941-735-5843

Bruce & Patty Bailey 341 Longwood Dr. 941-488-1091

Anton & Holly Koss 468 Spindrift 413-589-9518

Mardell Nordholm 465 Boxwood 941-375-8264 (Continued from page 1)

Rent for our 14 rental lots was increased by \$6 per quarter to cover the increase in cable service. Likewise, maintenance fees for shareowners were increased only to cover the cable increase.

Joanne Rafferty was appointed to the board in November to replace Harry Stevens who had resigned.

Mitch Watson was appointed to the Board in December to Replace Harold Moriarty who died.

Annual trimming of palm trees was completed and annual spraying for red ants was performed.

Major new landscaping, including curbing, has been installed around the clubhouse addition and elsewhere.

Sandalwood hosted a seminar provided by our legal counsel for board members of various parks in the area.

The pool filter was replaced as it was in need of major repair.

The board voted to allow \$2,000 for repair and staining of the fence along Cortina.

Rule II was revised to better accommodate current models of homes and provide more specific specifications for placing units on lots while maintaining open spaces.

In the interest of safety, an effort was initiated to better control the 15 mph speed limit in the park through signage and education.

The biannual survey required by HUD was completed showing SPH 100% in compliance with the "55 and older" provision.

Concrete was added in the area between the exercise room and pool to improve safety and handicapped access to the pool and recreation facilities.

A new pool cover and storage roller was purchased. The board also authorized purchase of new umbrellas and repair of chairs.

Sandalwood Park continues to operate very efficiently with just two permanent employees. Marietta Jones works approximately 20 hrs/week as Office Manager. She handles all office functions associated with management and operation of Sandalwood Park. Charlie Kane works 35 – 40 hrs/week as Maintenance Manager. He handles all maintenance, janitorial and grounds keeping duties. The Board feels very fortunate to have dedicated employees that are also residents.

The Board of Directors included Carl Van Gilst, Pres, Harley Wheeler, VP, George Taylor, Sec, Dan Hutchinson, Treas, John Dane, Harold Moriarty (replaced by Mitch Watson), Harry Stevens (replaced by Joanne Rafferty), Sandra Marsocci, and Henry Bukowski. Appointed by the board were Marietta Jones, asst sec. and Herb Higley, asst treas.

Our share price remains at \$50,000 which places a value of \$700,000 on the 14 unsold lots. The value of our corporation is \$12,000,000 and we remain financially very sound.

Respectfully submitted by Carl Van Gilst, President

## SANDALWOOD ACTIVITIES PROVE TO BE A HIT WITH RESIDENTS

#### JANUARY POTLUCK

January 16th, was the first of the 2010 potluck dinners and it was a full house. The Watsons and the Maldonatos were in charge and along with their helpers ran a successful evening. The entertainment was a CD of Charlie Prose, a favorite of most everybody. If this was an indication of things to come, we are off to a good start this season.

#### **CONCERT SERIES**

January 24<sup>th</sup>. the second of the concert series was held and the concert reputation stayed in tack. Jimmy Mazz, variety vocalist, crooning :Vegas style" captivated the audience with his wide variety of tunes indicative of the decades of the past familiar to the listeners. He was groomed in attractive theatrical attire and had a change to the Elvis Presley jazzy style jacket. Louie Armstrong could have been on stage as you listened to Jimmy's rendition of one of Louie's songs. Frank Sinatra and many other notable singer's favorite songs were part of his program. Jimmy had a good rapport with the audience and they were appreciative and rewarded him with great applause.

#### HARD ROCK CASINO TRIP

January 20<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> Hard Rock Casino Trips were a rousing success. Being the first two casino trips of the season the bus was filled to capacity with a fun loving group, anxious for days full of fun and games. The bus rides was filled with entertainment, bingo, horse racing, door prizes and general joking and laughing. The return trip home had evidence of many who had won that day. The next trip is March 24<sup>th</sup> and it is the last trip of the season. You may sign up on the bulletin board at the clubhouse and bring your money and registration form to me:

Alice Fitzpatrick, 346 Longwood Dr. (front door please)

#### FISH and FLICK NIGHT

January 25th, something new for the park was held, a fried

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fish dinner with fixings followed by a movie, "MAMA MIA" Tom Howell, a vacationer here in Sandalwood was the chef and deserves praise and thanks for a job well done. Tom was generous and contributed much along with the cooking. Gil Weidemiller provided the entertaining movie. The concept of dinner and a movie proved to be a great idea according to the number people in attendance. Hopefully this will be an annual event.

#### VALENTINE POTLUCK

February 13<sup>th</sup> Carmin Walllin and her committee put on what has been called the best of the best in potluck history. According to many the decorations, food and entertainment will be hard to beat. Valentine's Day seemed to bring out a special feeling among the attendees of "what a wonderful evening, let's have fun." The hall was filled and a lot of new faces were seen, many newcomers to the park along with many regulars who are not usually seen at these events. The food was great, as usual, and along with new faces many new dishes were provided. Everyone had plenty and appeared to be well satisfied and ready for fun and entertainment. Carmen's son Tom was in charge of entertainment and provided "Karaoke" to its fullest. Many residents were quick to display their talents and join in the fun, much to the pleasure of the audience. All in all there were 21 songs sang by 10 singers in total. Gil Weidemiller started off followed by Shirley VanGilst, Bob & Maryann Koons, Johanna Lauzon and Sam Dicks, Carmen Wallin, Arlene Harrison, Uncle Steve (Carmen's brother), Barbara St. Onge, and Tom Wallin. Little did we know what talent we had here in Sandalwood! Who knew Shirley VanGilst was such a songbird. She had five songs and performed each one better than the other. Good job Shirley! Arlene Harrison has been hiding her talent up in Canada, about time she shared it with us. Get her on "American Idol". Barbara St. Onge is always a delight to hear, she pleases the audience be it any occasion, karaoke or not. She's always willing to have fun. The group of Bob & Maryann Koons and Sam Dicks did it all, religious, sentimental, and even the Willy Nelson trio. Each category was performed as well as the other. The talented Wallin family entertained us no end. Carmen as a soloist, singing duet with her son Tom, Uncle Steve as a soloist, and Tom leading the audience in "Ants He succeeded in getting the audience marching". moving, clapping and strutting around. It appeared that no one left early which in itself tells what a grand evening it was. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the evening. *By: Alice Fitzpatrick* 

(thanks to Grace Bysiewicz for taking notes)

#### HINT FROM CHARLIE KANE

Please be informed that anyone can use the air compressor outside the maintenance building to fill their bicycle tires or inflatable toys. It is best to keep tires inflated, saves tires and makes for easier riding.

# CARE CORNER

Please remember the residents who are dealing with health issues with cards and prayers.

Many have inquired about Burke and Corinne McKenna . Their address is 126 Oak Lane, Kenton, Ohio 43326. Surely they would enjoy hearing from their friends in Sandalwood.

It was a joy to see Lil Wittenberg at bingo Tuesday. She looked wonderful and plans to stay in Sandalwood for the next two months. Way to go Lil!

Jug Garrison is in the hospital in Indiana. If you would like to send a card or note, Jug and Carol's address is 1348 Round Lake Rd. Greenwood, Indiana 46143

Alice Puffer recovering from hip surgery at Pinewood Rehab. She is doing well and hopes to return home soon.

Judy Pennington, 485 Ashwood Dr. recently underwent surgery and is recuperating at her sister's home in Clearwater. Judy will return to Sandalwood when she is better. We all know Judy as the lady who quietly goes about doing good things for others. She is in charge of the Salvation Army bin in the clubhouse where food is donated for the less fortunate. She makes sure it is brought to the proper place. She is often seen after clubhouse events loading up her car to bring the leftover foods to the Center of Hope Food Pantry. Judy does so much every day for others that it is now time for all her friends and neighbors to give her moral support and well wishes. Let us shower her with cards. Send them to 485 Ashwood Dr., I'm sure she will get them and it will most certainly brighten up her day

Ken and Barbie Jagger have picked up the gauntlet and are carrying on Judy's good will to those less fortunate in her absence. Many thanks to them. . By: Alice Fitzpatrick





Life in Lee's eyes

In most towns and cities business operators are always thinking of ways to promote their wares and make them look special. One way to do that is to expand the truth a few degrees and let printed signs do the job. The signs usually say

"Voted Best Restaurant in the city".....Voted Best Carpeting store in the city for the past three years"......"Best Luggage store"......"Best Oil Change in the West" and the ultimate..... "Best Septic Tank Cleaners". When did this voting take place? Is it every two years and who votes? Is it the cooks or the food servers? Is there an age limit required for voting? How many septic tank cleaners are there in the city?

An e-mail reminded me of the Scottish bagpiper who was hired to play his pipes at the grave site of a friend. He got lost looking for the cemetery and by the time he got there no one was around except some workmen taking a break. Full of remorse he looked down at the grave site and saw that the vault cover was already on. He started playing Amazing Grace with such passion that the workers began sobbing. As he was getting in his car to leave he heard one of the workmen say "Holy Moley. I've never seen anything like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years".

Advertising has become disgusting and it floods the airways with confusing and dangerous information.

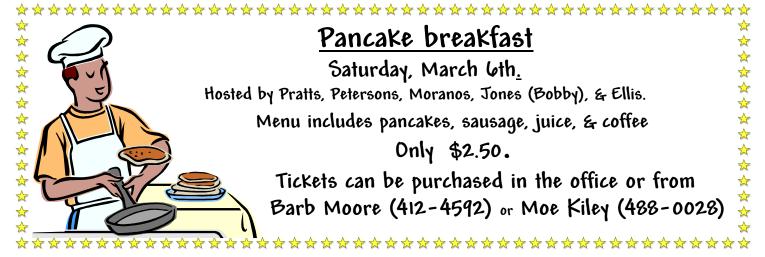
Health care is especially vulnerable. XYZ corporation announces a new pill that will clear your sinuses, rid your body of cancer cells, make your heart beat regularly and relieve the pain of gout. Then read the instructions for the product. "Do not take this medicine if your heart beats regularly or if you have gout only in your little left toe". "Product may make you dizzy while driving and could lead to dehydration or death" "If any of these conditions exist, call your doctor immediately". That great information is why the price of drugs keeps skyrocketing. Drug research takes a great amount of time and money. But there is a solution to faulty medicine. Watch TV for lawyer ads. Most will tell you that if you have suffered from insomia or halitosis since taking the new XYZ pill you may be .eligible to participate in a class action suit along with thousands of other victims and probably become a millionaire. Do you suppose drug manufacturers and lawyers are in cahoots?

That brings us to a more pressing problem. It is more than likely not one single Representative or Senator has read the opening page of the federal health bill. Why should they? If they are one of the good old boys their vote can be profitable for the state they represent. Senator Ben Nelson from Nebraska proved that point. He agreed to vote for the bill if the federal government would pay the total cost of Title 19 recipients in Nebraska from now until the government goes broke or the end of eternity, which ever comes first.

There is a solution to the ignorance of congress.....vote them out this year. The entire House of Representatives and a third of the Senate members are up for reelection. Get rid of all of them....good or bad.....and start all over. That would tell the world who really owns this country.

While visiting a re-hab center recently it was interesting to sit for every meal with three other patients with views similar to mine. One new friend from Chicago wanted to march on Washington and throw the bums out. His idea was not feasible. None of us could march to the front door of the re-hab center unassisted let alone marching on Washington and besides firearms would be illegal. However, the thought of ousting the incumbents provided lively conversation.

"Caveat emptor" is Latin for "Let the buyer beware". In short, that means be careful what you buy whether it be a new medicine or a political promise. If you see a sign that says "Serving you the best creation for fifty five years" take another good look at the sign and see if it says creation or cremation.



#### SANDALWOOD PARK HOMEOWNERS, INC.

#### February 10, 2010 UNAPPROVED MINUTES

All present stood for the pledge of allegiance

Meeting: Called to order by President Carl Van Gilst

#### Roll call:

Present were Carl Van Gilst, Harley Wheeler, George Taylor, Dan Hutchinson, Henry Bukowski, Sandra Marsocci, John Dane, Joanne Rafferty and A.M. Watson.

#### **Reading of Minutes:**

Minutes of the January 13,2010 meeting were approved as read. (see attached)

#### Treasurers report:

Read by Dan Hutchinson and filed for audit.

#### **Consideration of Communication, Resignations and Elections :**

**Election 2010:** George Taylor reminded everyone that the annual meeting is Thursday, February 18, 2010 and urged all to fill out their ballot sheet and proxy.

#### **Reports of officers and employees:**

Carl Van Gilst stated that due to our insurance company inspection we would be repairing and pouring new concrete behind the old clubhouse and making the front entry to the pool handicap accessible. Work to be performed ASAP.

#### **Reports of committees:**

Henry Bukowski gave update on the exercise room. Discussion followed regarding disclosure/warning signs, sign-in sheet and kill switch on one piece of equipment. Committee to follow-up.

Harley Wheeler reported that he and Charlie Kane were working on marking a fire lane in front of the old clubhouse and there would be no parking of vehicles on it.

#### **Unfinished business:**

**Resident Survey:** Carl Van Gilst reported the resident survey complete. Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc. is 100% in compliance with the over 55 rule.

**Rule No II Para .1 & .2** Carl Van Gilst reported rule changes had been posted on the bulletin board and in the park news letter for all to read. He asked for comments from the floor. **Motion by:** John Dane to accept as written  $2^{nd}$ . by Sandra Marsocci. Roll call vote was taken. **Motion passed.** 

**Roller for Pool Cover:** Carl Van Gilst had Charlie Kane speak about the need to purchase this item. Discussion followed. **Motion by:** John Dane to purchase roller and top cover not to exceed \$ 2,600.00 **2<sup>nd</sup>.by** A.M. Watson **Motion Passed** 

**Umbrellas and pool chairs:** Carl Van Gilst had Charlie Kane speak about the need to replace the 3 umbrellas and repair some chairs in the pool area. Discussion followed. **Motion by:** John Dane to purchase 3 umbrellas and repair chairs as needed not to exceed \$1,000.00 2<sup>nd</sup>. By A. M. Watson **Motion passed** 

#### Other resolutions and new business:

<u>Annual Meeting</u>: George Taylor introduced the 6 candidates running for election, all present and stood when announced <u>Speeding</u>: Carl Van Gilst showed everyone the new speed detection machine that was purchased and requested discussion as to ticketing speeders in the park. Discussion followed. It was decided not to start ticketing people at this time, but we could ask them to please slow down and observe the 15 MPH in the park.

<u>More lighting in the park.</u> Harley Wheeler reported that the street light on Ashwood Dr. had been repaired by FPL and that a timer was installed on the outside lights on the north side of building to operate in conjunction with the other lights. <u>Memorial on death of shareholder:</u> Leave as is

**Gutters on front of new clubhouse:** Discussion on the 2 bids received followed. **Motion by:** A.M. Watson to award contract to Absolute Alum. in the amount of \$696.51 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Dane **Motion passed** 

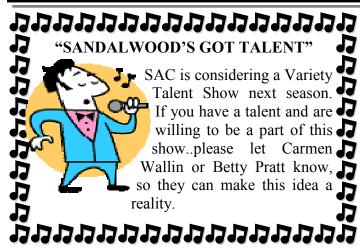
Annual Meeting: Carl Van Gilst talked about the importance of attending this meeting.

#### Next Meeting:

<u>Agenda</u>: Wed, March 03, 2010 @ 9:00a.m. (Activities room) <u>Board:</u> Wed. March 10, 2010 @ 10:00 a.m. (Sandpiper room) <u>Annual</u>: Thurs. February 18, 2010 @ 2:00 p.m. (Sandpiper room)

Meeting adjourned by President Carl Van Gilst.

Respectfully Submitted George Taylor, Secretary



S arah, the church gossip and self-appointed arbiter of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business.

Several members were unappreciative of her activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence.

She made a mistake, however, when she accused George, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his truck parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon. She commented to George and the others that everyone seeing it there would know what he was doing. George, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just walked away. He didn't even explain, defend, or deny; he said nothing. Later that evening, George quietly parked his truck in front of Sarah's house....and left it there all night long

# SAVE OUR PLANTS FROM JACK FROST Jack Frost can give a bitter bite to our Sandalwood Landscape and we need to protect them!

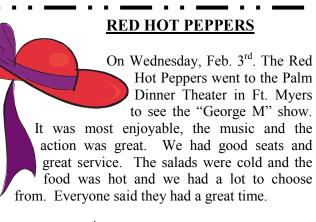
Please save old sheets and tablecloths for covering plants during frost spells. This cold season was a good reminder that it pays to be ready for the "unexpected". You may bring them to the activity room in the clubhouse and place them under the table opposite the office. I will pick them up daily. Thanks, Charlie Kane.

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HUFF N'PUFF Mon-Wed-Fri gAM WATER AEROBICS Tue & Thur IPM

#### FITNESS HINT

Three short walks a day are as effective for stress reduction and improving cardiovascular health as one long walk. Brisk 10 minute walks in the morning, at lunch and in the evening work as well as one 30-minute power walk for those who have not already been exercising regularly.



On Friday  $\$ , Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> we took our third trip to the Good Shepherd church for a tea party. There was almost all red hatters there that day. Men served us tea, every china tea cup was different size and shape. We were served lunch of chicken salad, cranberry salad and vegetable salad and great desserts.

Contributed Loretta Demcher

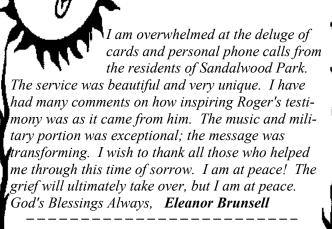


SANDALWOOD CONCERT SERIES

March 11, 2010

**Music Center Brass** 

Unbeatable blend of Musical Talents, Spontaneity and Humor Individual tickets are available for \$12.00. Contact Carmen Wallen at 483-4527



Marietta (Sandalwood Office Manager) has agreed to carry and sell tickets for all the SAC events, so tickets will be available for SAC events in the office as well as with the people in charge of the various events. This will be great because it's often difficult for residents to know where to buy tickets for the various events. Marietta, we really appreciate your help and cooperation. Thanks so much.! **Carmen Wallin (SAC President)** 

We want to thank al of our friends for the outpouring of love and support shown us on the loss of our daughter, Lori. That's one of the things that makes Sandalwood such a special place to live. Thank you & love to all. **Harley & Connie Wheeler** 

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all for a most pleasant afternoon at the Newcomers party. The hospitality and friendliness of the Sandalwood residents was just wonderful. We certainly knew we had chosen the right place to take up residence. We had already spoken to many we have met since our arrival and everyone has been helpful and most pleasant. Thank you again and to all who worked that day we know how much it takes to put on something like that and we are most appreciative. MANY, MANY THANKS FOR THE WELCOME!!!!!!!! John & Julie Martin, 532 Walnut Circle

Many thanks to Pat Griffith and her crew of volunteers for covering and uncovering the pool solar cover. **Charlie Kane** 



## **BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK UP**

Keep your blood pressure under control with a FREE monthly check up.

Every 3rd Thursday

10:00am-11:00am

IN THE SANDALWOOD ACTIVITIES ROOM

## **COMPUTER CLUB** EVERY FRIDAY MORNING 10 - 12

LAST CLASS IS MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>

Computer enthusiasts, don't miss this opportunity to learn and share! MIKE BELANICH 488-4054





#### CORRECTION

It is my pleasure to add 10 more years to the marriage of Don & Winnie Underhill. I mistakenly credited them with 53 years of wedded bliss when in reality it is 63 years. Far be it for me to take those ten years away from them. My apologies to them both and again CONGRATULATIONS

Alice Fitzpatrick



A friend is someone who reaches for your hand,

but touches your heart.

# Welcome New Residents

By Alice Fitzpatrick



Sandalwood welcomes Mardell Nordholm, of 465 Boxwood Dr. Mardell is a full time resident from Moline, IL. Before retirement Mardell was an Export Air Traffic Coor. She chose Sandalwood because of its' location and the enthusiasm of the real estate person.

In the favorite category, steak for food, football for sports, namely the Bears, Vikings and the Colts. Music, oldies and country western. Her hobby is watercolors, acrylics. In her spare time she loves to paint, watch old movies and take side trips. Mardell's Email address is Mardell2@Live.com.

Charlotte E. McDonald, 560 Longwood Dr. Is a new full time resident in Sandalwood. She has 3 daughters and 3 granddaughters and 1 grandson.. Charlotte is a registered nurse and she retired July, 2009. Sandalwood was chosen as her new home as she already had friends in the park and they highly recommended it, so she left Michigan to come South.



Pizza is her favorite food and country western, soft rock and easy listening are the kind of music she likes. Her hobby is reading.

Charlotte has a cat, named Cleo. In her spare time she enjoys reading, watching TV and visiting her family whenever she can. Welcome Charlotte!



Keith Collins, 561 Longwood Dr. comes from Leesburg, IN and is now a retired snowbird in our Sandalwood community Keith has 1 son and 3 grandsons and 2 granddaughters. Before retirement he was a Medical Tech. (MTASCP).

Keith chose Sandalwood because he found it clean and spacious. Golf is his hobby and this favorite sport is football and of course his favorite team is the Colts. His choice of music is the 40's and 50'ss. When it comes to food he picks "hot or cold. Keith served in the Army and now shares his home with his dog, Cassie. In his spare time he enjoys loafing. Keith wants all to know he retired at age 86 and doesn't want to see snow any

more, except in pictures!!! His questionnaire shows a good sense of humor.



Tony and Holly Koss are snowbirds from Greencove Springs, Fl and are residing at 468 Spindrift South. Sandalwood was chosen by them because of its' reputation as a good friendly park. They have 1 son, 1 daughter and 5 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. Both Tom and Holly are retired and both worked at Mass Mutual Financial Services. Tony was Director of Operations and Holly was a Pension Administrator.

Tony's hobbies are Rving, golf and photography, Holly's is traveling. They both like the same sports, Holly baseball and he choses baseball and football. Favorite teams are the Red Sox and the Patriots.

Their favorites are similar, both like "easy listening " music, in the food department, his favorite is chicken parm. And hers is ice cream. Spare time activities include travel first and foremost for them both and Tony also likes golf and working on his computer.

Tony tells us that they currently traveling in their motor home throughout the USA and Canada. They previously lived in Massachusetts until they started their travels in 2005. He is a member of Melba Shriners in Massachusetts.

Holly tells us that she and Tony have been married for 42 years. Her sister Mary Ann and husband Jared Hastings are long time residents of Sandalwood. They visited them in 2005 and knew then, that when they were ready to buy, that this is where they would like to be.

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#### Minutes of the Sandalwood Activities Committee

#### February 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 10AM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: President Carmen Wallin, Vice-president Betty Pratt, Secretary Lois Cottrill, Treasurer Ralph Puffer and Gil Weidemiller. Absent: Barb Moore and Pam Brown

The minutes of the Jan 18, 2010 were accepted as read.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$6794.39. Under a new system, petty cash will be at \$50.00. The report was filed for audit.

#### **Committee reports:**

- The Feb Pot Luck and karaoke was a resounding success. March Chair is Barb Moore, April Chair is Shirley Thompson
- Plans are in place for the Rummage and Bake Sale to be held Feb 27.
- Wed cards and Thurs euchre are still well attended.
- There is still time to sign up for Easter Sunday dinner.
- Shuffleboard suffered a lot of re-shuffling due to the weather, but is still alive and well.
- Line dancing is growing in popularity and some friends from Venice Isles have joined.
- Ticket sales for the Caribbean Cruise have closed.
- Picnic plans are complete. Connie Bressler is still looking for more door prizes from local merchants or donations.
- Movie nite was cancelled for Feb and will be held Mar 22. Showing will be Pelham 123.
- Dinner/dance, "Sandals and Sombreros" March 27. Tickets \$10.00 BYOB Chris Overbay and Lisa Chitty co-chair.
- Judy Peterson is hosting a jewelry making class on March 8. cost \$5.00
- The Venice Fire Dept will give free smoke detectors and install them, sometime in March. There is still time to sign up.
- Lengthy discussion about next years Concert Series and how much should be spent for them. No decisions were made.
- In the future, all tickets for in-park activities may be purchased in the office.
- Barb Moore and Pam Brown are now in charge of purchasing all kitchen supplies during the season. Judy McLochlin will oversee the kitchen thru the summer months.
- Alice St Onge volunteered to chair a Hospitality committee to welcome New Comers.
- The next SAC meeting will be March 15th.

Respectfully submitted, Lois Cottrill, secretary

#### Another excerpt from the Silver Anniversary Newsletter of 1996

#### Contributed by Mary Martin

According to the manager, the oldest lessee is Lura Hallman, November 1972. Next came Mary Martin, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, 1973. Doug and Brenda MacDonald may be next. There was no resident manager at first. The one also overseeing our Park came from Venice Isles: his name was Armbruster. Our office was in the mobile home at 411 Longwood.. I lost count of the number of managers after I got to 22. Think Jack and Thelma Pierce were the longest. Shortest time for one was four-and-half days. This was a family park until 1977. We had a wading pool and a play yard, with swings, slides and a baseball park. Mail boxes were racked on wall of laundry room. It was a favorite meeting place around 10 to 10:30 every morning. We used to have B.Y.O. dances with live bands about once a month. Marge and Heinz Daschke met at one of them. We had eggs, bacon, sausage and pancake breakfasts, with the public invited once in a while. While still a family park, a few families took turns patrolling the Park in a golf cart that the park owned. Manager used it to check out the Park. There were few Sheriff Dept. Citizens Patrol Units at that time. Later we had a patrol similar to the one we have now, but with no police radios. We all had C.B.s. If we had problems, we notified the manager and he called the police. With all the children in the Park we started patrolling at sundown. We had two shifts, one until 9:00 PM then the

second from 9:00 PM until sometimes 2:00 or 3:00 AM. Much damage in Park due to storms was on the north side of the Park. Walnut Circle and Aspen lost a few porches and carports. Only one mobile home was lost due to fire at 463 Longwood. We became a member of F.M.O. in 1977. No local unit was here at that time. I helped write the original By-Laws for the first Association.

The last mobile home to fill the Park was at 468 Spindrift South in 1973. Our rent was \$50 a month. Cable was \$4.05. All we had was basic TV. We paid for garbage pick -up by buying a roll of plastic bags with Englewood Disposal printed on them. No printing, no pick-up! Cost was \$19.50 a roll. We all had to pay \$25.00 when mail boxes were finally put at our homes.

Center Road was two lanes. Absolutely nothing was past our homes before you got to Garden Elem. School. The road was very narrow. You couldn't pull off if you had car trouble because it was all swamp on both sides. There was no other road until River Road. The only business on By-Pass south of Superior Heating & Cooling was a Pet Milk distribution center. Joelson Concrete was new and hadn't opened for business yet. Sign at Jacaranda Plaza said "Shopping center coming soon." it had been there so long you could hardly read it. There were only three shopping centers: Kash & Karry, the Rialto and Publix in town.

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# IN MIEMORY

#### Jeanne Hamilton

Jeanne Hamilton, 82, of 457 Longwood Drive, died Tuesday January 26, 2010. Jeanne was born July 25, 1927 in Uniontown, Ohio. She later moved to Venice in 1977 from Toronto, Ohio. She was a L.P.N. for Venice Hospital before retiring. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Venice; a member of UMW (United Methodist Women) member of Church Women United; volunteer for Habitat for Humanity Venice Area and a volunteer for South County Food Pantry. She is survived by her daughters, Lee McCart of Steubenville, Ohio and Gail A. Finney of Kansas City, Missouri and son Eric D. Hamilton of Port Washington, Ohio. Also surviving is a brother, James Denning of Davenport, Florida; 5 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and 1 great-great granddaughter.

Mrs. Hamilton was preceded in death by her husband, Marshall J. Hamilton. Her memorial service was held on Monday February 1, 2010 at Grace United Methodist Church.

# WE HAVE LOST A GOOD FRIEND

Every once in a while most of us in the course of our lifetime meet people who have many of the attributes we admire most in a person. Maybe once in a lifetime we meet someone who has them all. Jeanne Marie Hamilton was such a person. She was a good Christian , sweet, kind, charitable, quite blessed with many artistic abilities and a subtle sense of humor. Jeanne was never heard to say an unkind word about anyone and no one ever said a bad word about her.

Living in Florida with a large senior population, we have all seen people die alone or spend many months or years in a nursing home without ever a visitor. Not in Jeannes case, her family was with her consistently throughout her time of illness. Her fellow residents of Sandalwood showered her with cards to let her know we all cared.. These things do not come by chance, they are earned by the life we lead.

Jeanne's funeral service was sad and joyous at the same time. Many of her fellow churchgoers were in attendance as well as many friends and neighbors. A large picture of a smiling Jeanne was on the altar and it was a joy to see, it was as if she was looking out at all of us to say goodbye and asking that we always remember her with a smile. I'm sure we all will. GOODBYE DEAR FRIEND By Alice Fitzpatrick

# IN MIEMIORY

## Ed Hamilton

Edward A. Hamilton, 92, passed away on Friday, Dec. 18, 2009, at his home in Marietta, Ohio.

Ed graduated from Texas A&M University in 1939 and was a member of the Texas Aggie Band Association. He was a first lieutenant in the 8th Field Artillery Observation Battalion and served in Northern France and Normandy during World War II. While in England he offered an Army nurse his seat on a train and later married her on Dec. 7, 1945. He and Margaret Hamilton had a son and two daughters.

After serving in WWII, he attended Johns Hopkins University and obtained a Ph.D. in geology. His work in oil and gas exploration produced successful wells in Illinois, Kentucky and West Virginia. He also managed a family timber business in East Texas for over 50 years. After his first wife, Marge, died in 1996, he actively started singing in barbershop chorus and met his future wife, Ollie, by selling her a ticket to the Venice Gondoliers Spring concert in 1998. Since then he and Ollie have split their time between his home in Marietta and Sandalwood Park. He was the oldest member of the Venice Gondoliers Barbershop Chorus, was instrumental in forming the River City Treblemakers in Marietta, was a 12 year member of the Barbershop Harmony Society, and he sang with the Harmar Tavern Monday Night Singers. He was a member of the St. Luke's Lutheran Church. He was a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary, a Shriner and a Mason. He enjoyed tennis, golf, fishing, storytelling festivals and teaching his children about the timber business.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Olive F. Hamilton; his sister, Elizabeth Hamilton; son, Thomas E. Hamilton (wife Carin); daughters, Ann L. Hamilton (husband Jan) and Susan Hamilton Burleigh (husband Rick); granddaughter, Whitney Schelat; and grandson, Andrew Dugowson.



# Save the date and your "Stuff"



Heads Up" Ladies, the semi-annual Rummage and Bake Sale date is February 27th

Collect all that "stuff" that you haven't used in years and make your "junk" someone else's "treasure".

We all know that Sandalwood has some of the best bakers anywhere, so get out that favorite recipe and lets make this bake sale the best ever.



HARD ROCK CASINO TRIP \*\*\*Last Casino Trip This Season\*\*\* Cost per person \$20.00

You receive \$25.00 in machine play \$5.00 food voucher, round trip transportation

DEPART SANDALWOOD AT 9:30 AM DEPART CASINO AT 4:30 PM

SIGN UP SHEET IN CLUBHOUSE

Complete reservation form and submit with payment of cash or check payable to SAC.to ALICE FITZPATRICK 346 LONGWOOD DR. "Please come to FRONT door".

If you already have a Hard Rock Casino Card, just sign sheet and include your card number.



If you plan to have a Carport/Yard Sale contact Gale Hixon for further information

WEATHER: RAIN or SHINE

Bring your donations for the rummage sale to the clubhouse <u>early</u> on Thursday, February 25th. *(Clothing or shoes will <u>not</u> be accepted)*. Bring bake sale donations <u>early</u> Saturday morning.

All proceeds will go toward furnishing the kitchen in the new clubhouse. Unsold items will be donated to a charity.

For information call Betty Pratt (231 972 2978) Gale Hixon (483 3512) Barb More (412 4592)





**DUMP CAKE** Submitted Gen Lavender



Mix the following together and put in 9" glass cake pan:

1 can cherry pie filling (22 oz.) 1 box yellow cake mix 1 can crushed pineapple (8 oz.with juice) 2 sticks melted butter/ margarine: pour over mixture

Put 1 can coconut and 1 cup chopped pecans or other nuts over the mixture in the pan

Bake at 325 degrees 1 hour or longer until done

#### FARM FRESH VEGGIES AND FRUITS



# Wow...it's almost like having your own garden!

The local farmer who has done much of our tree moving, brush cutting, and landscaping also grows fruit and vegetables and will be setting up a stand to sell fresh produce on Cortina Rd.

Saturday 3:00 - 5:00 PM.



Come on down to the clubhouse and kick up your heels!

# **EUCHRE NIGHT**

Euchre Club meets on Thursdays in the Clubhouse at 7 pm.

S Come and join this fun group of card players. Anyone who plays or would like to learn to play Euchre is welcome!

## LOT FOR SALE 551 Aspen Avenue \$55.000

This is an oversized lot cleared and ready for a new manufactured home.

Call Marietta at the Sandalwood Office 941-485-3646

#### "MEALS ON WHEELS" <u>Venice Area Mobile Meals</u> provides warm, nutritious noon-time meals, 6 days a week, Monday through Saturday, 52 weeks a year.



including holidays. The meal cost is minimal and the service is available as long as needed.

<u>Who needs Meals On Wheels</u>....The widow or the widower who cannot prepare a meal for themselves, the disabled who are physically compromised, the recently hospitalized who have returned home in a weakened condition and the elderly who are consistently in need of at least one nutritious meal a day. The volunteer who delivers the meals are sometimes the only personal outside contact the recipient has during the day.

If you would like this service, or know someone who needs this assistance, a good meal is only a phone call away.

> **488-1889** Monday-Saturday 8am-11am

#### SANDALWOOD PARK HOMEOWNERS CLUBHOUSE RULES

- 1. No notices, other than emergency or official, are to be attached to any walls, doors, windows, etc. inside or outside of the building. Bulletin boards are provided for sharing information. Push pins or cellophane tape are not to be used for any purpose on walls and doors.
- 2. Decorations for holidays or events must avoid damage to walls or ceilings.
- 3. Any group using the facilities is expected to pick up trash and do basic cleaning of equipment and furnishings. Park maintenance personnel will dust and mop floors as needed.
- 4. Event leaders (or last to leave the building) are to turn off heat or air, turn off interior lights, audio/visual equipment, appliances, etc. and lock all doors.
- 5. NO PARKING in the portico outside Sandpiper Room. This facility is for dropping off and picking up only. Do not block the drive to the portico. Short term parking is allowed in front of the laundry and office while conducting business but must not block the drive. Primary parking for Sandpiper Room is in the marked grass areas to the south. Overflow parking is allowed across Sandpiper in the grass. Bicycles should park in the grass in front of the Portico.
- 6. Official room designations are "Sandpiper Room", "Activities Room", "Exercise Room", "Library", "Office", "File Room", "Laundry", and "Information Hall".

Adopted by the Board 4/8/09

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