

Letter From The President

Labor Day is here and still it feels like a hot summer day here at Sandalwood. The grounds look great and the plants are flourishing.

With cooler weather up north our friends will be heading back. It's been quiet without all the hustle and bustle of people and SAC activities. If you didn't save your May newsletter, look online for the 2015/2016 list of events.

Both lots on Aspen will have new homes by October and our new friends and neighbors should be settled in for the season. We have one open lot on Boxwood and many people asking about it. Sandalwood has become a sought after place to live.

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Procedure for submitting articles to OnTrac Publishing for the Newsletter.

All articles and information for the Newsletter are to be submitted only through the Sandalwood Editor.

Only information sent by the editor will be published in the newsletters.

Editor information is on page two.

Thanks!

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!!!

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Huff & Puff is Mon-Wed-Fri .. 9:00am





The Games We Play

If you love to play games there are lots of opportunities to meet up with your neighbors and have fun. Besides Bingo, Bridge and Poker here are some of the other games we have available here at Sandalwood Park:

Euchre - Euchre is an offshoot of Juckerspiel, a game that became widely popular throughout Europe during the Napoleonic era. In the 1800s, it became one of the most popular card games in America and Australia. It is a fast paced trump game that is relatively easy to learn. It is normally played by four people divided into two teams. Partners sit directly across from each other. The object of the game is to be the first partnership to score 10 points.

Hand and Foot- Hand and Foot is a North American game related to Canasta, in which each player is dealt two sets of cards - the hand, which is played first, and the foot, which is played when the hand has been used up. The aim is to get rid of cards from your hand, and then from your foot, by **melding** them. A meld is a set of from three to seven cards of equal rank placed face up on the table. It can be played with partners or as individuals.



Mahjong- Mahjong, aka Mah Jongg, is a popular centuries old Chinese version of Rummy played with sets of tiles artfully decorated with characters and symbols representing nature, numbers, seasons and the four winds instead of cards.. The object of the four player game is to collect sets of tiles.

Check the Activities Calendar for days and times!



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Sandalwood celebrates our "20th Anniversary" this year!

I for one, am thankful to those who put in the time and effort to buy the land back in 1996. Since that time we have gone through so many changes. Each of the past twenty years improvements have been made throughout the park.

- Replaced rusted storm drains
- Increased retention ditch to prevent flooding of several streets
- * A new patio area with plenty of seating
- * Gated entrance at Pinebrook
- The pool area was updated with new tiles and a new patio
- New shuffleboard court
- * Annual fire ant treatment
- Annual Palm trimming
- * The construction of much needed and larger clubhouse only six years ago
- A new hedge of Viburnum along Cortina for privacy
- * Roads were resurfaced
- * Planted palms on both sides of Cortina
- New irrigation was installed for the Cortina hedges
- Irrigation was installed for our entry and around our clubhouse and pool using well water

- New landscaping at the back entrance and irrigation was installed throughout that area
- * New Bocce courts
- Putting area for the golfers
- Landscaping was improved with new palms and bushes
- We hired Lighthouse to manage Sandalwood, which has proved to be a positive move

So much has been done you would think we would be in debt. Quite the contrary, the initial purchase was paid in ten years and we had a mortgage burning party. The new clubhouse was free of debt in less than five years! Sandalwood has still grown financially every year. In addition to a *healthy cash reserve*, we still hold the deed to nine lots at a value of \$450K. All the directors over the past twenty years have worked to grow Sandalwood. While our cable and lawn care fees have increased, our basic maintenance has remained the same. We pride ourselves on being fiscally responsible.

To celebrate our success a 20th Anniversary is planned and all owners are invited.

This event will be on February "20th", 2016. It will be held at the Ramada on US 41. Tickets will be available beginning on December 15th.

Check with the office.



SANDALWOOD PARK



Sandalwood Park's 2015-2016 Concert Series kicks off January 17th with the Red Hot and Blue Collar Show promising a night of song, style and Southern fried comedy.

Dale, the loveable country bumpkin alias of comedian Eric Dowis teams up with NYC singing sensation, Kari Ringer. Moving quickly between many musical genres and hilarious comedy, this dynamic variety show is sure to please and audience.

"My wife is wearing her barbed wire dress; it protects the property but doesn't obstruct the view." Dale, from "Red Hot and Blue Collar."

Eric discovered his sense of humor at a young age when he realized that being funny could get him out of school work. Today Eric is working harder than ever on a career that was at first deemed a "distraction." Beyond the laughter, Eric enjoys meeting his audience and listening to their stories.

He believes spending time with the audience off the stage is as important as entertaining on stage.

Kari Ringer is and experience NYC singer, actor and instrumentalist lucky to be living her dream. Kari was born in Canton, Ohio and grew up performing in local children's groups, church and community theater. An only child, her mother will tell you she definitely had a "flair for dramatics!" Kari graduated with a degree in Musical Theater and has performed in a wide range of venues all over the United States as well as Europe, South America and Mexico.

When not on stage, Eric and Kari spend time at their home in central Florida enjoying diving, motorcycles, keeping fit and family. They have remained happily married even when tested by their support of opposing sports teams. Eric is a die-hard Georgia Bulldog while Kari supports an inferior team.

Tickets for the 2016 Sandalwood Park Concert series go on sale Wednesday, December 2nd at 10:00 am.

New for this year, seat selection will be made at the time of purchase on a first come, first serve basis. Also new for this year, credit cards will be accepted along with the always welcome cash and checks. Advance season tickets, including all three entertainment-packed shows, are only \$60.00 each and will be available after December 2nd on Mondays and Fridays 10:00 am -12:00 pm at the office.

Tickets for individual concerts will also be available at the door for \$25.00 each.



Top 40 Professionals 2014



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I walked into the office the other day and Karen is laughing so hard it took her a minute to catch her breath and share what was so funny. She was talking on the phone with a friend, Sylvia, who wears hearing aids. They were talking about our oldest and Sylvia's son who is also 24 years old. Both young men are in their phase of trying life experiences you would rather your parents not know about.

And both moms, found out.

Karen and Sylvia were agreeing how hard it is to let them live their life. How she wants to slap him upside his head and tell him to get a clue.

Karen wrapped up her thought with a saying she's been using lately, "does that make sense?"

Sylvia responded, "It makes sense to me, but I'm not a 24 year-old guy."

Karen said, "maybe I'll just wear a 'does that make sense' t-shirt."

Sylvia started laughing. Karen paused, knowing there had been a slight miscommunication. Sylvia heard, "maybe I'll just wear a transparent t-shirt."

It was at this point Karen realized Sylvia had not been wearing her hearing aids during the conversation.

Even though Karen found humor in this moment, consistently misunderstanding in conversations aren't always a laughing matter and can cause you to withdraw from social situations.

If you or a friend struggle to hear clearly, call us, we can let you know if hearing aids can help alleviate some of the confusion or miscommunications in your life. Ask about our manufacturer promotions for September.



On Venice Island, between the lights at Miami Ave and Milan Ave on southbound side. Set back from the road with FRONT DOOR parking.

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Wishing a Happy Grandparent's Day! September 13th



"The idea that no one is perfect is a view most commonly held by people with no grandchildren." Doug Larson

"The reason grandchildren and grandparents get along so well is that they have a common enemy." Sam Levenson

"A grandmother pretends she doesn't know who you are on Halloween." Erma Bombeck

"Grandchildren don't stay young forever, which is good because Pop-pops have only so many horsey rides in them."

Gene Perret

"The best baby-sitters, of course, are the baby's grandparents. You feel completely comfortable entrusting your baby to them for long periods, which is why most grandparents flee to Florida."

Dave Barry



Plan Now For Thanksgiving Dinner

Make plans now to join us in the Sandalwood Room for Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 26th at 2:30 pm.

The Sandalwood Activities Committee will be providing turkey, gravy and a selection of yummy desserts.

Individual table hosts and hostesses will be responsible for delicious side dishes to serve family style at their own table.

Family and guests are welcome.

Details and more information will follow in next month's newsletter.



Fourth of July Potluck Update

Thank you to everyone who joined us poolside on the patio for our Fourth of July bar-b-que. The Sandalwood Activities Committee provided festive decorations, bar-b-que pork sliders and corn on the cob, party goers contributed a huge selection of delicious salads, side dishes and desserts and Rosemary Clooney sang her patriotic heart out.



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The Best Sermons Are Lived, Not Preached

- 1. Today, I interviewed my grandmother for part of a research paper I'm working on for my Psychology class. When I asked her to define success in her own words, she said, "Success is when you look back at your life and the memories make you smile."
- Today, I asked my mentor a very successful business man in his 70s- what his top 3 tips are for success. He smiled and said, "Read something no one else is reading, think something no one else is thinking, and do something no one else is doing."
- 3. Today, after a 72 hour shift at the fire station, a woman ran up to me at the grocery store and gave me a hug. When I tensed up, she realized I didn't recognize her. She let go with tears of joy in her eyes and the most sincere smile and said, "On 9-11-2001, you carried me out of the World Trade Center."
- 4. Today, after I watched my dog get run over by a car, I sat on the side of the road holding him and crying. And just before he died, he licked the tears off my face.
- 5. Today at 7AM, I woke up feeling ill, but decided I needed the money, so I went into work. At 3PM I got laid off. On my drive home I got a flat tire. When I went into the trunk for the spare, it was flat too. A man in a BMW pulled over, gave me a ride, we chatted, and then he of-fered me a job. I start tomorrow.
- 6. Today, as my father, three brothers, and two sisters stood around my mother's hospital bed, my mother uttered her last coherent words before she died. She simply said, "I feel so loved right now. We should have gotten together like this more often."
- Today, I kissed my dad on the forehead as he passed away in a small hospital bed. About 5 seconds after he passed, I realized it was the first time I had given him a kiss since I was a little boy.
- Today, in the cutest voice, my 8-year-old daughter asked me to start recycling. I chuckled and asked, "Why?" She replied, "So you can help me save the planet." I chuckled again and asked, "And why do you want to save the planet?" Because that's where I keep all my stuff," she said.
- Today, when I witnessed a 27-year-old breast cancer patient laughing hysterically at her 2-yearold daughter's antics, I suddenly realized that I need to stop complaining about my life and start celebrating it again.
- 10. Today, a boy in a wheelchair saw me desperately struggling on crutches with my broken leg and offered to carry my backpack and books for me. He helped me all the way across campus to my class and as he was leaving he said, "I hope you feel better soon."
- 11. Today, I was feeling down because the results of a biopsy came back malignant. When I got home, I opened an e-mail that said, "Thinking of you today. If you need me, I'm a phone call away." It was from a high school friend I hadn't seen in 10 years.
- 12. Today, I was traveling in Kenya and I met a refugee from Zimbabwe. He said he hadn't eaten anything in over 3 days and looked extremely skinny and unhealthy. Then my friend offered him the rest of the sandwich he was eating. The first thing the man said was, "We can share it.

The best sermons are lived, not preached. I am glad I have you to share these with.

Contributed by Mitch Watson



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We're not here for the game. The game is nothing. The game is crap. The game makes me sick. The real reason we Americans put up with sports is for this: behold, the tailgate party. The pinnacle of human achievement. Since the dawn of parking lots, man has sought to fill his gut with food and alcohol in anticipation of watching others exercise."

Matt Groening via Homer Simpson

Game Day Deli Dip

- 1 8 oz package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 3 tbsp creamy Italian salad dressing
- 1/2 tsp red pepper flakes
- 1 tsp lemon pepper
- 1/4 lb deli turkey breast, diced very small
- 1/4 lb salami, chopped finely
- 1/4 lb deli ham, diced very small
- 1/4 lb provolone cheese, diced small
- 1/2 cup pepperoncini, drained and diced small
- 1/2 cup black olives, drained and diced small

Combine the cream cheese, mayonnaise, salad dressing, red pepper and lemon pepper together in a medium bowl and mix until well blended.

Gently stir in the turkey, salami, ham, provolone, pepperoncini and olives.

Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour.



Stir again and serve with a sliced baguette, crackers...or sliced zucchini for a glutenfree option.

~Be forewarned...this is one of those impossible chunky, messy dips...make sure your scoopers are up to the scooping task or serve with a small spoon...or those funky spreaders you won at Bunco.



Recipe from: "Warm Hearth: Comforting Love-filled Recipes for Family, Friends and Cozy Fireplace Afternoons," by Mango Dragonfly.

Available at www.mangodragonfly.com or on Amazon.com



CHECK OUT THE RINGLING MUSEUM OF ART

The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art is the state art museum of Florida, located on the corner of University Ave. and Highway 41 in Sarasota. It was established in 1927 as the legacy of Mable and John Ringling for the people of Florida and on Mondays admission is free!

The museum's art collection currently consists of more than 10,000 objects including paintings, sculpture, drawings, photographs, prints, and decorative arts from ancient through contemporary periods around the world. The most celebrated items in the museum are 16th-20th-century European paintings, including a world-renowned collection by Rubens. Other famous artists represented include: West, Duchamp, Velázquez, Veronese, Bernini, Finelli, Cranach the Elder, Hals, Poussin, Wright of Derby, Gainsborough, Boudin and Pagni.

Currently on exhibit through September 13th, Appalachia USA is an epic documentary project by the New York-based photographer Builder Levy. His black and white photos present life and labor in coal mining communities. Levy connects us to the heart of coal mining and through his adept, empathetic portraits; we also connect to the miners on a personal level. His lens captures the intimate interiors of family homes, takes in the natural beauty of the landscape (even as it is marred through mining) and captures the distinctive rural vernacular that gives the region's it's unique identity.

Levy began this work in 1968 and continued exploring the region for over forty years. In doing so, he hoped to dispel popular "hillbilly" stereotypes by presenting his subjects in a way that emphasizes their humanity and dignity.

The new "Center for Asian Art" building opens this fall with "Royal Taste" a unique glimpse into the luxurious lifestyles and religious practices of princely courts in early- and mid-Ming China (1368-1644).

The majority of the objects that will be on view were selected from recent archaeological finds now in the collections of four museums in the Hubei province in China, all of which are traveling to the US for the first time.

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Coming January 2016 is "Samurai- The Way of the Warrior." This exciting exhibition features objects related to the legendary Samurai warriors - full suits of armor, helmets, swords, sword-hilts, and saddles, as well as exquisite objects intended for personal use such as lacquered writing boxes, incense trays and foldable chairs.





SEPTEMBER CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- sensation
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- 43. "The Simpsons" bus driver and
- namesakes

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- of Music" song)
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- 30. Feverish
- 31. With "L," a Corleone hatchet man
- 32. "The Alienist" author Carr
- 33. Actress Madeleine
- 34. Rogen, and namesakes
- 38. Baseball's Sammy
- 40. "Batman Forever" star Kilmer
- 41. Biblical land
- 44. First pope
- 46. Does the breaststroke
- 49. Bulgaria's currency
- 50. Fit for the dinner table
- 51. Went off
- 55. Corporate VIPs
- 56. Office sub
- 58. River into which Rasputin was thrown
- 59. ____ Grey tea
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2016 Sandalwood Park Concert Series

Sunday, January 17th 7:00 pm Red Hot Blue Collar Show

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Sunday, February 21st 7:00 pm

Brian Roman

Brian Roman's passion for music and entertainment has brought him all over the world, performing contemporary classics and wonderful original music for thousands of fans.

Sunday, March 13th, 7:00 pm The Goldtones Show

Southwest Florida's hottest Doo-wop group! Featuring all your favorite music form the 50's, 60's and 70's !



Tickets go on sale Wednesday, December 2nd at 10:00 am!

Advance season tickets, including all three shows, are \$60.00 each and go on sale Wednesday, December 2nd at 10:00 am at the SAC box office located in the Activities Room. Seat selection will be made at the time of purchase. Cash, Checks or credit cards will be accepted. Regular SAC Box Office Hours Monday and Friday 10:00 am -12:00 pm **300 Sandpiper Dr. Venice, FL 34285**



- The first underground subway in North America opened in Boston September 1, 1897.
- The first ATM was installed on September 2, 1969.
- "The Wizard of Oz," was published September 3, 1900.
- Babe Ruth hit his first home run September 7, 1915.
- Elvis Presley first performed on the Ed Sullivan Show on September 9, 1956.
- Bonanza, the first regularly scheduled TV program presented in color aired on September 12, 1959.
- Nikita Khrushchev is the first Soviet leader to visit the United States September 15, 1959.
- Mickey Mouse made his debut September 19, 1928.
- Monday Night Football first aired September 21, 1970.
- Yosemite National Park was established September 25, 1890.
- Baseball pitcher Nolan Ryan throws a record fifth nohitter September 26, 1981.
- The World Series was televised for the first time September 30, 1947.

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