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UPDATE ON IRS NOTICE

Yes, there is a different look to the Recreation News this week. Normally the OUR PLACE column is on the second page of the insert. However, due to the very important nature of this week's subject matter, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Notices, I thought it best to place this information on the front page.

For those of you who know me or read my columns, please bear with me for a couple of paragraphs as I repeat some of what I have previously shared. My employment for the last 28 years has been in the public sector, working for both a city and a county. While there are some differences in the terminology, the vast majority of what I do as District Manager for the Community Development Districts mirrors my city and county management experience.

Since becoming District Manager, I have often commented that the Districts are the best form of government I have experienced because they are local units of "special-purpose" government: The Districts' responsibilities are clearly defined by Florida law. Unlike a city or county whose activities range from A-Animal Control to Z-Zoning and everything in between, the Village Center and Sumter Landing Community Development Districts and the 10 numbered Districts have clear delineated responsibilities. When a special-purpose government focuses on the issues



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within its framework, the work is accomplished more expeditiously, efficiently, and generally more economically.

Districts cannot do whatever they want without restrictions. As units of special-purpose "local government," the Districts must operate as any local government when it comes to public meetings, public records, purchasing, human resources, budgeting, financial controls, audits, and the list goes on because we must follow state statutes in our everyday activities, including contracts, bond indentures, purchase agreements and the city and county legislation which grants us our government powers.

While staff continually strives to communicate with residents about your local government, the Community Development Districts, many folks do not understand our form of government. You may have moved here from a city like Cleveland, a township, a county or a parish and do not know what a District is, how it operates, or why it exists.

During the last Amenity Authority Committee (AAC) meeting, one of its members, Gary Moyer, brought up an important point. He commented that sometimes we forget,

that as a result of the community's growth, the majority of residents were not here when the first amenities sale took place, and do not know why the Village Center Community Development District (VCCDD) bought recreational amenities from the Developer in the first place.

The residents in attendance at the AAC meeting appreciated the historical overview. I believe it would be beneficial to provide the information to you in advance of my comments about the IRS issue that is the topic of so many resident discussions and concerns.

When this community first began to grow, the Developer had three alternatives regarding the future of recreational amenities in The Villages.

The first alternative was for the Developer to continue to own the recreational amenities, collect the amenity fees that are a contractual obligation, and to operate and maintain the services, recreation centers and activities.

The second alternative was for the Developer to sell those recreational amenities to other businesses. This type of sale was quite popular in the mid-90's, when selling golf courses and amenities was very lucrative and happened on a regular basis.

And the third alternative was to transfer the assets to a government that was closest to the people of The Villages. Selling to a government entity ensured that the community would be operated in perpetuity for the benefit of the residents.

It was to The Villages Developer's credit that the Developer had the same concern and believed the best vehicle available for providing these recreational amenities was to sell the amenities to the VCCDD. This decision was in the best interest of the residents of The Villages, because this alternative made sure the lifestyle provided to each resident continues in the future, which is the "special-purpose" of the local District government. It is important to note that the amount of monthly amenity fees would not change under any of these scenarios, as they are contractual obligations. The only change is that the facilities went from private ownership to public ownership, which allows residents to participate in decisions affecting the lifestyle that all residents enjoy.

Now that the history of the VCCDD has been explained, we can move onto the important issue at hand: the receipt of three "5701" forms from the IRS. The Forms are a "Notice of Proposed Issue." The forms state that based on their (IRS) information, they believe interest on the proposed issue should be included in gross income. The form goes on to say, "HOWEVER, IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT WOULD ALTER OR REVERSE THIS PROPOSAL, OR ARE IN DISAGREEMENT WITH THE FACTS, PLEASE FURNISH THIS INFORMATION."

The Daily Sun accurately

reported the IRS Review back in January. More recently, two opinion columns appeared in a regional newspaper that created anxiety among some of our residents. When residents read what was written in those opinion columns, they mistakenly believed the IRS had already concluded their audit, made their findings and, as a result, the residents would be liable for payments of substantial dollars.

As I previously stated, that is NOT the case. The Form 5701 is a notice to the District that the IRS is looking at certain issues and will work with us, the VCCDD, over a period of time for us to answer those issues.

It should be noted that a similar inquiry by the IRS in 2003 resulted in "no change" to the District's operation. Of course, we cannot predict how this examination will end.

However, for the press to draw hypothetical conclusions from the three 5701 forms is simply not appropriate. Keep in mind, the VCCDD is one of about 600 CDD's in the State of Florida. The issues raised in these 5701 forms would apply to the vast majority of those 600 districts as they issue bonds, just like the VCCDD issues bonds. As part of the bond process, each one of those bond issues is reviewed by bond counsel – attorneys who are schooled in the law as it relates to tax exempt bonds.

The VCCDD used a bond counsel firm for the issuance of our bonds. Other CDD's

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Frequently Used Numbers...

Community Standards
(Deed Compliance & Architectural Review)
751-3912 or 751-6719

District Property Management
753-4022

Community Watch
753-0550

Water & Sewer Customer Service
Water & Sewer (8 a.m.-5 p.m.)
750-0000
After Hours (5 p.m.-8 a.m.)
753-0550

Billing Questions
Water & Sewer 750-0000
Amenity Fees 750-0000
Assessments 751-3900

Human Resources
751-3930

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Emergencies Only	.9-1-1
Ambulance Lake/Sumter County	.383-1200
Ambulance Marion County	.694-6667
Fire Department Lake/Sumter County	.751-3473
Fire Department Marion County	.694-6667
Lady Lake Police	.751-1565
Lake County Sheriff	.343-2101
Marion County Sheriff	.732-9111
Sumter County Sheriff	.793-0222
Construction/Home Warranty	.753-6222
Highway Patrol	.360-6511
Public Works Department	.750-0000

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL (CIC) OFFICERS

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CIC Suggestion Forms are available at all postal stations, the six Regional Recreation Centers and on-line at districtgov.org and thevillages.net. Click on Community Improvement Council.

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around the State used a variety of bond counsels to review their transactions. All of the firms found that the District was a government and had the authority to issue bonds. In addition, the VCCDD bonds were approved by the local circuit court, as all CDD bonds are, but one of our bond issues was appealed to the Supreme Court of the State of Florida. The Supreme Court of the State of Florida found the VCCDD's actions were appropriate.

As a result, the VCCDD feels good about the legal framework that established the District in the first place, and the tax exempt bonds that were issued. Does that mean we fully expect the IRS to just raise these issues and go away? No we don't. We are going to work with them; we're going to review Chapter 190 and explain that community development districts are special-purpose government under Florida law and, as such, can issue tax-exempt bonds.

Unfortunately, having the press review the 5701 forms and print a newspaper column about them leads many to the wrong conclusion if you don't understand the totality of all of the government systems in the State of Florida.

There are numerous CDD's doing exactly the same thing that the VCCDD is doing. I can assure you from my past government experience, that cities and counties also do the same thing. The recreational facilities were purchased based on both the value of the facilities themselves, plus the value of the cash flow derived from operating those facilities. Cities and counties buy utility companies all the time on such a "cash flow" approach and issue tax-free municipal bonds to do so. There is nothing unusual about the way the District valued the assets that were acquired by the VCCDD.

Finally, I would like to comment that the columnist who wrote the column did contact me and included my quotes in her column. They were short, to the point and basically indicated it was premature to "assume" anything

other than we believe everything was done appropriately. Unfortunately, the rest of the column made some additional "assumptions" based only on the writer's opinion and, as a result of modern technology, the column has been discussed and discussed until the residents are discussing conclusions that do not remotely resemble the facts.

As Mr. Moyer stated in the AAC meeting, "We've got a long way to go and we've got some good people working with us on the audit and I'm hopeful that we'll be fine. Just like litigation, you don't litigate in the newspaper and there's a process that you follow in order to do that in the Courts. Similarly, there's a process that we're following that's outlined by the IRS to resolve these types of issues."

In summary, as reported in the Daily Sun almost two months ago, there is an ongoing review by the IRS similar to a review done in 2003, which resulted in no change to the District operation. The District believes that the recreational amenities have been valued and sold in a normal and appropriate manner to the VCCDD, so as to benefit the residents and perpetuate the lifestyle being enjoyed.

So, please share this factual information with any residents who have expressed concern, anxiety, or are upset over what they have read. If any of you have questions or would like to discuss further, I would be more than glad to try and address your issues. However, please know we are still in the preliminary stages. When there are additional facts to report, we will make sure to do so in a timely manner.

If you would like more information about the Village Community Development Districts, just check out our Web site at districtgov.org. You can also attend District Orientation, which is a weekly overview of the Districts. Just contact Customer Service at 753-4508 for additional information.

Thank you for allowing me to share this important information with you and we look forward to meeting you each week, here, at OUR PLACE.

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Villages Notes

Qualifier for Quarterly 9-ball Tournament set for Saturday

The next qualifier for the Quarterly 9-Ball Tournament at Silver Lake Center will be at 9 a.m. Saturday. This tournament is open to all Villages residents. Entry fee is \$10 per player. To sign up, call Sherry Alexander at 753-4036 no earlier than 7 a.m.

Format will be a race to four on the winner's side and a race to three on the one loss side. The 3-foul rule will be in effect. The tournament is limited to 32 players. Food will be available for a small fee by the Ladies Billiards Association.

The yearly Championship will be in September. Qualifiers will be the top point earners throughout the year. Each player will receive 25 points for each tournament they play in and 10 points for each match they play. The winner of the tournament receives a bonus of 50 points.

OBG Lions Club to host golf tournament Saturday

Registration for the Saturday Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club Charity Golf Tournament at Hacienda Hills Golf and Country Club is under way.

This tournament is open to the public, for both men and women. Golfers may be eligible to win prizes, including \$1 million, \$1,000 or a Columbia Par Car. Morning tee times begin at 7:28 p.m.; afternoon times begin at 11:56 p.m.

The \$75 entry fee includes green fees, cart, coffee, doughnuts, a hot dog and soda lunch, refreshments, dinner and door prizes. Happy hour starts at 5:30 p.m.; BYOB. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. at Paradise Center catered by Oakwood Smokehouse. Extra dinner tickets for guest are \$18.

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Club notices:

All submissions for The Villages Recreation News should be e-mailed to recreationnews@thevillagesmedia.com. They may also be brought into The Villages Media Group Offices on Main Street in Spanish Springs. The deadline for club notices is noon the Monday of the week of publication.

Please limit submissions to 150 words or less.

For information, call Hillary Crawford at 753-1119.

Villages Clubs

26ers Social Club

The 26ers Social Club is inviting residents living in this area of Santo Domingo to join the fun April 2 for a scavenger hunt. Participants will meet at 4:15 p.m. in the parking lot at La Hacienda Center for clues and rules. Teams of three to four people will use just two golf carts to follow the clues and record answers.

Return to the Carmen Miranda Room by 6:30 p.m. for a sandwich supper. Residents with last names A-L are asked to bring a salad; M-Z are asked to bring a dessert. Bring your own beverage. The cost of the scavenger hunt and dinner is \$4; the cost for dinner only is \$3. Reservations are due to Vincent's home, 1360 Augustine Dr., by Monday.

For information, call Nancy Shephard at 750-9542.

Abraham-Hicks

The Abraham-Hicks Discussion Club meets at 3:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays at Pimlico Center. The club will meet Tuesday. The discussion topics will be drawn from the first chapter of the book, "Money And the Law of Attraction."

Discussion is designed for those who have some knowledge of the concepts of Abraham-Hicks, are drawn to the ideas and want to explore them more deeply. Meetings focus on the principles of the law of attraction, deliberate decision-making and the art of allowing. Meetings feature audiovisual presentations and

small group discussion.

There are no dues; walk-ins are welcome. Food items will be collected for a local food pantry. For information about Abraham-Hicks, visit Abraham-Hicks.com. For information about the group, call Carol Tierney at 430-1888.

Acoustic Guitar

The Acoustic Guitar Club meets at 10 a.m. Thursdays in the Henry Fonda Room of Paradise Center.

Meetings are friendly, the camaraderie warm and the music fun. Members engage in various types of music, from traditional to contemporary, ranging from the '40s to the present. Players frequently harmonize and, most of all, respect each other's musical abilities. If you are looking for a relaxed way to play the guitar, banjo, violin, harmonica, bass or any other string instrument, come join the club. There are no membership dues.

For information, call Ernie Mueller at 259-0611.

Advanced Acoustic Guitar

The Advanced Acoustical Guitar Workshop, also known as the Jim Dale Jammers, meets 9-11 a.m. Tuesdays in the Spirit Room at Mulberry Grove Center and 9-11 a.m. Tuesdays in the Lindsey Paddock Room at Churchill Street Center. It is suggested that residents on the north side of County Road 466 attend Mulberry Grove and those on the south side attend Churchill Street, but feel free to attend wherever you choose.

The workshop is to

enhance skills at playing the guitar, as well as other string instruments. Music includes swing, jazz, country and bluegrass. The club is intended for those who desire to get away from two- to three-chord songs. Members work on minors, sevenths, diminished, augmented and suspended chords. Lead sheets and chord charts are available.

Villagers interested in listening to the music are also welcome.

For information, call Jim Hutchison at 259-0550 or Gary Davis at 750-0936.

Air Gun

The Villages Air Gun Club holds member shoots at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Thursdays at Rio Grande Air Gun Range. New members are welcome.

Villages residents and their guests (13 years old and older) are welcome to try out air gun shooting 9-11 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. New shooters will be introduced to the sport and given safety instructions.

Targets, pellets and air guns will be provided by the Recreation Department during these times.

For information, call Chula Vista Center at 753-0002 or Gary Perlick at 205-8243.

Al Kora Ladies

The Al Kora Shrine Ladies Club meets at 10:30 a.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Cottage Inn of Lady Lake. The club will meet Tuesday.

For information, call the club president, Betty Harding, at 205-7649.

Bridge

Duplicate Bridge Web site - bridgescore.com/villages
Marilyn Fulton - duplicate partnership chairwoman - 750-1655

Monday

- Intermediate Bridge, 9 a.m., Laurel Manor Center, Pat Ford, 750-4479.
- Bridge Wannabees Practice, noon, Silver Lake Center, Rona Gold, 750-3913.
- Rubber Bridge Intermediate/Advanced, 1 p.m., Mulberry Grove Center, Lynne Frank, 259-9026.
- Friendly Bridge, 1 p.m., Bacall Center, Merle Gallagher, 391-9190.
- *Sanctioned Duplicate 299er Pts or Less**, 1 p.m. Mondays at Laurel Manor, Jan Dulieu 753-9630.
- *Sanction Duplicate Bridge**, 6:30 p.m., Laurel Manor Center, Pat Ford, 750-4479, or Marilyn Fulton, 750-1655.
- Couples Social Bridge, 7 p.m., Mulberry Grove Center, Lynne Stavedahl, 259-3654.

Tuesday

- Bridge and Open Cards, 9 a.m., Paradise Center, Winnie Harrington, 753-0936.
- Practice Bridge, 9:30 a.m. all Tuesdays except first Tuesday of the month, Churchill Street Center, Margaret Spadafora, 259-0152.
- Practice Bridge, 9:30 a.m. first Tuesday of each month, Bridgeport Center, Margaret Spadafora 259-0152.
- Ladies Bridge, noon, Paradise Center, Val Annetta, 753-2104.
- *Sanction Duplicate Bridge**, 1 p.m., Lake Miona Center, Pat Ford, 750-4479 or Marilyn Fulton, 750-1655.
- Convention Bridge, 1 p.m., El Santiago Center, Lynn Frank, 259-9026.
- Couple Rubber Bridge, 7 p.m., Laurel Manor, Ron Hardin, 753-3092.

Wednesday

- Intermediate Bridge, noon, Laurel Manor Center, Jackee Day 750-9000.
- *Sanction Duplicate Bridge**, 1 p.m., Mulberry Grove Center, Pat Ford, 750-4479 or Marilyn Fulton, 750-1655.
- Intermediate/Advanced Bridge, 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Saddlebrook Center, nonsanctioned, Lynne Frank, 259-9026.
- Duplicate Bridge, 2:30 p.m., Paradise Center, nonsanctioned, Deloris Vette, 259-9228, or Myrna Back, 430-2880.
- Couple Social Bridge, 7 p.m., Wednesdays, Odell Center,

Irene Haenke at 350-2364.

Thursday

- Basic Fun Bridge, 9:30 a.m., Allamanda Center, Irene Hendricks, 753-2963.
- Intermediate Bridge, 9:30 a.m., Pimlico Center, Maureen McCoy, 259-4257.
- *Sanction Duplicate Bridge**, 1 p.m., Mulberry Grove Center, Pat Ford, 750-4479, or Marilyn Fulton, 750-1655.
- Fun Social Bridge, 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Odell Center, Diane Hill, (973) 420-3392.
- *Sanction Duplicate Bridge**, 6:30 p.m., Mulberry Grove Center, Pat Ford, 750-4479, or Marilyn Fulton, 750-1655.
- Singles Bridge, 6 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays, El Santiago Center, Betty Barber, 753-2864.
- Mixed Bridge, 6:30 p.m., Paradise Center, Bonnie Davis, 753-9206.
- Ladies Bridge, 6:30 p.m., Canal Street Center, Anne Carlson, 430-3690.
- Couples Bridge, 7 p.m., Laurel Manor Center, Sue Swartz, 259-1373.

Friday

- Intermediate Bridge, 9 a.m., Laurel Manor Center, Pat Ford, 750-4479.
- Duplicate Bridge, 12:30 p.m., Mulberry Grove Center, nonsanctioned partnership, Mary Gavaghan, 259-6907.
- *Sanctioned Duplicate 299'er Pts or Less**, 1 p.m. Mondays at Laurel Manor Center, New game, 299 points or less Jan Dulieu 753-9630.
- Intermediate Bridge, 7 p.m., Saddlebrook Center, Jackee Day, 750-9000.

Saturday

- Saturday Morning Bridge, 9 a.m., Chatham Center, Gerry Langer, 751-1227.
- Intermediate Bridge, 10 a.m., Coconut Cove Center, Marilun Gagen, 753-2603.
- *Sanction Duplicate Bridge Open and 299er Pts or less*, 1 p.m., Colony Cottage Center, Pat Ford, 750-4479 or Marilyn Fulton, 750-1655.

Sunday

- Swiss Team Bridge, 12:30 p.m. second Sundays, Laurel Manor Center, Pat Ford, 750-4479 or Marilyn Fulton, 750-1655.
- Sunday Night Bridge, 6 p.m., Saddlebrook Center, Lynne Frank, 259-9026.

Mah-jongg

Monday

- Open, Noon, weekly except for first Monday of the month, Saddlebrook, Recreation Director, 259-5377.
- National, Noon, Monday, Bridgeport, Karen Carbonneau, 259-8981.
- Open, 12:30 p.m., Mondays, Truman, Cheryl Minieri, 391-1391.
- Open, 1 p.m., Mondays, La Hacienda, Jean Bateman, 259-5919.
- Open, 7 p.m., Mondays, Colony Cottage, Jill Hausner, 350-2995.

Tuesday

- Advanced, Noon, Tuesday, Silver Lake, Fran Faraci, 750-0351.
- Open, Noon, Tuesdays, Chatham, Ruth Zebroski, 259-8310.
- Organized and Lessons, Noon, Tuesdays, Laurel Manor, Joan DeCarlo, 753-1127.
- Organized, 1 p.m., Tuesdays, Paradise, Marie Rensaw, 750-1575.
- Open, 12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Canal Street, Recreation Director, 205-8571.
- Open, 6 p.m., Tuesdays, La Hacienda, Marie Cassese, 750-6877.
- Organized, 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Paradise, Joan DeCarlo, 753-1127.
- Open, 7 p.m., Tuesdays, Mulberry Grove, Elaine Dubin, 753-7012.
- Organized, 6:30 p.m., 1,2,4,5 Tuesdays, El Santiago, Gwen Robinson, 350-4818.

Wednesday

- Open, 11:30 a.m., Wednesdays, El Santiago, Jean Bauman, 751-4118.
- Open, Noon, Wednesdays, El Santiago, Rona Gold, 750-3913.
- Open, Noon, Wednesdays, Coconut Cove, Pauline Youngken, 430-2870.
- Open, 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Colony Cottage, Bev J. Hayes, 350-2233.
- Open, 3:30 p.m.,

- Wednesdays, El Santiago, Carolyn Rizzo, 753-4889.
- Open, 6 p.m., Wednesdays, La Hacienda, Recreation Director, 753-1716.
 - Open, 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Lake Miona, Alice McKenzie, 753-0377.

Thursday

- Open, Noon, Thursdays, Saddlebrook, Edith Wolf, 430-1246.
- Team, Noon, Thursdays, El Santiago, Josephine Milazzo, 259-3852.
- Organized, 1 p.m., Thursdays, Chula Vista, Ilene Hamilton, 753-2333.
- Open, 6:30 p.m., Thursdays, Colony Cottage, Jeanette Nichols, 259-4199.

Friday

- Organized, 8:30 a.m., Fridays, Pimlico, Mary Kay Cargill, 753-0278.
- Advanced, Noon, Fridays, Lake Miona, Helene Paiva, 751-4293.
- Advanced, Noon, Fridays, Silver Lake, Fran Faraci, 750-0351.
- Open, 12:30 p.m., Fridays, El Santiago, Carolyn Rizzo, 753-4889.
- Advanced, 12:30 p.m., Fridays, Hibiscus, Ellen Nirenberg, 217-8983.
- Open and Board Games, 1 p.m., Fridays, Allamanda Evelyn Brauer, 205-8997.
- Organized, 1 p.m., Fridays, Chatham, Recreation Director, 753-4570.
- Open, noon, Chula Vista, Recreation Director, 753-0002.
- Oriental Style, 1 p.m., Fridays, Churchill, Paz Enojo, 259-9665.

Saturday

- Open, Saturday, 9 a.m., El Santiago, Ellen Baker, 750-4435.

Sunday

- Open and Games, 1 p.m., Sundays, Churchill Street, Bobbie Seabolt, 255-3264.
- Organized, noon, Sundays, Chula Vista, Joan DeCarlo, 753-1127.

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Allamanda Pitch League

The Allamanda Pitch league meets at 7 p.m. Fridays. The league welcomes all experienced players. For information, call Tom Viveiros at 401-261-2328. Leave a message.

Aloha Hula Dance

Aloha 'O Ka Hula Dance Troupe meets 10 a.m.-noon Tuesdays and Thursdays at Odell Center. The group was formed for the purpose of learning and dancing the Hawaiian hula with the goal of performing at luaus and other functions in The Villages and throughout the area.

The troupe is closed to new members at this time.

Anyone interested in having the troupe perform at a luau or club event should contact Violet Ray at 753-0962 or danzdoll@maui.net.

Aquatic Dancers

The Aquatic Dancers is a synchronized swim group that meets 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the sports pool at Laurel Manor Center.

Routines of stroking and floating patterns are taught in preparation for an October show. Previous synchronized swimming experience is helpful but not necessary.

For information, call Donna Gustaitis at 751-1051 or Trish Gutchess at 259-2526.

Archery

The Villages Archery Club welcomes new members interested in learning how to shoot. The archery range is located on the historic side of The Villages, next to the Lady Lake dog park and near the golf cart bridge that crosses over Highway 27/441. The archery range is available for the use of Villages residents every day.

The Archery Club meets at the archery range for a competitive shoot at 8:30 a.m. Mondays. The club holds a monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on the second Monday of each

month at Tierra del Sol Center. For information about the club, call Blair Peterson at 259-8014. For information about using the archery range, call Paradise Center at 753-0637.

Art Studio Creative Space

Art Studio Creative Space II is an art workshop for all media. The workshop is 1-3 p.m. Saturdays at Colony Cottage Center. There is no instruction, but help from others is available. You must bring your own supplies and a table cover. Join the group Saturdays for a fun afternoon of art at your own pace. For information, call Doris Nilson at 750-0835.

Ashland

The Ashland Potluck Social Group will meet 5:30-8 p.m. March 26 in the Lincoln Theater at Laurel Manor Center. Come enjoy food and socializing with your neighbors. Entertainment will be by Billie Thatcher. Bring an entrée, side dish, salad or dessert to share with eight to 10 people. All paper products, decaffeinated coffee and ice will be provided. BYOB. There will be a 50/50 chance drawing with prizes and a grand prize drawing. The group will be collecting canned goods for a local food pantry.

The group will be taking sign-ups for the April 4 miniature golf social at Tree Tops Golf Facility on Rolling Acres Boulevard, followed by pizza and ice cream. Sign-ups will also be taken for the May 8 golf scramble at Pimlico Executive Course, followed by pizza and ice cream.

For information, call Bob or Jan at 750-2917.

Ashland Women

The Ashland Women's Social Club will meet at noon Wednesday at Churchill Street Center. Julia Allen from Cornerstone Hospice will be the featured speaker. The Relay For Life Lassies will have a chance drawing for another basket. Sign-ups will be taken for golf scrambles and upcoming trips. Linda Jefferies will take orders for the Ashland Cookbook. The

cookbook is \$10 and the profits from the sale will go to charity. There will be a 50/50 and name-tag drawings.

Bring a bag lunch. Iced tea will be provided. Ladies are asked to bring a new roll of paper towels or a food item for the food pantry and can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

Ladies interested in joining this group are welcome to attend. Yearly dues are \$5. Inquiries should be directed to Marsha Rhoten, president, at 350-2840.

Art Trading Cards

The Art Trading Cards (ATC) group will meet at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Freedom Room at Mulberry Grove Center. The group will create and trade cards. A paper cutter will be available for anyone that needs to cut some cards. There will also be a demo on altering old photographs for backgrounds.

This group is open to all Villages artists. Feel free to stop by and see what this is all about. For information, call Margie Picard 750-1965.

Backgammon

Backgammon is played at noon Fridays in the Hiawatha Room at Chula Vista Center. Beginners, intermediate and advanced players are all invited, and so is anyone who wants to learn to play.

For information, contact Michael Shedroff at 750-4914 or terrific2001@juno.com.

Badminton

The Villages Badminton Club holds indoor practice times weekly: 8:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays, 2-4 p.m. Wednesdays and 3-5 p.m. Fridays at the recreation center building behind First Baptist Church of Oxford.

Indoor badminton is regarded as the world's fastest racket sport. However, it can be played by people of all ages and skill levels.

The Villages group has a mixture of various skill levels. Beginners are welcome. Rackets are available. For information or directions, call Hugh Calvert at 446-5901.

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The Ballet Club meets every Wednesday at Saddlebrook Center. The intermediate session features barre and floor combinations and meets at 10 a.m., and the advanced session will meet at 11 a.m.

Groups will meet from fall through the spring.

Basic ballet is a prerequisite and is taught at The Villages Lifelong Learning College.

For information, call Linda Bitterley at 259-8691.

Bands of The Villages

The Bands of The Villages are comprised of four instrumental performing groups: The Villages Concert Band, The New Horizons Concert Band, The Sunshine Strollers and The Villages Swing Band. Photos and additional information on these groups can be found at The Bands of The Villages Web site, vlg-bands.home.comcast.net. Members must be Villagers.

• The New Horizons Concert Band is associated with a national program that encourages and supports senior citizen involvement in instrumental music programs. The group performs several concerts per year as well as at special events. The band practices from 10 a.m.-noon Thursdays at Hibiscus Center.

• The Villages Concert Band is made up of full-time residents who are musicians with previous concert band or orchestra experience. The group performs several concerts per year and plays for various holiday and civic functions. There are no membership dues or fees for either band. Musicians provide their own instruments and music stands. For information on the concert bands, call Ward Green at 751-7651.

• The Sunshine Strollers is a clown-style band that plays for parades and special events. Following a parade, the band holds a miniconcert on the sidewalk to give the crowd a chance to hear the entire parade repertoire and also

observe up close some of the outrageous costumes. Call Denny Wilson at 750-2430.

• The Villages Swing Band is a big-band jazz ensemble. The group performs three dances per year as well as at special events. Membership is limited. Interested musicians with previous big band/jazz experience should call Jean Butler at 751-3401.

Basket Weavers

The Village Basket Weavers meet at 9 a.m. Thursdays in the Charlie Chaplin Room at Paradise Center. All basket weavers are welcome and asked to bring weaving tools and supplies.

Basketball Ladies

Come join the fun as the lady hoopsters meet 1:15-3 p.m. Sundays at The Villages Charter High School gym. All residents are welcome to come play pickup 3-on-3 and develop their basketball skills. The group is looking for players to form league teams and to join Senior Games basketball teams, and/or you can sign up for the shooting events in the Senior Games. Open shooting is available 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Call Carla Stevenson at 259-7909, Julie Bradley at 350-6796 or Avis Vaught at 751-1742.

Basketball Men's

The Men's Basketball Buddies 3-on-3 practice is held 9-11 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at the recreation center building behind First Baptist Church of Oxford, located on the corner of County Road 466 and U.S. Highway 301. A \$2 donation for use of the gym is appreciated.

The Men's Basketball Buddies will meet 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sundays throughout the year at The Villages High School. They will shoot 3-on-3 games. Villages residents and men competing in future Senior Games are welcome to attend. They hope to start a competitive league.

For information, call Lonnie Levy at 751-4201.

Baton Twirlers

The Prime Time Twirlers are a baton-twirling show team.

The Twirlers perform in The Villages town squares for special events and at Katie Belle's, club meetings and benefits. The team welcomes new members with twirling experience.

For information, go to primetimetwirlers.com or contact Elin Jones at 259-5864 or elinsptt@comcast.net or Carol Carlyon at 205-7950.

The Prime Time Twirlers are adding a new group called The Prime Time Highsteppers. This group will perform in parades and/or various special events. If interested, call Elin Jones at 259-5864.

Baton, Drums, Flags

Both The Villages Twirlers Parade Corps and The Villages Twirlers Drum Corps meet on both Mondays and Thursdays.

The Villages Twirlers Parade Corps meets from 10 a.m.-noon Mondays at Mulberry Grove Center and 2-3 p.m. Thursdays at La Hacienda Center.

The Villages Twirlers Drum Corps meets from 10 a.m.-noon Mondays at Lake Miona Center and 2-3 p.m. Thursdays at La Hacienda Center.

The groups participate in twirling or drumming in parades. All Villagers are welcome. Come out and have fun in parades. There is no pressure, just fun.

This is the parade corps and drum corps part of The Villages Twirlers. No experience is necessary. For information, call Ann Pelle (twirler) at 259-0012 or Jerry Peacock (drummer) at 259-8606 or visit thevillageswirlers.com.

Beading

The Beading Group of The Villages will meet 1-4 p.m. Friday at Churchill Street Center. All new and experienced beaders are welcome.

The pattern and supply list for the Midnight Garden Cuff can be printed at <http://sites.google.com/site/thevillagesbeaders>. Materials include 6-pound test Fireline; No. 12 bead needle; size 8 and size 15 seed beads; 36 6-mm Swarovski margaritas (flowers); and 35 4-mm bicones (more of each if wrist is larger than 6.5 inches) and a clasp.

On April 3, a simple right-angle and square-stitch ring will require beading thread; No. 12 bead needle; No. 11 silver- or gold-lined Delica or Toho Treasure seed beads; and 4-12 4-mm bicone or round crystals or pearls. The pattern can be found at the above Web site.

For information, contact Nancy Weiler at 750-3277 or wylr@thevillages.net.

Belle Chords

The Belle Chords sings four-part harmony (barbershop style) and rehearses 6-8:30 p.m. Mondays at North Lake Presbyterian Church. The chorus, under the direction of Jan Haley, also sings for many clubs and organizations in the area. For information, call Karen Nehrenz, president, at 750-0582.

Bicycle Sumter Landing

The Sumter Landing Bicycle Club hosts organized rides starting at 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from Bridgeport Center. New riders are welcome. Riders are required to wear helmets and follow club safety rules.

The rides consist of A-D paced rides. The A pace rides at more than 18 mph; the B pace rides 16-18 mph; the C pace rides 13-15 mph; the D pace rides 12 mph or less.

Other groups going somewhat faster and/or slower are formed when there is a large number of riders.

The rides end at TooJay's in Lake Sumter Landing, where riders enjoy refreshments and socialization.

For information, call Glenda Crandall at 750-6725 or visit sumterlandingbicycleclub.org.

Bicycle

The Village Bicycle Club rides every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The starting time is 8 a.m. through Nov. 30. All rides leave from the parking lot at El Santiago Center.

While there are several levels of rides, it is expected that a rider is competent in handling a bicycle on the road

and in traffic. All riders are required to wear helmets and be able to ride in a safe manner so as not to endanger themselves or other riders.

The Village Bicycle Club, a residents-only club, meets at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at Mulberry Grove Center. Information about the club can be found on the Web site, thevillagebicycleclub.com.

Bid Euchre

The Advanced Bid Euchre Club meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays. For information, call Charles Modrovsky at 259-9321 or 391-0325.

Beginners bid euchre lessons are at 6 p.m. Mondays during the open card games session. For information, call Bill Breadon at 263-3309 or Greg Kargula at 750-1840.

Big Band

The Big Band rehearses 9-10:50 a.m. Wednesdays at Laurel Manor Center.

This is a group based solely on enjoying playing your instrument, and doing so in a jazz/swing idiom. For information, contact Dave Czohara at 205-0324 or d.czohara@thevillages.net.

Billiards 51

Pocket Billiards 51 is looking for billiard players who like to have fun. Come join and play the new game of Billiards 51.

The group meets at noon each Tuesday at Chatham Center. Sign up soon for this mixed group of players. Each pocket has an assigned point score. Your goal is 51 and not a 20 point loss for more. There's a 10-point penalty for each foul ball. Your opponents are there to make the call. Excitement builds with a good ball break. Selection of shots are there to make.

Winning three games out of five – Keeps the spirit of each game alive.

For information, call William Sears at 430-1645, Norman Grant at 751-2951, Frank Philipovich at 751-3363 or Herb Clark at 751-1698.

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Billiards Ladies

The Cue-Ts Ladies Billiards League welcomes new members to the league. The Cue-Ts meet 1-3 p.m. each Thursday in the Genuine Risk Room at Chatham Center. All levels of experience are welcome. The Cue-Ts play 9-ball and 8-ball.

For information, contact Ann Cesaroni at 552-5214 or anncesaroni@comcast.net.

Bingo

• Fridays, 6 p.m., Paradise Center. Doors open at 4 p.m. This is open to Villages residents and their guests with valid guest passes. Food is available. Sue, 753-1280.

• Kiwanis bingo, Sundays, 10 a.m. Paradise Center. This is open to the public. Bingo packages available (\$15 or \$20) at noon; bingo begins at 12:30 p.m. Computer bingo is available. A snack bar is open. Duke Tallarico, 750-0296.

Bluegrass

The Bluegrass Performance Club meets 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays at Hibiscus Center.

Jerry Foran, who has performed at Grand Ole Opry and other famous venues, will lead. Lynda Rhodes and other local bluegrass bands and musicians will perform.

The club is dedicated to promoting and preserving bluegrass and bluegrass gospel music as played by the past greats.

The club is open to musicians who play bluegrass music or want to learn to play. All levels of expertise are welcome to participate. If you don't play an instrument, but enjoy the music, come, listen and be a part of the club. The club has an all-acoustical instrument policy. The sound system is provided by the host band, Bluegrass Connection; separate amplifiers are not allowed.

For information, call Al Perron at 750-2157, Jerry Foran at 751-2567, Rich Jones at 751-6108, or Kenny Alhona at 751-0601.

Bone Builders

Bone Builders is a slow-paced exercise program designed to

build muscle, increase strength, reverse bone loss and improve energy and balance. Equipment needed (depending upon your current strength): 1- to 3-lb hand weights and 2- to 5-lb ankle weights. You may attend your first session without the weights. This activity is free and sessions are ongoing, so you may join at any time. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-serve system, so plan to arrive early. Meetings are as follows:

• Coconut Cove Center: 9-10:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Leader: Ginny Walsman, 259-1671. Limit is 70.

• Paradise Center: 7:45-8:45 a.m. Mondays and 9-10 a.m. Fridays. Leader: Kathy Hansen, 350-7317. Limit determined by leader.

• Pimlico Center: 9-10 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays. Leader: Cindy Belanger, 430-0207. Limit is 60.

Basic Bridge for Beginners

Basic Bridge for Beginners meets at 9 a.m. Mondays at Paradise Center. Emphasis will be on learning how to play bridge and have fun doing it. For information, call Bill Currier at 207-641-5071.

Bridgeport Dance

Bridgeport Dance Practice is 7-9 p.m. Saturdays at Bridgeport Center.

All levels of dance are welcome. Come practice the steps you are learning, or just have fun dancing.

For information, call, Frank or Marie at 750-3426.

Bunco

• Mondays, 1-4 p.m., Colony Cottage Center. Doors open at 1 p.m.; games start at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$3. Ralph Flood at 430-3588 or Kathy Beaubien at 259-1294.

• Mondays, 6 p.m., Marilyn Monroe and Gregory Peck rooms, Paradise Center. Play starts at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$3. Elizabeth Kuti at 751-0689 or Patty Thompson at 259-0544.

• Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Lake Miona Center. Doors open at 5:45 p.m.; close at 6:15 p.m.; games start at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$3.

• Mondays, 7 p.m., Churchill Street Center. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Joanne and Jack Fitzpatrick, 259-9395.

• Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Justice Room, Mulberry Grove Center. Laurene Rosado, 259-9818.

• Fridays, 2 p.m., Casablanca Room, Bacall Center. Cost is \$3. Joan Cadaret, 430-3664.

• Fridays, 10 a.m., Mulberry Grove Center. Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

• Saturdays, 1 p.m., Gregory Peck and Marilyn Monroe rooms, Paradise Center. Cost is \$3. Play starts at 1 p.m. Elizabeth Kuti, 751-0689, or Patty Thompson at 259-0544.

• Saturdays, 1 p.m., El Santiago Center. Carol Harte, 259-9889.

• Saturdays, 1:30 p.m., Justice Room, Mulberry Grove Center. Doors open 1 p.m. and close at 1:25 p.m. John and Joanne Fitzpatrick, 259-9395.

• Sundays, 2 p.m., Lake Miona Center. Doors open at 1 p.m. Ruthie Drango, 753-9308.

Busy Hands Happy Hearts

Busy Hands, Happy Hearts meets at 1:30 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the Ricardo Montalban Room at La Hacienda Center. The club will meet Monday.

Do you like to knit, crochet, or sew, but your family is well supplied with your creations? Would you like to make items which bring comfort to those in local hospitals, women's and children's shelters, assisted living facilities, or those who are receiving help through the sheriff's office? If so, you are invited to join the group, whether you are a beginner or experienced.

Patterns, instructions, materials, and lots of friendly help are available to keep your hands busy and your heart happy. Donations of yarn, fabric and notions are always welcome.

For information, call Bonnie Myers at 350-2441.

Ceramics

• Mulberry Grove Center, 8 a.m.-noon Mondays and Wednesdays. Joan D., 750-5395.

• Chula Vista Center, 9-11:30 a.m. Mondays. Donna Q., 259-4195.

• Laurel Manor Center, 6 p.m. Wednesdays, 9 a.m. Fridays, 11 a.m. Saturdays. Pat W., 750-5298.

• Paradise Center, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 a.m.-noon Fridays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. Joan Johnson, 753-8897.

Beginners are welcome. All Villages residents and their guests are invited to participate.

Chapman Loop-Monroe Terrace

The Chapman Loop-Monroe Terrace Social Club will host a "Luck of the Irish" potluck dinner 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday at Truman Center. The event will feature Irish music. Bring a dish to share, such as an appetizer, salad, main dish, side dish or dessert. BYOB. The group will provide paper plates, flatware and napkins.

Yearly dues of \$5 per person are due by Wednesday and can be paid at the meeting. For information, call Mickey or Carla Murphy at 751-7425 or (cell) 561-504-5845.

Chatham

The Chatham Social Club will meet at 6 p.m. today at Chatham Center to enjoy casino night. Pizza, coffee and cake will be provided. The event is sold out. Bring your ticket for the event.

Sign-ups will be taken for the summer golf scramble that will begin May 2. The club will be playing alternate Saturdays on the Oakleigh and Amberwood courses until September. If interested, contact Ted Struck at 751-4794 or e-mail thestrucks@embarqmail.com.

The April 16 event will be the Chatham Derby Buffalo Races, with prizes for win, place and show.

Chatham Chicks Cheerleaders

The Chatham Chicks Cheerleaders will hold a bingo fundraiser 9 a.m.-noon March 27 at Chatham Center. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. There will be coffee, bagels and baked goods. Help support the special projects: Guardian Ad Litem Program, Wildwood Food Pantry and Christmas Angels.

For information, call Jeanne Waite at 259-5321.

Chess

The Villages Chess Club meets at 9 a.m. every Monday and Friday at Paradise Center. Also, chess is played at 9 a.m. Thursdays at Saddlebrook Center, and at 9 a.m. Fridays at Chatham Center. For information, call Juergen Giese at 205-7120 or Seymour Davidoff at 259-7818.

The Chess Club also meets at 9 a.m. every Wednesday at Bacall Center. For information, call Paul Reame at 751-6922.

Beginners who would like to learn how to play chess and serious chess players are all welcomed. There are no fees or dues.

China Painting

The China Painting Club meets at 1 p.m. Mondays in the Freedom Room at Mulberry Grove Center and Thursdays at Chula Vista Center. Both new and experienced painters are welcome to attend. Call Darlene Gross at 753-7996 for information on the Monday class and Joanne Kornfeld at 753-2797 for information on the Thursday class.

Classical Music Lovers

The Classical Music Lovers Club meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Saddlebrook Center. A presenter gives a brief talk about the life and works of a particular composer with recorded examples using various modes of media (tapes, CDs, DVDs, etc.)

A program is focused around a theme, genre or era in classical music. Discussion and comments often follow the program.

No prior knowledge of classical music is required to join the club, only a desire to enjoy it with other music lovers. Members can be notified weekly by e-mail of the contents of the forthcoming program.

There are no dues and no business portion to the meeting. The entire time is devoted solely to the enjoyment of classical music. All interested residents are welcome to attend.

CLUBS, from Page 6**Clog 4 Fun**

Clog 4 Fun meets 1-2:50 p.m. Mondays and 2-3:50 p.m. Thursdays at Canal Street Center. Class members learn new intermediate clogging routines and review favorite routines.

For information, call Judy at 753-0249.

Clog-Hoppers

The high-energy show team performs theme and variety clogging shows throughout The Villages and surrounding areas. This is the team that performs at social meetings and at the town squares for special events, where members demonstrate their love of the dance with their precise clogging styles. This foot-tapping, fun-loving club performs a variety of "down home" clogging styles, such as buck, contemporary, Irish and advanced Appalachian.

If you are interested in having this popular clogging team entertain your social club or organization, call Arlene Bentz at 750-9117.

Practices for the show team are conducted during the week at various recreation centers. Cloggers with experience who are interested in taking it to a higher and more show-style level can call Bobbi Truskin at 259-3109. If you are interested in clogging for fun, join the group at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Canal Street Center.

Cloud Chasers

The Villages Kite Flying Cloud Chasers will fly kites at 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the field across from Publix on Route 42. Lessons and kites are available.

For information, call Barb Hall at 259-9768 or Marv Zimmerman at 307-7630.

Clown Alley

Clown Alley No. 179 will be holding a workshop at 9 a.m. Monday in the Julio Iglesias Room at La Hacienda Center. This week's workshop is a surprise conducted by Thunder.

All Villages residents and

their guests with passes are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, call Rich "Doogie" Bain at 205-7997.

Colonial Dames

The Timucua Chapter of the Colonial Dames XVII Century will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Orange Blossom Hills Golf and Country Club.

The program will be presented by Vicki Case, founder of the Conservative Women's Movement in The Villages. She will speak about "The Women's Suffrage Movement." Members, guests and prospective members in the tri-county area are encouraged to attend.

Reservations, directions and lunch selections can be made by calling Betty MacDuff at 753-7795. A check for \$10 made out to Timucua Chapter is the preferred form of payment.

Colony Clay Arts

The Colony Clay Arts Club meets from 8 a.m.-noon Fridays and Saturdays in the drawing room at Colony Cottage Center. Villagers who have some experience working with clay are encouraged to join the club to participate in the creative process. Members will explore the various techniques of forming clay into utilitarian or artistic objects. Techniques such as wheel throwing, mold making, slab hand-building, glaze application and kiln operations will be topics for demonstrations planned in the coming months.

Call Allen Shogren at 753-4647 for information.

Combo Exercise Yoga and Pilates

Combo exercise of yoga and Pilates class utilizes the stability ball. Members must bring their own ball. Those under 5-foot 6-inches should use the 55-cm ball. Those over five-foot-six should use the 65-cm ball.

This class is held at 4 p.m. Thursdays at Lake Miona Center.

For information, contact Tom Erlin at 443-834-4349 or erlinest@TheVillages.net.

Computer

The Villages Computer

Club will meet at 1 p.m. Friday at La Hacienda Center. Maxine Miller and Bob Petrilak will give a presentation on the various popular e-mail programs available, including Outlook/Outlook Express, Gmail and Hotmail.

Today, Computers Plus will meet at 1 p.m. at Laurel Manor Center. John Campbell will give a presentation on "How To Make Your Computer Perform Your Way."

All Villages residents are welcome to attend. Dues are \$5 per year. For information, visit the club's Web site at thevillagescomputerclub.com.

Connie Waldron Productions

Connie Waldron of Show Biz Productions teaches weekly classes in the art of dancing. These include all levels of clogging, Irish, jazz and tap. She is a professional dancer and teacher.

Dance for fun or learn to dance for Show Biz. Call Suann at 259-6554.

Conservative Women

The Conservative Women's Movement will meet at noon March 26 at Colony Cottage Center. This new group is dedicated to defining "who the conservative woman is," empowering women through political education and participating in strong grassroots activity. The speaker Vera Lord, a spokesperson for the Right to Life group, will describe little known facts on the embryonic research issue, discuss current legislation and tell voters how to make their voices heard.

Lunch is \$10; reservations required, but you can pay at the door. For information or reservations, call club president Vicki Case at 259-9088. Conservative and Republican women are invited as well as tri-county residents, including men. Voter registration is available at meetings. U.S. Representative Ginny Brown Waite will speak May 28.

Country Music

The Villages Country Music Club welcomes Villagers who enjoy country music to join them for weekly

jam sessions held 1-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Liberty Room at Mulberry Grove Center.

Anyone interested in listening to the music is welcome; or, if you play an instrument, bring it along and join in the fun. For information, call Bud Warner at 753-7176 or Ken Kelly at 259-8672.

Crazy Fun and Games

Crazy Fun and Games meets at 3 p.m. Mondays at Chatham Center for all sorts of table, card and dice games. The group welcomes players who will print instructions and teach their favorite game to the club.

If you have any questions, call Mary Courtney at 751-4240.

Creative Albums

Creative Albums meets from 12:30-4 p.m. Wednesdays at Canal Street Center.

Villagers who wish to preserve their family histories and Villages memories in photo-safe albums are invited to join the group.

The club provides the opportunity for valuable workshop time for completing simple albums to elaborate scrapbooks. Each week, there will be a brief lesson or time for sharing. Sessions will include such topics as taking good photos, printing photos, preserving old pictures and memorabilia, matting, framing, and creating embellishments and special effects.

New album or scrapbook makers will learn how to begin a project. Materials for starting these projects will be available.

For information, call Jan Turner at 205-8487.

Creative Writers

The Creative Writing Group meets at 11 a.m. every Wednesday at Laurel Manor Center. Anyone who writes nonfiction, fiction, biography, family history, memoirs, fantasy, science fiction, etc., is welcome to join the group. Members read their work and offer constructive criticism. For information, call Glen West at 751-2314.

Cribbage

The Cribbage Club meets noon-3 p.m. Tuesdays at Pimlico Center and Thursdays at Chatham Center. Sign up at 11:45 a.m. Brushing up your cribbage skills is offered at Pimlico Center during regular playing time.

For information, call Mike Penn at 750-6584, Clark Greehling at 406-5346 or Barbara Hickox at 430-0154.

Croppers

The Croppers meet 8 a.m.-noon every Saturday at Bridgeport Center. Scrapbookers of all levels are welcome to come and share the fun and ideas of this hobby. Newcomers to the scrapbooking world are encouraged to try their hand at getting started. For information, call Lorraine Heffner at 750-4552.

Croquet

Villages residents interested in this old sport are encouraged to stop by the courts and join in. Villages Croquet Club members play at 9 a.m. Saturdays at the courts behind the Rio Grande pool. Both lawn or golf croquet and American six-wicket croquet are played in The Villages. Games last approximately an hour. No experience is required. All equipment will be provided.

All members are encouraged to participate in the March 28 invitational tournament hosted by Ray Dacey and Maureen White. Breakfast, snacks, lunch and beverages will be provided. Entry forms and information will be available Saturday.

For information, call Janice Martin at 205-7099 or Barbara Hall at 259-9768.

Dance Off

Dance Off meets 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Coconut Cove Center. Join the club for one hour of Latin dance and exercise. Get healthy and fit while dancing. For information, call Myra at 750-3321 or Arline at 750-0667.

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Dancing in Paradise

Dancing in Paradise line dance group meets at noon Mondays at Odell Center. This is a mixed-level line dance group, dancing at the beginner through intermediate levels. The sessions are led by Bill and Violet Ray, who have been line dancing and teaching various forms of dance for more than 25 years. Violet Ray is a former competition line dancer. They teach dances that are popular across the USA and Europe with the emphasis on dance technique, phrase understanding and just plain fun.

For information, call Bill or Violet Ray at 753-0962.

Dart Baseball

Dart baseball is an indoor activity played the same as regular baseball with two exceptions: Bats are replaced by darts, and there is no physical running of bases. Games consist of two teams that throw darts underhand at a board simulating a baseball field. Playing time is approximately 90 minutes for two games. The Dart Baseball group meets at 3 p.m. at Chula Vista Center.

Open play is held Mondays from May through September and Thursdays year-round. League play is Mondays from October through April. Sign-ups are required only for league play.

For information, call Phil Waldman at 753-1021 or Watson Reamer at 750-3809.

De La Vista West

The De La Vista West monthly meeting will be today. The group will be entertained by Barbershop Singers.. There will be a book sale, door prizes and a 50/50 chance drawing.

Bring items for the food pantry. The items needed are canned goods, baby food, diapers, cereals, juices and peanut butter. Bring snacks for your table; coffee and soda will be

provided. Membership is still being accepted; cost is \$5 per person. New members are welcome; see Ann at membership table.

Democrats of Lake County

The Villages Democrats Club of Lake County will meet at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in the Julio Iglesias Room at La Hacienda Center. Social time will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the meeting and program will begin at 10 a.m. The program will be "Crime Prevention, Especially Identity Theft" presented by Joe Pine with Metro Crime. Democratic club members from Lake, Marion and Sumter counties are invited to attend.

For club information, call Nancy Bell, program chair at 750-5446. For information on the Lake County Democratic Party, go to lakedemocrats.com.

Dirty Uno

The Dirty Uno Club meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays at Silver Lake Center. The club is open to anyone who wants to have a fun time. If you don't know how to play the game, which is easy to learn, the club will teach you.

Call Ruth Bitondo at 750-3766 for information.

Dixieland Band

The Villages Dixieland Band is an all-volunteer group of musicians who enjoy playing Dixieland jazz music. The band provides clubs and organizations within The Villages an opportunity to hear authentic traditional Dixieland music performed in the true Mardi Gras, Roaring '20s style. Practices are 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesdays at Chatham Center. Membership has been limited. All Villagers are welcome to just sit and listen to band practice. For information about the band and bookings, call George Andrus at 751-4824.

DIY Art

DIY (Do It Yourself) Art meets from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Fridays in the Stars and Stripes Craft Room at Lake Miona Center.

The club was formed by a group of stressed-out golfers

looking for some relaxation. They found this relaxation by sharing different forms of art expression (using acrylic paints), together with a few laughs and giggles.

Come and join the group; bring your own equipment and supplies, plus a willingness to share your knowledge and have fun.

Call Sue Severn at 430-2097.

Drumming Circle

The Drumming Circle meets 2-3:30 p.m. Thursdays at Lake Sumter Landing in the small gazebo by the playground park near the intersection of Canal Street and Old Mill Run (close to TooJay's). The group all does full moon drumming. For information, call Jo at 753-7241.

Dulcimer

The Dulcimer Club meets from 1-3 p.m. on the first three Tuesdays of each month at Bacall Center. The club includes both the lap and hammered dulcimer and penny whistle. All are welcome.

To schedule entertainment, call Jean Becket at 259-3068.

For club information, call Jean Steinhofner at 259-9303.

Slow Dulcimers

The Slow Dulcimers will meet 9-11 a.m. every Wednesday of the month except the third Wednesday at Churchill Street Center.

There will be how-to demonstrations, information on the care of dulcimers for RANK beginners, and some handouts of music will be given.

For information, call Rita Fleming at 430-1445.

Dynamic Dogs

The Wednesday meeting of the Dynamic Dogs Club will feature Merilee Kelly, chairwoman of READ (Reading Education Assistance Dogs). If you love working with children and want to learn how to bring your dynamic dog to help them in the classroom, this program is for you. READ-certified club member Howard Horwitz will open the program and help members get started as reading assistance teams.

Jan Over, head groomer of

Buffalo Ridge Animal Hospital, will be on hand to share grooming tips and answer your grooming questions.

For information, call Sharon Starke at 259-8021.

E Flyers

The Village E Flyers is a group dedicated to the building and flying of electrically powered, radio-controlled model aircraft. The group meets to fly these models 7:30 a.m.-noon every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at The Villages Polo Fields (weather permitting).

If you have an interest in this activity, join the Flyers at the polo fields or call one of the persons noted below.

In order to fly with this group, you must have (or have applied for) a current AMA license and also be a Villager.

For information, call Walter Steckenreiter at 753-5291, Harry McClary at 753-6362 or Barry Killick at 259-4271.

Emmalee Villas

Emmalee Villas will hold its monthly block party at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Coconut Cove Center. Bring your assigned dish. Residents of Emmalee Drive should bring salad; Rowesville Lane should bring appetizers; Varnville Way should bring a covered dish; Whitmire and Sellers courts should bring desserts. All renters, guest and friends are welcome. Bring your own drinks. Paper products will be provided. The group will have a 50/50 drawing.

Energy/Meditation

The Energy/Meditation Group meets from 9-11 a.m. Wednesdays in the Intrepid Room at Lake Miona Center.

The purpose of this group is to learn and work with the energies of the body for health and well-being, with the idea that self-awareness is a key aspect to inner peace. The group also practices various types of breathing and meditation exercises. Results of self-discipline of these practices are to allow one to reduce stress levels, sleep better, improve ability to concentrate, relieve chronic pain and

improve the quality of life.

For information, contact Nancie L. Leon at 750-1665 or e-mail nancieleon@aol.com.

Euchre

• Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., Canal Street Center. Helen, 750-3242.

• Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m., Marilyn Monroe and Gregory Peck rooms, Paradise Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Shirley Harrison, 259-8324.

• Fridays, 6:30-9 p.m., Courageous Room, Lake Miona Center. Bring a snack to share and have fun playing euchre. Will teach. Gene and Tina, 391-5320.

Exerdance Fun

Beginner "Exerdance" Fun meets at 12:30 p.m. Mondays at Chula Vista Center.

There is one hour of stretching and Broadway-style fun, simple dances and combinations for beginners. Also, there is a half hour of beginning tap, with the basics and simple tap dances.

Wear comfortable clothing and soft tennis shoes; you may wear jazz or tap shoes, but they are not required. A 20 percent discount for shoes is offered through Show Biz of Des Moines, showbizofdesmoines.com.

For information, call Jody Currie at 750-8064.

Extrava-Ganza Tappers

Two tap-dance groups are held each week on Thursday morning at La Hacienda Center.

The beginner or junior session is geared for returning and new tappers. They meet at 9 a.m. in the Carmen Miranda Room and are followed at 10:30 a.m. by the intermediate/advanced group. This session is for tappers who are experienced and want to improve their craft.

Information is available on obtaining tap shoes. Tappers should bring their Villages ID cards with them each week. For information, call Betty Ganz, 753-8314.

CLUBS, from Page 8**Fair Tax**

The Fair Tax Club meets at 9 a.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Jefferson Room at Laurel Manor Center. The club will meet

Wednesday. The club's mission is to educate individuals about the proposed consumption tax replacement of our present taxation system based upon reported income. This month's meeting will be a detailed introductory class on the Fair Tax, followed by a question-and-answer session. All Villages residents are welcome.

The club's speakers bureau is available to give a presentation to any Villages group of eight or more. Call John Deluca, speakers bureau chairman at 750-9681.

For information, call Rick Norton 751-2559 or Don Lynn at 750-2012.

FDNY 343

The FDNY 343 group will meet for lunch at 10:30 a.m. March 28 at the Elks Club in Belleview. The club is open to all retired members of the New York City Fire Department. The mission of the group is to keep the memories of the men and women who were killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and to support both active and retired members of the New York City Fire Department. For information, contact Bob Kane at 391-5164 or jkane1213@comcast.net or visit the club Web site at fdny343.org.

Figure Drawing & Portrait

The Figure Drawing & Portrait artist group is now meeting from 9:30-11 a.m. every Friday at Pimlico Center. Live models are provided. The club welcomes artists of all media. Just bring your art supplies and come, or call Bob Buckland at 259-6688 if you have any questions.

Fine Arts Painting

The Fine Arts Painting group meets 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays at Paradise Center.

Work is done in oils, watercolors, pastels and acrylics.

A demonstration is done the first Tuesday of each month. Demos are done in any medium.

All artists are welcome to join, whether you are a beginner or advanced artist. For information, call Ellen Reinhart at 430-1985.

Floor Hockey

The Floor Hockey Club meets 5-6:30 p.m. Thursdays (not holidays) at Oxford Baptist Church on U.S. Highway 301 in Oxford.

Goals, sticks and balls are provided. Just wear sneakers and a white shirt. Sticks have plastic blades, and extra-soft pucks or balls are used.

Residents and guests age 50 and older are welcome to play.

For information, call Richard Movsessian at 430-2766.

Flute Choir

The Villages Flute Choir meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, November through April, at Allamanda Center. In addition to rehearsing challenging and eclectic music, the group performs throughout The Villages for various community events.

Intermediate and advanced C flute, and alto and bass flute players are encouraged to join the group. If you are interested in becoming a member, call the musical director, Lanny Austin, at 751-6376 to arrange an audition.

A \$10 annual fee is assessed each member to cover the cost of music.

Folk Music

The Goodrich Folk Singers Club is for those who like the music of groups like the Kingston Trio, the Mamas and the Papas, Tom Paxton, and Peter, Paul and Mary.

Anyone who sings or plays the acoustic guitar, five-string banjo or string bass is invited to attend meetings 7-8:50 p.m. Mondays at Lake Miona Center.

For information, contact Dan Andrews at 259-8979 or deejandrew@yahoo.com.

Four Score & More

The Four Score & More

Club's will have a luncheon at 12:15 p.m. March 26 at Savannah Center. Be seated by 12:15 p.m.; wear your name tag. Guests and new members are invited. Reservations by callers. Cancellations are a must because meals are catered. Call Byron for new members and board meetings at 259-4090. Entertainment will be by Evelyn Starta and her glamorous Belly Dancing Cabaret Oriental. The last board meeting for plans for next season's events is 10 a.m. April 1 at La Hacienda Center.

Fun Time Follies

Fun Time Follies, a new show group, dedicated to laughing out loud will present a comedy, music and dance production at two performances May 14 at Savannah Center.

The show will feature comedian Frankie Pal and cast members Jim Boerman, John Almwick, Al Perron, Gloria Yelton, Joyce Pepe, Billie Cerovac, Kay Pliszka, Tony Santangelo, Ralph DiNome, Larry Rivellese and others. Two new talents have been added: "I'm a Little Bit Country" singer Trese Hill and baton-twirler Lynn Miller.

Rehearsals are at 1 p.m. Fridays at Chula Vista Center. For information, call producer and director Jim Krum at 205-1185.

GEM

The GEM (Low Speed Vehicles) group will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday at Saddlebrook Center.

GEM owners will meet in the parking lot between Panera Bread and the transportation center at 6:15 p.m., departing at 6:30 p.m. for a drive to Saddlebrook Center via Spanish Springs. The program will start at 7 p.m. Richard Gallop, new service manager at Bill Bryan GEM dealership, will be present to answer questions.

The group will view the documentary "Who Killed the Electric Car?". This is the story of the short life of EV1, circa 1990.

All GEM owners or anyone interested in LSVs are welcome. For information, call Tom Sanders at 753-1324.

Genealogy

The Villages Genealogical Society will meet 10 a.m.-noon Wednesday in the Julio Iglesias Room of La Hacienda Center. The speaker will be Jean S. Morris of Ellenton, a professional genealogist. Her topic will be "Brick Wall? Alternative Theories for Locating 'Lost' Ancestors." She was a founder of the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society and is a contributing editor of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly.

For information, contact Betty MacDuff, president, at 753-7795 or epmac27@comcast.net.

Giggles & Shakes

Giggles & Shakes (Kat's Kids) meets at 7:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Mulberry Grove Center. Bring a towel, water and a friend.

For information, call Kat Trulli at 750-0768 or e-mail katherine.trulli@districtgov.org.

Gin Rummy

Gin Rummy is played 3:30-5:30 p.m. Thursdays at Silver Lake Center. All gin players are welcome and also those who'd like to learn how to play gin with a friendly easy-going and fun group. For information, call Gladys Keener at 750-3936 or Inge Brown at 750-3858.

Beginning in February, a gin rummy group will also meet at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at Churchill Street Center.

Girl Scout Alumnae

The Girl Scout Alumnae Group will meet at 11 a.m. Monday for a Girl Scout birthday luncheon at Bogie's. Call Helen at 259-4757 to confirm your reservation. A short meeting will follow the luncheon. Nancy Wigger will provide information for the Camp Wildwood camping trip May 4-5. An update on the May 9 Gold Award Reception will be presented.

New members are always welcome. Contact Sue Daudelin

at 750-3433 or susieq3239@aol.com for information.

Glass Engravers

The Glass Engravers Club meets 9 a.m.-noon the second, fourth and fifth Mondays of every month at Laurel Manor Center. Guests are welcome.

Elegant engraving is done on common household items using a handheld tool. Previous experience is not required.

The focus of the club is to develop skills learned in Jenny Robinson's classes. This is a workshop setting with a generous exchange of ideas.

The club is free. For information, call Jenny at 751-5847 or (cell) 504-7463, or e-mail her at citrussister@webtv.net.

Goldwing

The Goldwingers regularly meet on the first Thursday of each month at Saddlebrook Center, with a potluck at 6 p.m. followed by the meeting at 6:45.

Saturday rides originate from Saddlebrook at 10:30 a.m. On Saturday, the club will ride the long way around to Catfish Johnny's.

On Sunday, the club will leave at 1:15 p.m. for Stumpknockers on the River, in Dunnellon.

Social gatherings occur at 7 p.m. Fridays at Crispers. Anyone interested in the club is welcome.

For club information, contact Katy Bell at 406-2764 or RetScience@aol.com, or Bob Waite at 259-5321 or jean new18@embarqmail.com. Check the club calendar at my.calendars.net/village wingers/ and double click on the space for information on an event.

Golf

The Golf Club is open to all Villages residents with an interest in golf. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month from September through May at La Hacienda Center. The club will meet Wednesday. Annual dues are \$5 per person for the calendar year.

Call Jim Annos at 750-5427 for membership information and Flea Ecton at 750-5899 for general information on club activities.

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Gourmet In or Out

The Villages Gourmet In or Out Club is having its quarterly meeting at 7 p.m. March 29 at Allamanda Center. This is one week earlier than normal.

This group is open to all Villagers who enjoy step above dining. Dottie will be demonstrating and serving her famous stuffed leg of lamb and sharing her Tilapia recipe. Members will receive restaurant news and Web site updates from Webmaster Rich.

Bring \$2 each, 2 3-by-5 cards per person or couple, with your names, e-mail, address and phone number. At the top write IN or OUT, depending on the type of group you would like to be in for the next quarter.

Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share and your favorite beverage. Coffee will be provided.

Check the Web site, the villagesgourmetclub.home.comcast.net, and if you still have questions, call Dan or Dottie at 350-7427.

Growth Stock Pickers

The Growth Stock Pickers Club meets 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Defender Room at Lake Miona Center.

Wednesday will feature a regular membership meeting. Nonmembers are asked to attend a new member orientation session before attending a regular meeting; the next orientation meeting will be April 1.

Using the "Investor's Business Daily" CANSLIM checklist, the club will create and monitor a paper index of selected stocks. Members will foster sound investment strategies and provide a forum for new and experienced investors. No funds will be pooled for the purchase of stocks.

For information, e-mail Richard Psyk at rjpsyk@gmail.com or call 259-5473.

Hacienda Villas

The Hacienda Villas Social Club will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Friday at Chula Vista Center. Following a short meeting, there will be a talk by the Crime Prevention Safety workshop by Metro Prevention of Florida.

Questions and answers will be allowed following the talk. There will be a 50/50 and games following the question and answer period.

Hand and Foot Only

Hand and Foot Only meets at 6:30 p.m. Fridays in the Lucille Ball Room at Paradise Center.

This is for all those people who want to play Hand and Foot – there will be no triple play.

For information, call Judy Williams at 753-1522.

Hand & Foot Cards

Hand & Foot Chatham Rules (with wild cards and sevens) is played each week at the following centers:

- Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Colony Cottage, Bruce and Leslie Frimet, 430-2383.
- Friday, noon, Paradise, Jean, 751-4097. Also includes triple play.

All Villagers and their guests are welcome to attend and play. Rules are available and the game will be taught. Cards are provided or you may bring your own.

Hangar Flyers

The Hangar Flyers Club will meet 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Cary Grant Room at Paradise Center.

Anyone who has a history of flying or is just interested in aviation is invited to attend. This month, Jim Stark, author of the book, "Two Turning, Two Burning," will give a film presentation on Navy aviation and electronic surveillance aircraft in unfriendly areas.

There are no dues. Meetings are the third Saturday of each month year-round. For information, call Lou Branch at 259-6965.

Happy Stitchers

The Happy Stitchers meet at 1 p.m. Wednesdays in the

Stars and Stripes Room at Lake Miona Center.

All stitchers are invited to join this fun group. If you like to knit, crochet or cross-stitch, or if you can quilt or do needlepoint, crewel or any type of needlework, bring your current project. Members will get acquainted while stitching and complete some of those unfinished projects that have been stashed away.

For information, call Bonnie Westfall at 430-0651.

Harmonica

The Villages Harmonica Band is open to all Villages residents who play chromatic harmonica. The band rehearses at 9 a.m. every Friday at El Santiago Center. The band plays selections from the "Great American Songbook," Tin Pan Alley, the swing era, pops, standards and regional favorites.

The Harmonica Band is available to entertain at club meetings anywhere in The Villages.

New members are always welcome, and a skill-building workshop is held on most Monday mornings at the Webb Way pool at Southside Center. Call ahead for availability. For information, call John Mooney at 396-1014.

Hearts

The Hearts Club meets 8:30-11:20 a.m. Tuesdays at Laurel Manor Center. Standard Hearts rules apply. For information, call Ann McLean at 430-1579.

The Shooting the Moon Hearts Club meets 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays (except holidays) at Chula Vista Center. Standard rules apply. For information, call Henry Boehm at 259-9361.

Hiking

The Villages Hiking Club will have a five-mile hike at 8 a.m. Friday at the Half Moon Wild Life Management Area located seven miles west of I-75 on Route 44. Hikers will carpool from the Colony Cottage Center at 8 a.m. Come and get your exercise in the beauty of Florida's abundant woods, while walking on soft forest trails. For information, visit the club's

Web site at groups.yahoo.com/group/thevillageshiking club or call Don Phelps at 750-4032.

Honor Guard

The Veterans' Memorial Park of The Villages Honor Guard will meet at 9 a.m. Monday at Saddlebrook Center. All members are urged to attend this meeting. The group will be practicing for the April 9 service for Ex-POW Day.

The regular meetings are at 9 a.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Saddlebrook Center.

For information and membership, call Cmdr. Richard Simpson at 259-4031.

Horseshoes

The Villages Horseshoe Club is always looking for scorekeepers. They pay \$1 per game and provide a free lunch. If interested, call Jim at 751-0241.

The club has room on its roster for five experienced horseshoe pitchers. Call Jim if you are interested in pitching with the club and in tournaments, and also on the travel team.

In-line Skating

Join the Village Rollers for great fun and exercise. The Village Rollers skate from two locations three times a week.

Skaters leave at 7:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from the Santo Domingo postal station.

Skaters leave at 7:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from Lake Miona Center, near the pool.

On the first Wednesday of the month, skaters meet at 7:30 a.m. near the clock at Lake Sumter Landing Market Square to skate, then have breakfast at the Veranda restaurant.

All levels of skaters are welcome. Safety gear is required. Call Phil Montague at 205-7112 or Susan Campbell at 753-3993 for information.

Independent Film

The Independent Film Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. the fourth Sunday of the month in the Americana Room at

Mulberry Grove Center. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. The movie starts at 1 p.m. and there will be no seating after the film starts.

A one-time donation of \$5 is required. The film being shown Sunday is "Blow Dry," which is rated R and runs for 90 minutes. This film is about a national hair championship. Top stylists aren't expecting much from the local talent, but they didn't count on a retired golden boy of the competition circuit entering the fray.

For information, call Pat or Frank at 753-0105.

Interval Circuit Training

Interval Circuit Training meets at 7:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at Colony Cottage Center.

If you are looking to maximize your workouts or bump up your calorie burn, consider adding interval training to your fitness program. This high-energy activity alternates cardio-aerobic exercises for 3 minutes with 1.5 minutes of strength training followed by floor work. Interval Training incorporates tai-bo kickboxing moves and other cardio/conditioning exercises into a full-hour class to improve the cardiovascular system and increase muscle strength. You can work at your own level of intensity.

Bring a mat and weights. For information, contact Sara Kallioinen at 391-1601 or gizmo831@comcast.net.

Jazz Dance

The Jazz Dance Club meets Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Laurel Manor Center. This is a nonperforming group.

Short dances are taught to upbeat music. Beginners meet 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and advanced beginners and intermediate dancers meet 1-2 p.m. Wednesdays. Many students graduate to perform with different dance groups in The Villages.

For information, call Lee Hayes at 259-3767.

CLUBS, from Page 10**Joker**

The Joker Club meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at Bridgeport Center. The club will meet Tuesday.

The club is for all Villages residents. Lessons will be given to those who have never played this card game.

If you have a partner, bring him or her along; if not, you will be put in a foursome. The game is played with a game board, cards and marbles. For information, call Mary Chaplin at 750-1704.

Kaleidoscopes

Join the Kaleidoscopes as they create kaleidoscopic floating patterns on the water at Lake Miona sports pool. If you can float, you can learn the rest. The basic floating group will meet from noon-12:50 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The advanced group practices from 11 a.m.-12:50 p.m. This is a fun-filled recreational activity dedicated to making beautiful patterns to stirring music.

Call Bev Schonewolf at 753-6497, or come to the pool.

Karaoke for Beginners

The Beginner Karaoke Club is designed to be informal for the shy singer. Come and sing your hearts out. Experienced karaoke singers are also invited to come along and share their singing skills. The club meets from 4-6 p.m. Wednesdays in the Rita Hayworth Room at Paradise Center. For information, call Ed Leonard at 259-3829

Karaoke

The Karaoke Singers Club meets 5-8 p.m. Mondays on the patio of Mallory Hill Country Club, weather permitting.

For information, contact Andre or Ingrid at 259-5393.

Knitting Social

Knitting Social will meet at 1 p.m. Monday at Churchill Street Center. This group always meets the second, fourth and fifth

Monday of each month. Those interested in knitting and crocheting are welcome to come and work on their projects and socialize with other knitters. Bring your show and tell.

For information, call Linda Madler at 259-4606.

Larry's Water Aerobics

Larry's Water Aerobics meets at 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and Saturdays at Savannah sports pool.

This is a high-energy, challenging workout. All Villages residents are welcome. No equipment or experience necessary. Water weights are available at the pool. Just show up and be ready to get fit. Benefits include increased stamina, mobility, and endurance with less pain.

For information, contact Larry Wood at 259-8950, e-mail larobics@yahoo.com, or see the web site geocities.com/larrysaerobics.

Laureate Zeta Omicron

Members of Beta Sigma Pi group Laureate Zeta Omicron will meet at 1 p.m. Monday at the home of Susan Campbell. Call her if you are not attending. The program will be hosted by Elaine Smith and a member of Hospice will be speaking.

The cultural program will be going to Sailor Circus in Sarasota. The group will meet at 8:45 a.m. and leave promptly at 9 a.m. from Colony Cottage Center.

Beta Sigma Phi members in The Villages who are interested in reinstating their membership or transferring to a Villages chapter are encouraged to call The Village City Council vice president Kay Glessner at 751-0701.

Leathercrafting

The Villages Leathercrafting Club meets from 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays at Colony Cottage Center.

The group invites Villages residents who might be interested in recreational leathercrafting. If you are an experienced leathercrafter, bring your tools, tooling leather and samples of your work. The group has an assortment of tools to try.

Meetings begin with basic instructional videos covering most aspects of recreational leathercrafting. Members start with basic instruction and practice sessions for simple stamping projects (coasters and bookmarks), and eventually proceed to more complex projects involving leather carving and tooling, dyeing and lacing (belts, coin purses, wallets, etc.).

If you have any toolable leather, leathercraft tool collections or related materials, the club needs those items.

For information, contact Casey Casebeer at 602-418-8267 or lorencasebeer@aol.com, or Bob Matthews at 751-2574 or bob@matthewsusa.net. Put "Leathercrafting" in the subject line of your e-mail.

Left, Right, Center

Left, Right, Center dice game is played 10:30-11:45 a.m. every second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at Bacall Center. The group will meet Tuesday.

This is an easy game for anyone in The Villages. Bring some dimes with you to play with and you may be a winner for one of the rounds. The group plays as many games as the time allows. For information, call Jerry Jencks at 391-1650.

Lions OBG

The Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club meets at 9 a.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in the Rita Hayworth Room at Paradise Center.

Saturday is the golf tournament.

Call Joe at 259-6013 for information.

Low-Impact Aerobics

Low-Impact Aerobics meets at 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 8 a.m. Wednesdays in the Carmen Miranda Room at La Hacienda Center.

Bring hand weights for the Tuesday class. The Recreation Department will furnish stretch bands for the Wednesday class.

For information, contact Joan Beasley, certified instructor, at 753-8500.

Another class meets at 8 a.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays at Lake Miona Center. This class features good music and high energy. Bring weights and a mat.

For information, call Ken Leach at 430-1292.

Macintosh Users

The Macintosh Computer Users Group will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Saddlebrook Center. Ed Muhs will give the presentation and his topic is iPhoto – Using iPhoto '09.

For information, Visit the club Web site at thevillages mug.org or call Jack Kraft at 750-2684.

Make Someone Happy

Make Someone Happy regular rehearsals will be at 10 a.m. Monday in the Americana Room at Mulberry Grove Center for the "Moments To Remember" show. "Moments To Remember" is a joint benefit for Love, INC. and Habitat for Humanity of Lake and Sumter counties. There will be three performances May 8-9 at Savannah Center. For information, call Betty Ganz at 753-8314.

Memoir Writing

The Memoir Writing Workshop meets 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Jose Iturbi Room at La Hacienda Center. Members may read from their ongoing work and submit a copy of it to the leader of the group for individual critiquing.

If you would like to join the group, call George Erickson in advance at 430-3331. Space is limited.

Memorable Scrapbooking

The Memorable Scrapbooking Club meets 1-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Chula Vista Center.

Learn how to preserve photos of graduations, weddings, grandchildren's visits, retirement, anniversaries and birthday parties, vacations, hobbies, pets and special times with friends. Come with an idea of what type of album you would like to make first. If you don't have an idea, come anyway.

Experienced album-makers are welcome. Call Barbara Howard at 396-2079 for information.

Mensa

The Mensa Club will meet 4:30-6 p.m. Wednesday at Tierra del Sol Center. The guest speaker will be Gloria Austin and she will discuss the history of the horse. Austin is the president and founder of the Austin Carriage Museum. Non-Mensans are welcome. The group usually meets for dinner at a nearby restaurant. The group meets the fourth Wednesday of each month. For information, call Don Franklin at 751-3066.

MINI Cooper

The Villages MINI Cooper Club will meet at 7 p.m. today in the Washington Room in Laurel Manor Center. Discussion will be about the MINI and upcoming club events. All Villages residents, whether you own a MINI or are just curious are welcome to attend. Ten to fifteen minute early arrival is suggested.

For information, call Bud Stout at 259-7604 or Carol Brooks at 750-9605 or visit the club Web site at home.earth link.net/~mini-tvmcc.

Mish Mash

The Mish Mash Club meets at 1-3 p.m. Sundays at Laurel Manor Center. The game was voted the No. 1 card game of the year. Beginners are welcome.

For information, contact Bob Pellegrino at 259-2137 or robpell39@msn.com.

Model Yacht Racing

Model yacht racers are encouraged to investigate the Sumter Landing EC12 Model Yacht Club. Interested sailors are welcome to attend practices at 10 a.m. Thursdays and Saturdays on the lake behind Ashland pool on Lynnhaven Lane at Ellison Place.

This one-design fleet is limited to East Coast 12-meter yachts. For information, call Alan Perkins at 674-9145.

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**Model Yachts
Micro Magic**

Avid sailboat racers with big boat or RC yacht experience should consider the new Micro Magic fleet. This high-tech 21-inch boat weighs less than 2 pounds, and is modeled after the one-person skiff popular in Europe. To see more on the Web, go to <http://usa.magicmicro.org/news.php>.

There are more than 4,000 Micro Magics in the world, mostly in Europe, but there is a fast-growing fleet here in The Villages. The Micro Magic Racing Fleet sails at 10 a.m. Mondays on the lake behind Ashland Pool on Lynnhaven Lane at Ellison Place, and some also about noon Thursdays.

This one-design fleet is limited to Micro Magic class boats. For information, call John Rowley at 751-3415.

More Jazz

The More Jazz Club will meet at 5:15 p.m. today in the Julio Iglesias Room at La Hacienda Center. Villages residents and their registered guests are invited. This month's theme will be "I Like a Gershwin Tune," presented by the Valerie Gillespie Ensemble. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m., and the band will perform 5:30-8 p.m. New members are welcome, but come early to sign up and get tickets. Tickets for members will be available at the door. Annual membership is \$10; the live jazz fee is \$10 for members, and \$15 for non-members or guests. Dancing is encouraged. Ice, cups and napkins will be provided. BYOB and snacks. For information, call Dot at 751-0082 or June at 753-2991.

**Mother Bear
Project**

The Mother Bear Project meets 1-4 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at El Santiago Center. The group will meet March 26.

Learn about and participate in making knitted bears to be sent to children with

HIV/AIDS in Africa and Haiti.

Bring size 7 knitting needles and "odds and ends" of worsted weight yarn. A \$5 donation is requested for the pattern and shipping costs.

Contact Mary Alice Schueler at 753-3944 or rksskip@yahoo.com.

**Music in Motion
Dancers**

Music in Motion Dancers performed two sold-out shows this year, so they are hard at work creating a new dance showcase with innovative techniques and interesting interpretations of traditional dance styles. To view one of their routines, go to YouTube.com and type "Music in Motion Dancers in the search field.

Dancers rehearse 9 a.m.-noon Tuesdays at Colony Cottage Center and 3-5 p.m. Thursdays at Saddlebrook Center.

Energetic, versatile dancers wishing to audition should call Diane Bolton at 753-4964 or Jeanne Krebs at 750-2532.

Musical Co.

Tickets are now on sale for The Villages Musical Company's "Annie Get Your Gun." Under the direction of Sandie Hawthorne, with Jean Butler as musical director and Janet DeOrnellas and Diana Cecil as choreographers, the final rehearsals are geared to fine tuning for this Irving Berlin classic Broadway hit. Fifty-two singers, dancers and actors are hard at work on this popular musical. The show opens April 29 and will run through May 3 at Savannah Center. The schedule is as follows at Bridgeport Center:

- Saturday – 8-9 a.m., dancers; 9-10 a.m., music and glib line rehearsal for Act 1; 10 a.m.-12:50 p.m., all cast members run through entire show.

The schedule is as follows at Savannah Center:

- Sunday – 6-7 p.m., dancers; 7-9:50 p.m., all cast members run through entire show.

Needle Arts

The Needle Arts Club meets at 9 a.m. every Monday in the Geronimo Room at Chula Vista Recreation Center. The club's

purpose is to bring people together who like to do needle art so that they may socialize and work on their projects.

If you are interested in working on any project that uses a needle, come and join this friendly group. Bring your new projects as well as any old ones that were never quite finished. The group members love to share their specialties with others.

For information, call Lenore Smiley at 753-4774.

Needlework

The Needlework Club meets at 10-11:50 a.m. Thursdays in the Lucille Ball Room at Paradise Center. For information, call Margy Tucker at 751-6248.

Nertz

Nertz meets 6-7:50 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month in the Casablanca Room at Bacall Center. The group will meet March 26.

Nertz is the latest rage in card games. The group is looking for players. Based on solitaire, this is an easy-to-learn fast-paced game that you will want to teach your grandkids. It is played with a partner or alone; you win when you get rid of your cards before your opponent does. Cards and instructions will be provided.

For information, call Alice Zelnar at 461-4303.

Nomads

Today's lunch ride will leave at 10 a.m. from Mulberry Grove Center and proceed to Racings North in Port Orange, a 160-mile round-trip ride.

On March 26, the group will leave at 11 a.m. from Mulberry Grove Center and proceed to O'Keefes Irish Pub in Tavares, a 47-mile round-trip ride.

Breakfast rides leave at 8:30 a.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays from Mulberry Grove. Make sure your gas tank is full before a ride.

The group will ride to St. Augustine in March and stay overnight. There is also a 10-day trip leaving in April for San Antonio, Texas. See the Web site for further information.

Monthly meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Monday of the month at La Hacienda Center.

All Villages residents interested in motorcycle riding are invited to join. Bring donations for the food pantry.

Visit thevillagenomads.com for information.

**Non-Performing
Advanced Tap**

The Non-Performing Advanced Tap Workshop will now meet at 2 p.m. Wednesdays at Colony Cottage Center. Note: This is a new meeting time.

This group is a fun workshop that teaches technique and combinations. Been dancing forever? Come see if this workshop can challenge you.

For information, call Marge Blakely at 350-2052.

**Non-Performing
Intermediate Tap**

The Non-Performing Intermediate Tap Workshop now meets at noon Wednesdays at Colony Cottage Center. Note: This is a new meeting time.

This workshop features technique, and the group will work on time steps and short combinations.

For information, call Marge Blakely at 350-2052.

**Non-Performing
Jazz Dance**

Non-Performing Jazz Dance will meet 1-1:50 p.m. Wednesdays at Colony Cottage Center. This workshop focuses on technique and combinations.

For information, call Marge Blakely at 350-2052.

**Nutrition and
Health**

The Nutrition and Health Information Club will meet 7-9 p.m. Monday at Churchill Street Center. The group always meets the fourth Monday night of every month.

The guest speakers will be Dr. Kenneth Cohn, a general dentist, and his team, who will talk about laser dentistry, treatment planning and costs as well as invisible dental braces, root canal therapy and myths and misconceptions, implants and benefits and myths of

proper dental hygiene.

April's guest speaker will be John Richards, the club's vice president, who will be speaking on "Dispelling the Hype and Hysteria About Cholesterol," including simple effective healthy heart solutions. Cost is \$2 per person. For information, call Ray at 259-0448.

OBG Veterans

Orange Blossom Gardens VFW Post 10126 will hold its regular monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Saddlebrook Center. The board will meet at 12:30 p.m.; the general membership meeting will follow 1:30-2:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Qualified veterans and VFW members moving from other areas who wish to transfer or renew are welcome.

Continue to support the ongoing "Wounded Warrior Ministry" program. Send donations of any amount to OBG VFW Post 10126, P.O. Box 817, Lady Lake, FL 32158-0817. Make checks payable to OBG VFW Post 10126 with Wounded Warrior Ministry on the memo line.

For information, call Cmdr. Daniel L. Clancy at 430-0211.

Olanta Loop

The Olanta Loop group will have a driveway party 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at 349 Mauldin Place. Bring a dish for eight to share. Bring your own beverage and lawn chairs. Plates, silverware, napkins and cups will be provided. There will be a 50/50 chance drawing and a book exchange. Bring nonperishable food items for the local food pantry.

**Old Cowboy
Movies Fans**

The Old Cowboy Movies Fan Club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Canal Street Center. The group will continue the serial Zorro's Black Whip; the group will have a short subject and will feature Gene Autry in the main movie. Bring your favorite drink; popcorn will be provided. For information, call Paul at 259-3832.

CLUBS, from Page 12**One Stroke Folk Art**

The One Stroke Folk Art Club meets from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays at Laurel Manor Center. The one-stroke method of painting created by Donna Dewberry is emphasized. New and experienced one-stroke painters are welcome. This is not a class; however, experienced painters are available to assist you, if needed. The club enjoys painting together and sharing ideas and projects. There is a one-time membership fee of \$2.

For information, contact Betty Jelinek at 259-4886 or e-mail BMMGE@comcast.net, or Peg Burnett at 205-8956 or e-mail pegb@thevillages.net.

Operation Shoebox

All Operation Shoebox activities are now noon-4 p.m. at Lake Miona Center. Volunteers should arrive at 1 p.m. in the main ballroom. Staff should arrive at noon.

The next fundraiser will be a pancake breakfast April 18 at Up the Creek Restaurant. Cost is \$6. Call Elaine Drake at 753-7955 for tickets.

Drop-off boxes are at all Publix stores. The Operation Shoebox Thrift Store is at 8360 S.E. Highway 25 in Belleview. Call Janet Oliver at 751-0053 to volunteer. Call Jon Fortney at 430-0297 for pickup of large items. Call the thrift store at 307-6723 with questions.

For information, call The Villages OSB director, Sandy DeChristofaro, at 750-1989. Donations may be mailed to Operation Shoebox, 920 Camino Del Ray Drive, The Villages, FL 32159. OSB never solicits funds with direct telephone calls. If you receive such a call, notify Sandy DeChristofaro.

Parrot Heads

The next "PFlocking" will be at 4 p.m. today at Mallory Hill Country Club. Wear your club shirts and name tags. The next EXCOMM meeting is at

8:30 a.m. Monday at Tierra del Sol Country Club.

The poker run is this Saturday at the polo fields. Tickets will be on sale at the door. Bring your basket donations to the "PFlocking" or drop them off prior to the run.

Relay For Life is April 24 at The Villages High School. To find out how you can help the Parrot Head team, call Carolyn at 259-2758 or Judy at 753-4963.

Purchase your tickets for the April 18 birthday bash. The cost is \$17.50 per person and includes dinner and dancing.

For club information, call Jan Brooks at 751-1763.

Patti's Classic Tap

Patti's Classic Tap Club meets Fridays at Paradise Center. The advanced group meets 10-11 a.m.; intermediate meets 11 a.m.-noon.

Beginners Tap meets 1-2 p.m. Mondays at Saddlebrook Center.

For information, call Patti Weir at 259-4437.

PEO

PEO Sisterhood meets Thursdays, the first and third Tuesdays and the second and fourth Mondays of the month. For time and place, contact Cathy Van Benthuyzen at 751-5830 or cathy5van@thevillages.net, or Margaret Hathaway at 430-1164 or lhatha@aol.com

Philosophy

The Philosophy Club meets at 4 p.m. every Friday at Mulberry Grove Center. On Friday, the group will discuss Maxims, Axioms and Adages – expressions of popular wisdom and philosophy. The group will explore several types and discuss the truth they may contain. There are examples of the tendency of humans to store templates of how the world works in order to shorten the thinking process. As such, they often lead to errors. Joel Fox will be the speaker. For information, call George Erickson at 430-3331.

Pinochle Double Deck

Double Deck Pinochle meets 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays in the Cary

Grant Room at Paradise Center. This game is played with Villages rules.

For information, call Morty Cohen at 259-3419.

Double Deck Pinochle is also held 6-9:30 p.m. Sundays at Chatham Center. Open bidding at 50, auction bidding. Must have a marriage (king and queen) to name trump. For information, contact Dom Aiello at 259-9581 or domaiello@comcast.net.

Pinochle Single Deck

• Mondays, 7 p.m., Pimlico Center. Sam Olsher, 430-0805.

• Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., Garden Room, Colony Cottage Center. Ken Marino, 391-9219. Experienced players only.

• Wednesday, Noon, Pimlico Center. Dick Luebke, 259-5775.

• Thursdays, 1 p.m., Laurel Manor Center. Doris Manning at 751-6659 or Marva O'Leary at 430-3468. Experienced players only.

• Thursdays, 1 p.m., Paradise Center. Chris Brown, 750-4627.

• Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Allamanda Center. Must be experienced and able to play three-handed. Ed Speakman at 430-1932.

Pitch, Setback, Hi-Lo Jack

The Pitch, Setback, Hi-Lo Jack Club meets weekly at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Bacall Center for players of all levels.

A group also meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays at Paradise Center.

A group also meets at 9 a.m. Mondays at Mulberry Grove Center.

Three names, same game. Anyone interested in learning this card game should call Jerry Blanchette at 753-0530.

Poetry

Poetry Discussion and Workshop meets 10 a.m.-12:20 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays in the Marilyn Monroe Room at Paradise Center. The workshop will meet Tuesday.

Bring a few of your favorite poems to read. There will be group discussion. Bring extra copies (10-15) of your work, if

possible, for others to follow and to facilitate discussion.

For information, contact Al Watkins at 259-4981 or aww21@comcast.net.

Poinciana

The Poinciana Social Club is having a "Spring Fling" dance 6-9:30 p.m. April 16 at Lake Miona Center. Music provided by DJ Bill Ramp. This event will be catered by ToofJay's. Menu includes chicken Marsala, potatoes, vegetables, salad and dessert. BYOB; coffee will be provided.

Cost is \$13 per person or \$25 per couple. Sign up 5-7 p.m. Tuesday and 2-4 p.m. April 2 at Allamanda Center. If you are not a current member of the club, you will need to pay a \$5 per person membership fee when you sign up.

Mark your calendars for Dec. 6 for our holiday dinner dance at Savannah Center.

Polo Ridge

The Polo Ridge Club will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Laurel Manor Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 6. This month, the group will play bingo with Bud Kirchens calling. Bring your own snacks and drinks to enjoy while playing the games.

This year, three golf scrambles will be played on the following dates: May 18, July 7; and Sept. 8. An application for the May 18 scramble can be found in the March issue of the Pride newsletter. For information, call Imogene Brooks at 259-6134.

The next ladies lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. April 1 at Red Lobster; seating is limited to 20 people. To sign up, call Heather Sawyer at 753-9919.

Postage Stamp (Philatelic)

The Villages Postage Stamp (Philatelic) Club meets four times a month.

The club meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in the Gladiola Room at Allamanda Center.

The club also meets at noon on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in the Chateaugay Room at Chatham Center.

The club welcomes anyone who would like to start or continue stamp collecting. Club members have varied interests and enjoy trading, selling and purchasing stamps and covers.

At each meeting, a presentation is given by club members on some aspect of stamp collecting. Stamp auctions are a feature of each meeting.

For information, call Marty Farber at 753-4774.

Qigong

The Qigong Club welcomes all Villagers who want to take control of their health.

The group also meets 1-2:20 p.m. Wednesdays at Coconut Cove Center, as well as 10-11:20 a.m. Fridays at Colony Cottage Center.

Qigong exercises boost individual immunity, improve health, and harness body-mind energy with "moving meditations." For information, call Gerry Watt at 753-0381.

Rainbow Family

The Rainbow Family and Friends Club will meet 3-4:50 p.m. today at Bacall Center. Guest speakers Susan Bond and Don Mosher, professors, will present "The Invincible Love That Dares Speak Its Name: The Journey From Shame To Pride."

For information, visit rainbowfamilyvillagesfl.com.

Please avoid fragrances of any kind for this particular meeting due to a specific allergy.

Rainey Villa

The Rainey Villa Social Club will meet at 6 p.m. Friday at Pimlico Center. The group will be having a birthday party for all members, so bring a wrapped birthday gift (\$5 or less) and the group will have a Yankee gift swap. There will be music, games and dancing. Everyone who lives or rents in Rainey Villas is invited. Birthday cake, ice cream and coffee will be provided. BYOB. The group will have a 50/50 chance drawing; tickets are \$1 each or three for \$2. Bring a food item to donate to a local food pantry.

For information, call Marilyn Quimby at 391-9739.

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Remember Then Entertainment

Remember Then Entertainment brings together a group of Villages residents who have sung professionally in the past. All members must be capable of memorizing and performing several songs. This is not karaoke. You will be required to sing solo duets and group numbers and be able to harmonize.

The group will be performing different types of shows – doo wop, country, standards, Broadway, etc.

Rehearsals and auditions are 1:30-5 p.m. Wednesday at Odell Center. For information, call Ralph DiNome at 454-4265.

Repertory Ensemble

The Villages Repertory Ensemble will present a unique theater concept, "Sidewalk Theatre," based on the theme "When The Street Became My Stage," written by Bob Washington. This is an exciting and new theater experience. For information, call Bob at 751-7134 or e-mail JamtimeX@aol.com.

Retired Military Family

The Retired Military Family Group (RMFG) will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Lincoln Room at Laurel Manor Center. Agenda items include an update on legislation pending in Washington, D.C., that may impact benefits and entitlements of military retirees, spouses, widows and widowers. The guest speaker for the evening will be Lt. Col. Richard Vargus from US Central Command, MacDill AFB.

The RMFG will continue to collect items for Operation Shoebox.

BYOB and snacks. Ice, water and assorted snacks will be provided. New members are always welcome. Dues are \$15 for lifetime membership per family. Prospective members should come early to register before meeting begins. All Villagers retired from

any of the uniformed services, their spouses and widowed spouses are invited to attend this meeting. For information or to suggest agenda items for future meetings, call John Sievertson at 205-8894.

Retiree

The eighth Southwest Florida luncheon for members of the Retiree Club will be at 11:30 a.m. March 26 at the Boca Royale Golf and Country Club in Englewood. Social hour begins at 11:30 a.m. Paul and Ann Petty will attend. Nine other members who reside in The Villages have received invitations. Don and Ginni Mahon are luncheon coordinators. All Perkin-Elmer retirees and former employees are welcome. For information, e-mail donald jmahon@ewol.com, or call at 941-697-3769.

Rise and Shine Cloggers

The Villages Rise and Shine Cloggers are a group of Villagers who love to clog. They share their love of clogging by entertaining at club meetings throughout The Villages. The dancing includes all the variations of clogging that are available today. The group participates in The Villages' festivals and celebrations that take place on the Spanish Springs Town Square.

The Rise and Shine Cloggers offers a fast-paced, high-energy show for club entertainment. They dance to '50s and '60s music, Irish melodies, a little rock 'n' roll, and usually end with an Appalachian hoedown.

To schedule a show for your group or join the club, call Jean Shawley at 259-0906 or Charlene Allmen at 753-1014.

Rotary Lady Lake

The Rotary Club of the Lady Lake area meets for lunch at 11:45 a.m. Tuesdays at Outback Steakhouse in The Villages, 710 N. U.S. Highway 27/441, just north of Rolling Acres Road. Tuesday's meeting will feature Sheri Hutchinson, public information officer for Lake County Health.

The club supports many charities and humanitarian programs in the county, state and nation, and also internationally. The next fundraiser will be a pancake breakfast 7-10 a.m. March 28 at Up the Creek Restaurant. Cost is \$6 and funds raised will benefit local food pantries.

Past, present and future Rotarians are welcome to attend. For information, call Bud Mangels at 750-6655.

Rotary Sunset

The Villages Sunset Rotary Club meets at 4:30 p.m. Mondays at the SonRise Cafe on County Road 466 in the Southern Trace Shopping Center. The cafe is in a free-standing in front of Publix. The club welcomes former Rotarians and all active or retired professionals and businesspeople who have the spirit of service above self.

The club's major project is helping the Early Learning Coalition provide learning and developmental assistance to preschool children in Sumter County, because getting youngsters ready for school has a lifetime payback for society. For information, contact membership chairperson Joyce Jackson at 430-1524 or joycemagic@embarqmail.com.

Rotary The Villages

The Rotary Club of The Villages welcomes former Rotarians who would like to rejoin, as well as anyone interested in becoming involved in the community.

The club helps fund numerous projects in the community, with particular emphasis on education. It also is active in Rotary International projects. Join the club for breakfast meetings at 7 a.m. Thursdays at La Hacienda Center.

To attend one of the club's meetings or get information, call Bob Sadrack at 259-2036 or e-mail him at RSadrack@yahoo.com.

Rummikub

Rummikub is played at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Silver Lake Center and Thursdays in the Marilyn Monroe Room at Paradise Center. Rummikub is

an easy to learn, logic strategy tile-based game. If you like Mexican train dominoes, you'll enjoy Rummikub. All levels of players are welcome. Lessons are given for beginners. Call Ruth Bitondo (for Wednesdays) at 750-3766 or Mike Veach (for Thursdays) at 399-4225 for information.

Saints Shuffleboard

The Saints Shuffleboard League has several openings. The league plays from 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays at the shuffleboard courts at El Santiago Center. The Saints are single Catholic men and women who live in The Villages. This is two hours of wholesome fun. If you are interested in either being on a team or serving as a sub, call Ruthie Kelly at 753-6118.

Science Fiction/Fantasy

The Science Fiction/Fantasy Club will meet 7-9 p.m. Sunday in the Madison Room at Laurel Manor Center.

This month, the group will be watching a two-part episode of "Star Trek: TNG" titled "Time's Arrow." The episode deals with time travel into Earth's past to unravel the mystery of Data's severed head. All Villagers and guests with proper ID are welcome to attend.

For information, contact Tony Pedi at 259-3465 or e-mail SFFclub@aol.com.

Scooter

The Villages Scooter Club is seeking new members. The club meets at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, ready to ride, at the far end of the parking lot behind The Villages Shuttle Service. On the second Wednesday of each month, a short meeting will be at Tierra del Sol Center, after the ride.

The club also rides at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays.

Any Villages residents with a scooter of 150 cc or more is eligible to join. The rides are for fun, with a breakfast or lunch location planned for each ride. Annual dues are \$10.

For information, call Bob Goehring at 751-3755 or Sam Gervase at 750-4454.

Scrabble

Scrabble meets at 1 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays in the Lucille Ball Room at Paradise Center. Scrabble is a fun, easy-to-learn word game, and meetings are open to beginners and experienced players. For information, call Lynne Fletcher at 751-5389.

A Scrabble Club also plays 6-9 p.m. Thursdays in the Courageous Room at Lake Miona Center. All levels of experience are welcome. For information, call Mary Lou Miller at 751-7332 or Barbara Burgess at 350-2511.

A Scrabble Club meets 2-5 p.m. Wednesdays at Bridgeport Center. All levels of players are welcome. For information, call Linda at 750-4946 or Ray at 259-0703.

Scrappers

The Scrappers are a group of individuals who get together to make stunning family, vacation or heritage albums. They meet 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays. Usually the group meets at Chatham Center, but Saturday's meeting will be in the Liberty Room at Mulberry Grove Center. On March 28, meetings will resume at Chatham Center.

The meeting is a crop, and everyone shares or exchanges ideas and works at their own pace. New and experienced scrappers are welcome to join this sociable group.

Free instruction is given to all new scrapbookers or anyone who wants to learn how to get started in this hobby of preserving and displaying your pictures in albums. Items and tools essential to getting started are available at the crop. For information, call Irene at 753-6312.

Sculpt, Tone and Stretch

The Sculpt, Tone and Stretch exercise club meets at 10 a.m. Mondays at Colony Cottage Center. Members need to bring light hand-held weights and an exercise mat. The group meets in the Tea Room. All levels are welcome to participate. Call Susan Cervo at 350-2003 for information.

CLUBS, from Page 14**Sheepshead Cards**

Sheepshead Cards meets 8-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Cary Grant Room at Paradise Center. For information, call Clark Greenling at 406-5346.

Showcase Dancers

The Showcase Dancers Club meets 1:15-2:15 p.m. Wednesdays at La Hacienda Center.

The club invites all Villagers who have taken ballroom dance lessons or need a place to renew their past dancing skills. There are no dues or membership fees. Dance to the rumba, waltz, tango, fox trot, cha-cha, swing and many other styles.

For information, call John or Geri Conrad at 259-9763.

Shuffleboard

The Villages Shuffleboard Club, which has more than 900 players, is always recruiting permanent and snowbird residents for existing and new teams. The teams of 12 players compete 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays or Thursdays, now through March, at almost every recreation center in The Villages.

Summer league play is being formed.

If you want to play as a single or a couple, contact Joe Arlt at 753-3346 or joeartl@juno.com with your name(s), telephone number, days you prefer, and the village where you reside.

Silver Lake Women

The Silver Lake Women's Club will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Paradise Center. The guest speaker will be member Paula Manion. She will be wearing her Hungarian dress and telling her story of how she lived in Hungary and how the Russian army invaded Budapest and how she escaped and came to live in America and the Villages.

Singles Ballroom Dance

The Singles Ballroom Dance Practice Group meets 3-4 p.m. Wednesdays for dance lessons in the Churchill Downs Room at Pimlico Center.

This practice group is only for those taking Singles Ballroom Dance lessons through The Villages Lifelong Learning College from instructors Geri and John Conrad. The group will practice after the lesson from 4-4:30 p.m. The next dance class will be the Hustle I, course No. 2384-403. It will be 3-4 p.m. Wednesdays, April 16-May 20. Call the college at 753-3035 to register. The cost is \$27 for the six-week course.

For information, call Rosalie Dominguez at 391-5502.

Senior Soccer

The new Senior Mixed Soccer program will meet at 8:30 a.m. every Friday at the polo fields.

The group will be playing a new 4 vs. 4 format on a smaller field. Form your teams now. Soccer training will be provided for everybody. A variety of soccer activities will be included to ensure your enjoyment throughout the season. Soccer is ideal for aerobic activity and coordination, as well as a way to make new friends. For information, contact Anderson DaSilva at 751-2650, or e-mail truman.recreationcenter@districtgov.org.

Softball Ladies

The Softball Ladies Club meets monthly for residents who are softball players, fans and umpires. On the last Thursday of the month, the club meets at Pimlico Center. The club will meet March 26. Bring your drink, plus a snack to share. Call Noreen Murphy at 750-1943 for more information.

Recreation softball is available for residents; call Shirley Jones at 750-4815. Those interested in Friday morning at 8 open softball, call Betty Josephson at 753-2186.

Softball Women

Softball leagues are available for women at noon and 1:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays

and Thursdays at the Saddlebrook softball complex.

Evaluations for new players wishing to participate in the women's recreation league and/or the Saturday neighborhood leagues are conducted at 8 a.m. Tuesdays at the Buffalo Glen softball complex.

For information, call Jeanne Harrington at 753-5443.

Practice sessions designed to develop and sharpen game skills are conducted at 8 a.m. Fridays at Knudson Field. Those interested in open play should call Betty Josephson, 753-2186.

Sounds of Scotland

The Villages Sounds of Scotland, a bagpipe and drum band, is open to all Villagers.

Instructors are available to teach beginners and advanced students on the pipes. The necessary instruments will be available for a period of time.

The band meets from 6-9 p.m. Thursdays at Saddlebrook Center. For information, call Kevin Selfridge at 750-3991.

Sparkey's Strummers

Sparkey's Strummers, a string acoustic group, meets 9-11 a.m. Thursdays in the Outer Banks Room of Bridgeport Center.

The group mostly just plays music and has fun. The group welcomes all acoustic string players who have some playing experience, as well as anyone in The Villages who just wants to listen and or sing along.

Some of the group's favorite music is made up of the old standards. The biggest influences are songs from the 1900s-1950s. The group has a large library of songs put together by its founder, Harold (Sparkey) Lawton.

The Strummers love sharing their music and accept invitations to play for various Villages clubs. For information, call Al Perron at 750-2157 or Jim Boerman at 759-2677.

Splash With Us!

Splash With Us! meets 9:30-11:50 a.m. Wednesdays at Colony Cottage Center. Also, a new Splash With Us! group meets 1:30-3:30 p.m. the second through fifth Mondays at

Colony Cottage Center.

This is a transparent watercolors workshop for beginning, intermediate or advanced watercolorists.

Lessons on a variety of techniques will be provided. Experienced artists, bring what you have.

Seating is limited. To register, call Julie McGlone at 750-1068 or e-mail mcglone72@hotmail.com.

Orange Blossom Squares

Orange Blossom Squares will hold a plus-level dance from 7-9:30 p.m. Sunday at La Hacienda Center with Ken Ritucci as guest caller. Round-dance cueing will be provided by Joanne and Ken Helton. Square dance attire is requested.

For lesson information, call Bob and Jennie Courter at 751-1009. For club information, call 753-2325 or e-mail Bewils36@aol.com or visit the Web site obsquares.org.

Starlight Players

The Starlight Players Club will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Allamanda Center to bring the members up to date on the show schedules for Nov. 5, 6 and 7 at Colony Cottage Center. The group also will discuss the recently obtained dates of April 8, 9 and 10, 2010, at Savannah Center. The audition and rehearsal schedule the group hoped for did not come to fruition (for reasons that will be explained and discussed), but the group hopes to conclude that part of our business at this upcoming meeting. Audition dates will be announced and will be open to all Villages residents. If selected for a part, you must join the club. Annual fees are \$10.

For information, all Ron Ricciuti at 750-3688, Reg Evans at 751-3974 or go to the Web site at starlightplayers.zoomshare.com.

Stickball

The 2008-2009 Stickball Club meets at 9 a.m. every Sunday, September through May, at The Villages High School parking lot on the corner of County Road 466 and Buffalo Trail.

Come one and all to join in the fun of New York City-style

"poor man's baseball." For information, call Ralph Cabret at 874-2990 or Roy Schwartz at 751-3048.

String Orchestra

The String Orchestra meets from 9-11 a.m. Tuesdays in the Madison Room at Laurel Manor Center. The group welcomes string musicians who have had orchestra experience or its equivalent at the advanced high school through professional levels. Participants should bring music stands if they have them. Music will be provided.

Villages residents will have an opportunity to regain their skills in a relaxed atmosphere. Music will be chosen that will challenge but not overwhelm, and the group will seek to improve to as high a level as is possible. The group will not be able to accommodate beginning players at this time.

Instrumentation will include violin, viola, cello and string bass. For information, call Emilie Hickman at 259-6662 or Sherry Hofmeister at 753-9708.

Sumi-e

The Sumi-e (Chinese Brush Stroke Painting) Club meets 1-3 p.m. Fridays at Mulberry Grove Center. New members are welcome to attend. For information, call Bonnie Canning at 259-9553.

Sumter Singles

The Sumter Singles will meet 3-5:50 p.m. Sunday at Lake Miona Center. New members are welcome. Dues and renewals are \$10 a year and include a permanent name badge. Guests will be charged \$5. Snacks will be provided; bring your own beverage. Sign-up sheets will be available for various activities and trips. Election of new officers will take place at the meeting. Entertainment will be provided by The Villages clowns.

Tickets will be sold for the "Pass The Torch Blow-Out" at \$7 each for members only. It will be 5-9 p.m. March 28 at the polo field. Food will be catered by Oakwood Smokehouse and music provided by The Carriers. For information, call Wanda at 430-0713.

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Sunday Walking Aerobics

Sunday Walking Aerobics meets at 8 a.m. Sundays at Pimlico Center. Walking aerobics will be done to Leslie Sansone tapes with music to help promote good health and fitness.

For information, call Lenore Smiley at 753-4774.

Sweet and Sassy

The Sweet and Sassy Line Dance Team meets at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at Bridgeport Center at 1 p.m. Fridays at Allamanda Center. The team practices line dance routines for performances.

Sweet and Sassy is accepting reservations for the spring and summer seasons. The group is available to perform at any of the following: social club gatherings, anniversary and birthday parties, holiday events and private parties. Call Christine Bass at 250-8607 to ensure availability. In addition to performing various dance routines tailored to your specific needs, dancers will also be able to offer basic line dance instruction to your group.

For information, contact director Christine Bass at 250-8607 or girlylinedancer@yahoo.com.

Swing Dance

The Villages Swing Dance Club meets from 12:30-3 p.m. Mondays at La Hacienda Center for fun, fellowship and informal instruction, as well as practice in swing and cha cha dancing.

Beginning Swing meets from 12:30-1:15 p.m., and Intermediate/Advanced Swing meets from 1:15-2 p.m. Mondays. Beginning Cha Cha meets from 2-3 p.m. every Monday except the third Monday of each month.

Beginning Swing and Cha Cha sessions include basic instruction and practice designed to provide beginning dancers with the fundamental skills and confidence needed to get on the dance floor and dance in a social environment.

Intermediate/Advanced Swing practice is different every week and includes a variety of more advanced swing dance steps for more experienced dancers.

Membership in the Swing Dance Club is free for all Villages residents. For information, call Kermit and Carol Laughon at 430-2831 regarding Swing Dance, and Phil and Yvette Rand at 750-3324 regarding Cha Cha.

Tai Chi

The Tai Chi Club meets at 7:45 a.m. Tuesdays at Mulberry Grove Center, at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at Laurel Manor Center, and at 8 a.m. Fridays at Bridgeport Center.

The club sessions consist of both the tai chi classic 48-position yang short form and the arthritis form. Participants also do tai chi and qigong exercises that consist of relaxed movements to increase flexibility, strength and balance.

Past and present tai chi students are encouraged to come on Tuesdays and Thursdays to work on perfecting and practicing their forms. New students are encouraged to come to the Friday sessions. All residents are welcome to any or all of the three sessions.

For information, call Mary McKimmy at 751-2815 or Paula Murray at 259-2068.

Tap

The Tap Clubs practice Wednesdays at Saddlebrook Center. Intermediate and advanced participants practice 7:30-9 a.m., and beginners practice at 9 a.m.

New dancers are accepted weekly. Short dance combinations are taught weekly for the 7:30-9 a.m. group. The beginner group emphasizes the very basics, adding short combinations based on weekly assessment of group abilities.

For information, call Linda Bitterly at 259-8691.

Theater Co.

The Villages Theater Company is presenting the Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, "That Championship Season," at 7 p.m. May 14-17 at Mulberry Grove Center. Tickets cost \$11 for Villages residents and go on sale Monday. Tickets

will cost \$14 for the general public and will go on sale starting April 6. This riveting drama is filled with mature subject matter and language.

If you are reserving entertainment for your local club, the company's traveling troupe, Shows To Go, is accepting bookings for short plays and monologues. For information, call Roger Hickok at 430-7137.

The Theater Workshop meets 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesdays at Mulberry Grove Center. All Villages residents are invited to attend. For information, call Linda Siedle at 205-8975.

Track and Field

The Villages Track and Field Club meets at 8:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at The Villages High School track for training in sprinting, long jump, triple jump and high jump. For information, call John Topliss at 751-5924 or Ryan Beighley at 751-7206.

Instruction for throwing events, shot put, discus and javelin takes place at 9 a.m. Wednesdays at the rear of the polo fields. For information, call Jim Corcoran at 259-9155.

Trap & Skeet

The Villages Trap and Skeet Club has an expanded shooting schedule, including both trap and skeet at Robinson Ranch in Dunnellon on Wednesdays.

They also hold one-on-one training by appointment Thursdays for new shooters. Clinics for improving skills are held throughout the year.

All Villages residents are invited to participate. Beginners and women are especially welcome.

For information, call Frank Woodward at 753-1263 or Ron Groat at 753-0684, or go to villagestrapandskeet.com.

Triple Play Cards

Triple Play Cards is a new game that is a variation of hand and foot.

• Sundays, 1:30-4:30 p.m. at Pimlico Center. Carole Kadner, 751-1145.

• Sundays, 2-5 p.m. in the Chateaugay Room at Chatham Center. Candy

Briestansky at 751-2649 or 630-677-0295.

• Sundays, 5-7:50 p.m. at Chula Vista Center (Organized). Gwen Robinson, 350-4818 or Susan Busch, 750-2448.

• Mondays, 6-9 p.m. at Odell Center. Carol Turnbull, 753-5924.

• Monday, 6:30 p.m., Laurel Manor.

• Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. -2:20 p.m. in the Fox Grove Room at Saddlebrook Center. Joyce Keller, 638-0039. This group meets during the lunch hour. Most players bring their own lunch or snack to eat during play.

• Tuesdays, 1 p.m. at Truman Center. Karen Bond, 753-9164.

• Tuesdays, 6-9:20 p.m. in the Courageous Room at Lake Miona Center. Manny Muro at 430-2733 or Betty and Tom Brann at 753-3969.

• Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Chatham, Carole Kadner, 751-1145.

• Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. at Pimlico Center. Pearl Plasterer, 259-4077.

• Thursdays, 6-9 p.m. at Odell Center.

• Fridays, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in Silver Oaks Room at Saddlebrook Center. Joyce Keller, 638-0039. This group meets during the lunch hour. Most players bring their own lunch or snack to eat during play.

• Fridays, 6:30 p.m. at Paradise Center. Clarisse Peltier, 750-6050.

• Friday, 6:30 p.m., Mulberry Grove, Carole Kadner, 751-1145.

Trivial Pursuit

Paradise

March 10

Question: What German breed of dog is Asta, in "The Thin Man"?

Answer: Schnauzer.

Winning team: Pam

Kochenour, Lee Kochenour, Max Pierre, Phoebe McKee, Gloria Schreiner, Joanne Hisey, Carol Harvey.

Tierra del Sol

March 10

Contact: Sheila Allan, 750-1352

Question: What future megastar's first movie role was as Glen Lantz, one of the victims in "A Nightmare on Elm

Street?"

Answer: Johnny Depp.

Winners: Bill Vincent, Sandy Vincent, Barb Casey, Steve Simon, Carol Kirby, Sylvia Driskill, Gary Kress, Don Johnson, Ron Lawson, Jim Owens, Ina Piggott, Len Dobson, Don Simson.

Question: What musical movie's researchers had problems finding corn "as high as an elephant's eye?"

Answer: "Oklahoma"

Winners: Sheila Allan, Hank Casey, Al Carlson, Janet Simon, Tom Smolinski, Larry Cohen, Bill Vincent, Rennie Lawson, Mary Ann Hawkes, Peggy Owens, Phil Piggott, Donna Simson, Carolyn Moore.

Troope's Golf

Troope's Golf Tour meets Friday mornings year-round for events at area golf courses. These are men's team events, and travel is limited to a maximum of a one-hour drive.

Villages resident golfers are always welcome. Tee times, prices and courses can be found on the group's Web site, troopesgroup.com, or by calling Walt Troope at 753-5112.

Ukulele

The Villages Ukulele Club meets at 5 p.m. every Tuesday in the Geronimo Room at Chula Vista Center for one hour of practice and song. Newcomers and all types of ukes are welcome. Listeners are encouraged to attend.

Groups are available to perform at parties, special events and shows.

For information, call Charles Mackert at 753-2684.

Ukulele Intermediate

The Ukulele Intermediate Club meets at 10 a.m. Tuesdays in the Tanzania Room at Odell Center.

The Three Chord Wonders is open to all Villages residents who know and can play the basic chords. Come tuned, and join the group for an hour of playing old-time favorites. Listeners are welcome. For information, call Barbara Hanson at 391-5833.

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Vamps

The Vamps dance troupe meets from 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays at Coconut Cove Center and from 2-4 p.m. Wednesdays at Saddlebrook Center.

The producers of four "Ab-Salutely American" shows contribute their proceeds to Operation Helping Hand, a project adopted by MOAA, Lake County Chapter. This organization assists families with expenses while they stay at the side of their injured military personnel who have returned from the Middle East and are now at James A. Haley Veterans Hospital in Tampa.

The Vamps are available to entertain clubs and organizations.

If you are an experienced dancer and would like to audition for the troupe or for information, call Myra Mervine at 259-8330 or Sue Burton at 259-3100.

Victorian Tea Hat Society

This new Villages Victorian Tea Hat Society will meet twice a month, once for tea and a short meeting and once for travel to Victorian museums and Victorian teahouses throughout Florida. This society will have a special dress code of Victorian clothing and tea hats.

There are no dues; pay as you go to any event. Bus travel is available for the price of the trip. Special teas can also be in the home of the hostess of the month, if desired. The Victorian Tea Hat Society will meet the last Friday of the month. Call Queen Victoria at 259-2602 before March 27.

Villa Berea

Today's driveway party will be 4-6 p.m. at the home of Kris Kaski and Ron Kauppila at 889 Winchester Drive. Bring your own drinks, seating and snacks to share.

On Friday, Villa Berea residents will have a monthly potluck supper at 5 p.m. at Saddlebrook. Bring a dish to share that will serve eight peo-

ple. Bring your own drinks. Coffee will be served. Hula dancers will be entertaining after the meal.

Fill out your ICE (In Case of Emergency) forms and return to Bev Rude. For information, call Bev at 430-3231.

Betty Rebollo is taking reservations for the 11:30 a.m. April 7 Villa Berea Ladies Luncheon at Mimi's Restaurant in Ocala. A \$10 deposit is required. For information and reservations, call Betty at 259-3491.

Lady golfers, call Bev Rude at 430-3231 for Monday tee times.

Village Greens

The Village Greens Environmental Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Laurel Manor Center. The group will have a representative from SECO to discuss the many ways to conserve energy.

Bill McKenzie from Radiant Heat Barriers will talk about the benefit of this installation in attics, which can decrease the temperature up to 35 degrees. All SECO members get a discount.

Sue Michalson will give a short overview of the Renewable Energy Dividends (Feed in Tariffs) program in Gainesville which makes it possible for many homes and businesses to install solar panels. This program is part of Gainesville Regional Utilities, adopted from the model in Germany.

All villagers are invited to attend meetings.

Villagers for Hospice

The mission of the Villagers for Hospice is to provide funds to support the hospice effort in quality end-of-life care for patients and their families at Cornerstone Hospice.

The Villagers for Hospice Bermuda cruise will set sail April 25. Call Arlene Bentz at 750-9117.

Other April events include the April 11 Hospice Walkathon and the April 14 mah-jongg social.

The Villagers for Hospice golf tournament and awards banquet will be Sept. 21-22.

For information, call Sandy DiBona at 751-3107 or check the VFH Web site at villagersforhospice.com.

Motor Racing Fans

The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the parlor at Colony Cottage Center. This club is where motor racing enthusiast of all types can gather and discuss all the latest racing news. This meeting is the first at our new location and time.

This month, club member Duncan Paterson will tell the group about his experience while serving as track surgeon at Formula 1 tracks in the UK and other tracks around the world.

The group will have reports on recent activities and will update members on upcoming events. Drinks and light refreshments will be available.

For information on the club and its activities, visit the club's Web site at villagesracingclub.com or call Glen Carter at 751-6442.

VAA

The Visual Arts Association (VAA) will meet at 12:30 p.m. Friday in the Ricardo Montalban Room at La Hacienda Center. Sign-in and socialization begins at 12:30 p.m. Even if you have not signed up, feel free to bring a plate of ready-to-serve finger food.

The business portion begins at 1 p.m., followed by "Digital Fine Art as Printmaking," a multimedia presentation of printmaking by Jim Rentz, who will give the group a look into his earlier works as they relate to his artistic growth.

Villages residents who are seasoned artists, beginners and those who are not artists, but want to be part of the Villages art community, are encouraged to participate. For information, call Ruth-Ann Maury at 259-9287 or visit the club's Web site at visualartsassociation.com.

Volleyball

Volleyball is held at the First Baptist Church of Oxford at Highway 301 and County

Road 108. Advanced men's play starts at 5 p.m. Monday and runs until 8 or 9 p.m. Coed play starts at 5 p.m. Tuesday and runs until 8 or 9 p.m. For information, call Betty Poling at 750-2125.

Wanna Dance

The Wanna Dance Club meets from 7-8:45 p.m. Mondays in the Cheshire Room at Canal Street Center. All Villagers who have taken ballroom dance classes or want to practice ballroom dancing are invited. All levels of dancers are welcome.

For information, call Ida Cofield at 750-3912.

Wannabee Writers

The Wannabee Writers Club meets at 9 a.m. Mondays in the Courageous Room at Lake Miona Center.

Wannabees explore the possibilities of writing. New and experienced writers are welcome. The goal is to encourage you to write and not be discouraged by distractions. The club's purpose is to support your creativity.

For information, call Larry Chizak at 607-775-4003.

Water Buffaloes

The Water Buffaloes will meet at 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at La Hacienda Center sports pool.

This is a low-impact water exercise group of men who have fun and get exercise.

For information, call Al Currie at 753-9388.

What's Your Take

A monthly group meeting to discuss events in history has formed in The Villages. The first discussion centered around the Kennedy Assassination and the second will be the Federal Reserve. Some suggested topics for future meetings include the Founding Fathers, Eisenhower's warning, The 60s and the presidency of Ronald Reagan.

The group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Chula Vista

Center to discuss Franklin Delano Roosevelt and ending the depression.

Everyone is welcome to participate and share articles, books and opinions. For information, call Jim Holbert at 750-4607 or Jo Baldwin at 350-7616.

Whist

Whist is played at 6:30 p.m. Sundays at Bridgeport Center. Please be early as doors close at 6:30 p.m. - no exceptions.

If you know that there are 52 cards and four suits in a deck of cards, you can play whist. If you don't know the game, come a half-hour early and the club will teach you. If you don't have a partner, the group will provide one.

For information, call Sheila Russell at 250-4566 (cell) or Bruno Kuhlmann at 259-5884.

Women's Studies

The Women's Studies Group will meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Saddlebrook Center to discuss "Why Music?" The essay can be found in The Economist.com printed Dec. 18, 2008, economist.com/printedition/displayStory.cfm?Story_ID=12795510

The Women's Studies Group is for Villages women who would like to participate in a round-table discussion based on a preassigned essay. The group meets the fourth Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Saddlebrook Center monthly Sept. through May. For information, e-mail chasanddi@embarqmail.com anytime or call 750-0032 before Sunday.

WWWOB Players

Way-Way-Way-Off Broadway Players will meet at 1 p.m. today in the Judy Garland Room at Paradise Center. After a short business meeting, all cast members of the spring show, "Villagers Rhapsody," should be ready to start rehearsal. Tickets for Villagers will go on sale March 30 at all box offices.

Mini Show Chorus will report at 11:30 a.m. today for rehearsal. Be present, as there is a Mini Show for the Philadelphia Club on Monday.

Ethnic Clubs

African-American

The African-American Club will meet Wednesday in the Zimbabwe Room at Odell Center. The meeting will start promptly at 6 p.m.

Discussion will cover several important matters, and awards for the golf scramble will be presented. All members are encouraged to attend. BYOB and snacks.

Annual dues are \$5 per person. The preferred method of payment is by check. New members and guests are always welcome to attend. Check out the club Web site at TAAclub.org for additional information, or call Walter at 205-7099 or Ken at 350-7005.

Asian-American

The Asian-American Club will meet at 5 p.m. Monday at Bridgeport Center. The theme of the evening is Hawaiian night. Dinner will be provided. Cost is \$6 for members and \$7 for guests.

Entertainment will be provided by Violet Ray's Hawaiian dancers. Janet Sorse will lead the dance-along hula for members. Bring nonperishable items to donate to a local food pantry.

For information, call Angelina Garcia at 751-5192 or Ched Palma at 259-1524.

French Study Group

Le Club Français sponsors the Advanced French Study Group, which meets 12:30-2:30 p.m. Thursdays at Tierra del Sol Center.

This study group is for those who already have some knowledge of French, would like to improve their skills, and are interested in French culture.

For information about the study groups, call Anne Le Dimna Marsilio at 750-2270.

Hungarian-American

The Hungarian-American Club will meet March 26, which is one week later than the regular meeting date. The

club will meet at La Hacienda Center for a Hungarian potluck dinner. Call Nancy Pederson at 750-5837 to let her know what you are planning to bring and how many will be attending. Dinner will start at 5:30 p.m. After dinner, a very short meeting will be held. The evening entertainment will be Bill Sanchirico and friends.

Italian Language

The Marinaccio Italian Language Club meets at 4 p.m. Fridays in the Jose Iturbi Room at La Hacienda Center.

Italian Study

The Italian Study Group meets 1:30-3:30 p.m. each Friday in the Gregory Peck Room at Paradise Center. The purpose of the group is to practice speaking Italian with those either learning or wanting to improve their skills in the language.

Those with any level of skill in the language, including native speakers, are invited to listen and/or participate in discussions about the language, the culture and all other things Italian. For information, call George West at 391-9493 or 757-287-5538 (cell).

Polish-American

The Polish-American Club will meet Tuesday at Paradise Center. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for the 7 p.m. meeting.

After a short business meeting, the entertainment for the evening will be horse racing. Bring \$1 bills. Coffee and dessert will be served. BYOB.

Remember to wear your ID badges and bring food donations for the food pantry.

Portuguese

The Portuguese Language and Culture Group meets from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays at El Santiago Center.

This newly formed group welcomes all to their global mission – spreading Portuguese language/culture. Basic language skills will be taught along with group dynamics.

Please come and discover your ethnic language, history and even yourself. For information, call Dyan E. Kieltyka at 508-264-1955 (cell) or 753-5590.

Regional Clubs

Buffalo/WNY

The Buffalo/WNY Club will meet at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Paradise Center. Featured entertainment will be Sounds of Scotland. Coffee and pop will be provided, and ToofJay's corned beef sandwiches were pre-ordered.

The Buffalo/WNY Club welcomes all Village residents and renters who live or previously lived in Buffalo or one of the eight counties of Western New York.

For information, call Nick Amigone at 205-8150.

Central States

The Central States Club will meet at 6 p.m. March 26 at Canal Street Center. This is the casino night with Buffalo Bob. Cost is \$3 per person. Snacks and coffee will be provided; BYOB.

This month, the group will be highlighting travel outings. Close-to-home events include special dinner nights, poker runs and recreational events, such as shuffleboard and bocce.

Starting Oct. 24, the club is sponsoring an eight-night Royal Caribbean cruise. For travel information, call Faye Fountain at 750-0677.

For information about the Central States Club or the meeting, call Gladys Jackson at 751-2397 or Don Maddox at 753-8560.

Florida

The Florida Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Secretariat Room at Chatham Center. For this month only, the group will meet at 6:30 p.m. March 28 at Canal Street Center. The March meeting is changed due to the St. Patrick's Day dinner. Tickets are \$10 per person. BYOB. The entertainment for the evening will be the Village Clog Dancers.

There are a few tickets available. Deadline is Saturday. Call Anna at 259-3030.

At the April 22 meeting, the group will be entertained by clowns and will have an Easter egg hunt.

The Florida Club is open to all Villages residents who have moved from any place in Florida. For information, call Anna Stumpo at 259-3030 or Nancy McCarthy at 259-1465.

Florida Panhandle

The Florida Panhandle Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at Coconut Cove Center. The club will meet Tuesday. People who have lived in the Florida Panhandle, from Pensacola to Tallahassee, are welcome to attend.

For information, call the president, Dr. Ruth Gibson, at 751-0123.

Indiana

The Indiana Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Paradise Center. There will be free Indiana Belgium waffles with ice cream and toppings.

Bring your Indiana Club name badge. Activities include a drawing for cash; 50/50 drawing; spending game by Barber and Stokes Financial Group, which is a sponsor for this evening; and a 30-minute game show with guests participating. There will be no follow-up call made to anyone, unless requested. A '50s and '60s band will play music. Bring your own favorite beverage.

A sign-up sheet for the April pizza party and bingo night will be at the door. Cost is \$5 per person for all the pizza you can eat and must be paid in advance for the pizza night, so we know how many pizzas to order.

For information, call Andy or Kathy Richardson at 751-6638.

Iowa/Minnesota

The Iowa/Minnesota Club will meet 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at Mulberry Grove Center's pavilion for a picnic and fun. In case of rain, the group will move indoors.

Members and guests should bring a beverage of their choice, along with a side dish,

salad or dessert to share with others. Brats, hamburgers, buns, condiments and tableware will be provided. All new residents from Iowa and Minnesota are invited to attend.

The golf outing will be in April. If you are interested let the group know. More information will come later via e-mail.

For information regarding this activity and the club, call club president Jack McClelland at 753-3957.

Ohio Buckeye

The Ohio Buckeye Club will meet 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday in the Enterprise Room at Lake Miona Center for a potluck dinner. This is a closed meeting for members only. Bring an entrée, side dish, salad or dessert to share with eight to 10 people. All paper goods and decaffeinated coffee will be provided. BYOB. Entertainment will be Songs-R-U's, Chris and Gillian Bolus. The group will have 50-50 prizes and a grand prize drawing.

The group will be taking sign-ups for the April 11 miniature golf social at Tree Tops Golf Facility on Rolling Acres Boulevard, followed by pizza and ice cream. Sign-ups will also be taken for the May 2 summer golf scramble at Saddlebrook Executive Course, followed by pizza and ice cream.

For information, contact Bob at 750-2917 or blakeley01@comcast.net.

Pennsylvania Keystoneers

The Pennsylvania Keystoneers Club will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the La Hacienda Center. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7. New members are still welcome to join; membership is \$10 and there is a one-time badge fee. This month will be the club's St. Patrick's Day party for members and their guests with the hilarious Irish comedian Danny Justice. This is BYOB, so come prepared to enjoy the evening with new and old friends. For information, call Jim Buchhofer at 751-1356.

Recreation Centers

Allamanda

• Sequence social, 7 p.m. March 25. This is becoming a popular game in The Villages. Cost is \$2; advance sign-up required. Light munchies will be served.

• Allamanda Center is looking for players to play Corn Hole April 24. This game is played by tossing a bean bag into a hole on an inclined board. Cost is \$2. The group will be playing this game outside by the pavilion and cooking grilled hot dogs and serving chips and ice-cold lemonade. Advance sign-up required; space is limited.

• Bingo, 7 p.m. April 22. Cost is \$2 per person to sign up and cards will be sold at the door; two cards for \$3. Light refreshments will be served.

• Sequence social, 7 p.m. April 29. Cost is \$2 per person and light refreshments will be served. Staff will be on-hand to teach you how to play this game that is a cross between bingo and cards. Advance sign-up required.

Bacall

• Billiards Social Group (Intermedate), 2-4 p.m. Open to all residents. Play is on a first-come, first-served basis, as space is limited. If the

game is new to you, try the free lessons Monday. For information, call Len Klein at 751-4433.

• Ladies Billiards League, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays.

• Pickleball Queens, 10 a.m.-noon Thursdays.

• Pickleball Queens and Kings, 6-8 p.m. Thursdays.

• Pickleball Good Time Picklers, 5-8 p.m. Tuesdays.

For information, call Bacall Center at 350-2281.

Bridgeport

• Dartbaseball, 2 p.m. Fridays. Free. Instruction included.

• Tennis for the Health of It, 7:30-9:30 a.m. the second and third Tuesdays of the month. The clinic is offered to beginning tennis players with USTA pro Aaron Hundson. Sign-ups are limited to the first eight people per session.

For information, call 259-6590 or 751-4026.

Canal Street

• Bingo social, 7-9 p.m. March 31. Cost is \$1. Cards may be purchased at the door, two for \$3. Light refreshments will be provided.

• Billiards social league, 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays. Open to anyone. Call Len Klein at 751-4433.

Chatham

• Short court tennis social, 1 p.m. March 26. There will be lessons and play. It will be low impact and light exercise. Light refreshments will be

served. Cost is \$2 per person. Sign-up required at Chatham Center.

• Easter open mixed shuffleboard social, 10 a.m. April 14. Easter prize and lunch.

Hot dogs, chips and drinks. Cost is \$2 per person.

Advance sign-up required.

• Breakfast and bocce social, 9 a.m. April 20. Bagels, doughnuts, juice, coffee and hot chocolate. Cost is \$2 per person. Advance sign-up required.

• Terry's Tennis Clinic, 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

Wednesdays. Open to all players from beginners to advanced. Bring a racket.

• Indoor bingo, 9:30 a.m. Thursdays. Cards on sale at 9 a.m. at \$2 for one card or \$3 for two cards.

• Billiards instruction with American CueSports Alliance certified instructors Buddy Nichols and Walter Ennes, 10 a.m.-noon Fridays. For information, call Terry Wilson at 753-4570.

Chula Vista

• Billiards lessons with instructors, 10 a.m. every Monday. Open to all residents and all levels of play.

Churchill Street

• Beginner billiards lessons with instructors, noon-2 p.m. Tuesdays.

• Bocce lessons, 9-10 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month.

• Beginner open-play pickleball, 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays.

• Mexican-train dominoes, 12:30-4 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays.

• Walking aerobics, 7:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

• Gin rummy, 7-10 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month.

For information on activities and socials, call Churchill Street Center at 751-6200.

Coconut Cove

• Casserole bingo social, noon today. Cost is \$2 per person. Bring a casserole that will feed at least eight people. Beverages and ice cream will be provided. Space is limited; advance sign-up required.

• Pizza and a movie, 6:30 p.m. March 27. Cost is \$3 per person. Enjoy pizza and a movie on the big screen.

Popcorn and soda will be provided. Space is limited; advance sign-up required.

• Pool-side picnic, noon March 31. Come out and enjoy barbecue hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad and potato chips. Cost is \$3 per person. Don't forget to bring your bathing suit for a refreshing dip in the pool after lunch. Space is limited; advance sign-up required.

• Spaghetti dinner social, 6 p.m. April 8. Cost is \$5 per person. Dinner includes salad, spaghetti, bread and butter, beverages and dessert. BYOB. Space is limited; advance sign-up required.

• Candy making social, 11:30 a.m. April 9. Cost is \$14 per person and covers all of

the materials for making the candy. You will learn how to make all different kinds of chocolate candies. Bring a box to take home your candy. Sign up at Coconut Cove Center only. Space is limited; advance sign-up required.

• Breakfast bingo social, 9 a.m. April 16. Cost is \$2 per person. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. The group will eat then play bingo. Cards will be sold at the door; two cards for \$3. Space is limited; advance sign-up required.

• Pizza and a movie, 6:30 p.m. April 24. Cost is \$3 per person. Enjoy pizza and a movie on the big screen. Popcorn and soda will also be provided. Space is limited; advance sign-up required.

Colony Cottage

• Ballroom dance with Santella's, 7 p.m. Friday. Cost is \$8 per person. Get your tickets at the box office.

• Sequence card game social, 1 p.m. March 26. Cost is \$1. Sign up at Colony Cottage Center or Odell Center.

• Outdoor Walking Group, 8 a.m. Wednesdays. Meet at the front entrance and a group leader will take you on a walk. Enjoy the fresh air, some friends to walk with and great exercise. You may do one or two miles and build to any distance you would like to pursue.

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Philadelphia

The Philadelphia Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Lincoln Theater at Laurel Manor Center. All members are urged to attend this month, and for those who have not yet updated their membership, annual dues must be paid this month. The entertainment will be the Mini Chorus of the Way, Way, Way Off Broadway Players and will start at 7 p.m. Check the Web site at the philadelphiaclub.zoomshare.com for a schedule of

monthly activities. There has been a change in the activities schedule. The board was concerned about the low attendance at the Feb. 23 Tweeners dance. Log onto the Web site, click on the blog page, and enter your name and the reason you did not attend and be honest. For information, call Ron Ricciuti at 750-3688 or Tony Costa at 350-2870.

Rhode Island

The Rhode Island Club will meet at 6 p.m. April 7 in the Judy Garland room at Paradise Center. Final sign-up and payments are due by Sunday for the April 7 Hawaiian luau.

Members \$15; guests \$18. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Aloha 'O Ka Hula Dance Troupe.

For information, call Paul Sorse at 751-3943.

Southeast Florida

The Southeast Florida Club is for those from Broward, Palm Beach and Dade counties. The group will have a regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at Lake Miona Center. The group will discuss joining with the Florida Club. Members are invited to the Florida Club's St. Patrick's

Day program at 6:30 p.m. March 28 at Canal Street Center. There will be a dinner and entertainment by the Clog-Hoppers. Dinner cost is \$10 per person. For information on the dinner, call Anna Stumpo at 259-3030.

For information on the club, call Sandi Newmark at 391-1865.

Virginia

The Virginia Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Lake Miona Center for its first potluck dinner, followed by entertainment from the Goodrich Singers. Bring either a salad, meat dish, vegetable

or dessert – enough to serve six to eight people. The club will provide ice, decaffeinated coffee, plates, knives and forks. BYOB. This will be a great time to socialize and get to know members.

Dues will be collected for 2009. They are \$5 per person. There will be a \$2 charge for guests and non-members. In April, Mary Jo Vitale will be the entertainment. May will be the famous Virginia Derby horse races. There will be a June 23 golf scramble and pizza party. The group will start taking sign-ups at the March meeting.

For information, call Butch Miller at 259-6989.

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Hibiscus

• Bingo social, 7 p.m. March 26. Cost is \$2; advance sign-up required. Light refreshments will be served. Cards will be on sale at the door, two for \$3 and \$1 for each additional card.

• Mexican-train dominoes social, 7 p.m. March 30. Cost is \$2. Sign up at Hibiscus. Light refreshments will be served.

• Bocce golf social, 11 a.m. April 8. Cost is \$2 per person and light refreshments will be served. Advance sign-up required. Staff will be on-hand to teach you how to play. Bring your own putter.

• Mexican-train dominoes social, 7 p.m. April 27. Cost is \$2 and light refreshments will be served. Advance sign-up required.

La Hacienda

• Pickleball and pizza social, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. the first Thursday of every month, La Hacienda pickleball courts. Pizza on the balcony. The event will alternate monthly between beginner and intermediate levels. Cost is \$3; advance registration is required at La Hacienda only. Rain date will be the following Thursday at the same time and location.

• Free concerts at the lake, 1-3 p.m. March 31 and April 30. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon on the lawn behind La Hacienda Center overlooking Lake Mira Mar. More details will follow. All concerts are free; no sign-ups required. Bring your blanket, lawn chairs and picnic basket. Enjoy some of the best music The Villages has to offer. For information, call La Hacienda Center at 753-1716.

Lake Miona

• Advanced pickleball two-

hour practice clinic with instructor Tom Nonnemacher, 6 p.m. Tuesdays. Note the change. Space is limited; advanced sign-up required. For information, call 430-2950.

• Movie night at Lake Miona, 6:30 p.m. March 30. Cost is \$2 per person.

Advanced sign-up required at Lake Miona Center only. Light refreshments will be provided. Movie will star Fred Astaire and Petula Clark. For information, call 430-2950.

• Intermediate pickleball clinic with George Brewer, 3 p.m. Wednesdays. Sign-up required. Space limited. Participants may attend the class only once.

• Beginners' clinic, 4 p.m. Wednesdays. You must have had lessons, structured play and organized play to take the clinic.

Laurel Manor

• Bocce and fruit social, 2 p.m. Tuesday. Space is limited to 32 participants. Advance sign-up required. Cost is \$1 to cover fruit and refreshments. First-time players are welcome; there will be staff on hand to provide lessons.

• Ladder rack social, 10 a.m. April 2. This is an easy game that everyone can learn to play. Cost is \$1 to cover light snacks and refreshments. Staff will be available to assist first-time players. Space is limited to the first 32 participants; sign up early. The cut-off date is April 1.

• Bingo, cheese and snacks, 6 p.m. April 15. Cost is \$1 to cover snacks. Bingo cards will be sold separately. Advance sign-up required; no entry at the door. Space is limited to the first 132 participants.

• Spring hoppin' hunt, 11 a.m. April 24. The event will end at the pavilion at Laurel Manor Center. This is a scavenger hunt for you, your neighbors and friends. Teams are encouraged to

gather together; teams will consist of two to four players. Cost is \$5 per person and will include a festive spring lunch of sandwiches and side dishes. Space is limited to 100 participants. You will need a golf cart to participate. Prizes will be awarded. Cut-off date is April 23.

• Bocce lessons will begin again starting at 9:30 a.m. June 2 and will continue until Aug. 11. No sign-up required. Just show up 15 minutes prior to lessons offered. A staff member will be on hand to provide basic instructions on how to play. Equipment is always available in the equipment shed, along with written instructions on how to play.

• Speedminton lessons, 2 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Group will meet 10 minutes prior to lessons at the pickleball courts. Sign-up sheets are available at the front desk. Stop by the recreation center office for information.

For information on activities and socials, call recreation manager Jenny Donovan or recreation assistant Sheldon at 751-7110.

Mulberry Grove

• Bingo and ice-cream social, 6-8:30 p.m. March 30 in the Americana Room. Enjoy bingo and have an ice-cream sundae with all the trimmings. Cost is \$2 per person and advanced sign-up is required. Cards will be on sale starting at 5:30 p.m.

For information, call Sherry Dollar at 259-6040.

Odell

• Trivia night, 6 p.m. today. Come in and sign up for a brain-teasing evening. Snacks will be provided; BYOB. Cost is \$1 per person.

• Bocce brunch, 6 p.m. March 30. Come enjoy a game of bocce and some

breakfast pastries and fruit. You can sign up as a team or you can be placed on a team. Cost is \$2 per person.

Remember, no sign-ups are taken over the phone or through e-mail, and payment needs to be made at the time of sign-ups. Small bills are encouraged.

• Billiards lessons by Rocco Manorigi, 1-3 p.m. every Tuesday starting this March 17.

Pimlico

• Billiards 101, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. Fridays. The group has openings for new players. For information, call George Sainato at 750-9134.

• Free billiards lessons, 10 a.m.-noon Thursdays. Taught by Walter Ennes and Buddy Nichols, American CueSports Alliance Certified Instructors.

Tierra del Sol

• Tennis and pizza social, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. the first Monday of every month, starting at the tennis courts. Play a round of tennis, then have pizza in the pavilion. Months will be alternated between beginner and intermediate levels. Cost is \$3; advance registration required at Tierra del Sol. Rain dates will be the following Monday at the same time and location.

For information, call 753-4412.

Truman

• Pickleball, beginner organized play, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Mondays.

• Billiard lessons with Don Feeney, 9-11:30 a.m. Mondays.

• Bingo ice-cream social, 6 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$2 per person. Cards are two for \$3.

• Pickleball brunch social, 10 a.m. March 29. Cost is \$2 per person.

For information, call Anderson Da Silva, recreation director, at 751-2650.

Reunions

The 1959 graduation class of **Academy High School** in Erie, Pa., is planning a 50th class reunion August 7-9 in Erie and is searching for graduates. If you are a graduate of Class of '59 or know a friend or relative who was a '59 graduate, call Jim Ahl at 259-6566 or e-mail at jimahl1@aol.com.

The **Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School** class of 1959 is holding a 50th class reunion this year. Grads from any year are welcome to attend as well. Call Villages resident Felicia at 561-4010 to get further details regarding this reunion. Be sure to leave your name and phone number on the answering machine.

Central Islip High School of Long Island, N.Y., will hold its 50th class reunion July 18, 2009, for graduates of the 1959 class. E-mail: rbrdmond@MSN.com, ronbarbara@hotmail.com, wendy8403@optonline.net or call 631-567-5627.

The **Corning-Elmira-Horseheads, N.Y.**, will have a spring potluck picnic 3-6 p.m. today at the Laurel Manor Center pavilion; event is rain or shine. BYOB, your own table setting and a dish to share. Pickleball, ladder golf and socializing are on the agenda. Wear a name tag. New members are welcome. For information, call Jane at 348-9510.

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Let's Dance!

- All Dances Start At 7:00pm -
- Please bring your own snacks and beverages -

Date	Day	Dance Type	Location
3/20	FRIDAY	Ballroom Dance	The Santellas [COLONY COTTAGE]
3/20	FRIDAY	Ballroom Dance	The Keichers [LAKE MIONA]
3/28	SATURDAY	Polka Dance	Northern Sounds [LAKE MIONA]
3/29	SUNDAY	Giggles & Shakes	Denny Rogers [LAKE MIONA]
4/3	FRIDAY	Ballroom Dance	Soft Touch [LA HACIENDA]
4/3	FRIDAY	Spring Fling Variety Dance	Tomaura [LAKE MIONA]
4/10	FRIDAY	Singles Dance	Sounds of Time [LAUREL MANOR]

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Anyone who has ever served in the U.S. Coast Guard, whether active duty or reserve, is invited to the Aug. 4 Coast Guard Day picnic.

Contact Bill (Scoop) Felkner at scoop@felknerfamily.com or 750-9030; Joe Whalen at joewhalen4@juno.net; or Tom Gardner at tomjun61@juno.com.

Include the following information in your e-mail: name; dates of service; rate or rank held upon leaving the Coast Guard; last duty station, and phone number and e-mail address.

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All classes of **Haver "Ford" High School, Havertown, Pa.**, are invited to a Florida reunion. The open house will be 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Bridgeport Center. A golf tourney will be Monday. Dinner will follow at 6 p.m. Monday at Glenview Country Club. There also will be a breakfast at 8 a.m. Tuesday at Katie Belle's. Reservations are required. For more information, call Art Mattsson at 259-2979 or Russ Pinkerton at 751-5267.

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The 1959 graduating class of **Highland High School in Highland, N.Y.**, is planning a 50th class reunion in either June or October and is searching for graduates. If you are a graduate of the class of '59 or know a friend or relative who was, call Joan Baskott at 259-3464 or e-mail jlbaskott@comcast.net.

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The 1959 graduating class of **Kenmore High School in Kenmore N.Y.**, is planning a 50th class reunion. It will be held Aug. 7-9. Many events have been planned. The com-

mittee is in search of about 250 missing members. For information, call Gerry Collard at 430-1596 or visit the Web site at khsclassof59.com.

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The **Keuka Lake Villagers** will hold a spring get-together 3-6 p.m. Sunday at Bacall Center. This is open to all Villages residents who are past or present residents of Keuka Lake or the surrounding area. Villages ID is required. Bring a substantial hor d'oeuvre to share and your beverage of choice. Iced tea and coffee will be provided.

To RSVP or for information, contact Phil or Yvette Rand at 750-3324 or perand2@comcast.net.

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The Reunion Committee is searching for classmates from the January and June classes of 1959 from **Lake View High School in Chicago**. The reunion for the class of 1959 will be June 20 in Arlington Heights, Ill. If you are a graduate or know of a graduate, call Barbara Spohr Varnedoe at 259-5310.

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Graduates of **Lewiston High School in Lewiston, Maine**, will hold a reunion April 18, with cocktails at 4:30 p.m. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m., with a social afterward.

Breakfast and golf will be held April 19. For information, call Shirley Beaulieu Jerez at 250-4751 or Bernice Mason Pierce at 750-9612. Hotels are available upon request.

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The 1959 graduating class of **Lincoln High School** in Warren, Mich., (formerly Van Dyke, Mich.) is planning a 50th class reunion. It will be in October and the reunion committee is searching for gradu-

ates. If you are a graduate of the class or know a friend or relative who was a '59 graduate, call Carol (Essenmacher) Lince at 989-705-2632 or e-mail Judy (Rieck) Scheatzle at sjscheatzle@comcast.net.

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The reunion committee is searching for classmates for the joint reunion for the class of 1959 of **Lincoln High School and Yonkers High School in Yonkers, N.Y.**, to be held in fall 2009 at a hotel in Westchester County, N.Y.

This unique reunion welcomes all former students at Southeast Yonkers Junior and Senior High Schools class of '56 who returned to graduate from Lincoln in '59 or who remained to graduate from Yonkers, Commerce, Saunders or Roosevelt high schools in 1959.

If you are a graduate or know of a graduate, contact either Elaine Bruno Byrne, SE '56/LHS '59, at EVBLHS59@aol.com or Ellen Stern, SE '56/YHS '59 at ellenstern@yahoo.com or 212-787-0445.

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Graduates of **Mary Immaculate Academy** (MIA) in New Britain, Conn.: a gathering and/or luncheon will be planned pending response of graduates. Please call Irene (Rouleau) Misiorski at 751-2693 or Rita B. Brochu at 751-3844 or e-mail ritabrochu@comcast.net.

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Are you from **New Castle, Pa.**? A New Castle Day is being planned at Margarita Republic. To attend, call Norm Rigotti at 753-9062.

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There will be a **Northern New York State Picnic** at noon today at Kelly Park, Rock Springs (near Apopka). Attendance in 2007 was 13 and in 2008 only 6. The annual picnic will not be continued

unless attendance improves this year. Come voice your suggestion and opinion. Bring a dish to share, your own table service, a nonalcoholic beverage and perhaps a lawn chair. Tell all of your friends from the North Country. This picnic was organized in 1950 - 59 years ago. President Ann Placona is in ill health, so if you have any questions, call Karl and Dottie Berg at 407-834-5315.

Remember, even if the weather is inclement at your home, it may not be in Apopka.

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The 1959 **Princess Anne High School** graduating class will have its reunion Sept. 25-26 at the Wyndham Hotel in Virginia Beach, Va. If you are a graduate or have attended Princess Anne High School during the closing of Norfolk City Schools, or lived in or around East Ocean View in Norfolk, call Carolyn Willette at 352 408 4309 or e-mail Sandra Lynn Dance at sd59pahs09@aol.com.

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The Reunion Committee of **Red Bank High School (Red Bank, N.J.)**, class of 1959, is planning a 50th reunion Aug. 15 and is searching for graduates. If you are a graduate of the class of '59 or know a friend or relative who was a '59 graduate, call Tom Cobiainchi at 391-9275 or e-mail tcobiainchi@comcast.net.

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The reunion committee from the classes of 1958, 1959 and 1960 from **Rush-Henrietta Central School, Henrietta, N.Y.**, are searching for classmates for a combined 50th reunion.

All classmates are invited. Reunion dates are July 24-26 in Henrietta N.Y. For information, call Jody Wandall Day on

her cell phone at 585-734-9754 or register on the Web site rhmet.org (click "Alumni" on left side), or e-mail JDay460@Juno.com.

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The class of 1959 of **St. Michael's High School of Jersey City, N.J.**, will be having its 50th reunion 4-10 p.m. Oct. 3 at the Buttonwood Manor in Matawan, N.J. Contact Bill Witterschein at 750-4766 or samwitt@aol.com.

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The 1961 Headless Horseman graduating class of **Sleepy Hollow High School** is planning a 50th class reunion. If you are a graduate or have attended any of the Tarrytowns public schools in New York, or know of any former students, relatives or friends of any graduating class, or have just lived in the surrounding area, call Joanne Tonietti De Cecchis at 753-0214.

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St. John's High School Temple St./Worcester, Main St./Shrewsbury, Mass. is looking for alumni and parents of alumni for a reunion. Call Jay Farr at 751-7640.

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Up With People alumni and family who traveled in Up With People any year from 1965 until present should contact Amanda Schick at 267-7854. The group is trying to bring Up With People to The Villages in March. The group is looking to organize a week-long sponsorship in Lake, Sumter and Marion counties.

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The **USS Aeolus (ARC-3)** will hold a Navy reunion May 4-7 at Atlantic Beach, N.C. If you served aboard the USS Aeolus (ARC-3), contact Bob Luttrell so your name,

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THE VILLAGES DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP Proceeds to Benefit Florida Camp For Diabetic Children & Youth

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Support Groups

AA meetings in and around The Villages:

- Mondays, 2 p.m., Step Sisters (women's step), Churchill Street Center (closed), The Villages.
- Mondays, 6 p.m., Serenity Seekers, Silver Lake Center, The Villages.
- Tuesdays, 2 p.m., Odell Center, The Villages (closed).
- Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Come to Believe, St. Timothy Catholic Community, The Villages (Al-Anon also).
- Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m., As Bill Sees It, Spirit Room, Mulberry Grove Center, County Road 42, The Villages (closed).
- Wednesdays, 7 p.m., New Life open speaker meeting, Hibiscus Center, The Villages.
- Thursdays, 10 a.m., New Attitudes, TVRH East Campus, classroom one, 1501 U.S. Highway 441, The Villages; 8 p.m., Community Building, Guava Street, Lady Lake.
- Fridays, 2 p.m., Triple Crown Room, Pimlico Center, The Villages (closed); 7:30 p.m., Take It Easy (Men) and Take It Easy (Women), North Lake Presbyterian Church, 975 Rolling Acres Road, Lady Lake (Al-Anon also).
- Saturdays, 7:15 p.m., SOS Group, Charlie Chaplin Room, Paradise Center, The Villages.
- Sundays, 9:30 a.m.,

Charlie Chaplin Room, Paradise Center, The Villages; 7 p.m., Community Building, Guava Street, Lady Lake.

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An **Al-Anon** meeting is held at 10 a.m. Saturdays in the Old Glory Room at Mulberry Grove Center, The Villages. A beginners' meeting is at 9 a.m.

Another meeting is at 9 a.m. Fridays at Churchill Street Center.

For information, call the Intergroup Office at 360-0961.

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The **ALS Association Florida Chapter** meets at 1 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month at Hibiscus Center. Also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, ALS is a neuromuscular disease.

The ALS Association provides information and services to patients and families living with ALS. The support group is open to ALS patients and their caregivers.

Before attending for the first time, call Rhonda Rittenhouse, support group facilitator, at 888-257-1717, ext. 109. For information about ALS and the Florida chapter, visit alsaf.org.

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Awareness Group meetings are 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month and 3-5 p.m. the third Monday of each month at LifeStream's AIMS Building, 404 Webster St., Leesburg (beside the telephone building on Third Street).

The group allows loved ones (consumers) to learn new coping skills from others as well as provide social opportunities and a safe environment

for them to discuss difficult issues with their own facilitator.

For information, call Claire Hedgcock at 728-8198, Peg Nicholson at 787-1232 or Jan Maneisi at 787-3666.

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An **Alzheimer's Support Group** meets 1-3 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at North Lake Presbyterian Church. The group discusses interaction and problem solving, and literature is distributed.

The first Wednesday of the month is the Caregiver's Support Group meeting, where problems and treatment will be discussed.

The third Wednesday of the month will be the Family Organization, for patients in the first stage of the dementia. This will be a time for asking questions and expressing fears and concerns. Helpful solutions will be discussed.

For information, call Bill or Reva Walters at 259-0020.

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An **Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group** meets 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays at New Covenant United Methodist Church's Pastoral Care Department Annex in the Palm Ridge Plaza off County Road 466, 11974 County Road 101, Suite 103, across from the church and next to Pauly's Pizza.

Caregivers meet for education, sharing of resources, encouragement and support. Respite care is provided. If you or someone you know is caring for an individual with Alzheimer's or another form of

dementia, call New Covenant at 750-4529 for information.

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An **Alzheimer's Support Group** meets at 10 a.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Village of Homewood in Lady Lake. The group has educational information, sharing of resources, and the discussions and support you need to continue caring for your loved one and yourself.

Respite care is provided by Clare Bridge at the Village of Homewood. Refreshments and snacks are provided. If you or someone you know is a caregiver for someone with Alzheimer's or dementia, call Vicki Rogers or Holly Rische at 750-3800 or e-mail vrogers@brookdaleliving.com.

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The **Tri-County Breast Cancer Support Group** meets the fourth Thursday of each month at the East Campus of The Villages Regional Hospital, U.S. Highway 27/441 and Bella Cruz Drive, building 1800, in classroom one, on the second floor. The group will meet at 2 p.m. March 26 for a peer support and sharing circle. Newly diagnosed breast-cancer patients are especially invited, and all survivors are welcome.

Registration and Luminaria orders for the April 24-25 Relay For Life should be handed in ASAP. Forms will be available and accepted at both meetings.

For information, call Betsy at 259-8740 or Rose at 753-4524.

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A **Cancer Support Group** meets 9:30-11:30 a.m.

the second Tuesday of each month at Village View Community Church, 8585 S.E. 147th Place, Summerfield. Have you or someone you love been affected by cancer? Support for the journey is available. Learn from health care professionals and others who have lived through it.

For information, call Dr. Hector Morales at 430-2120.

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A **Cancer Support Group** meets at 1 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at New Covenant United Methodist Church, 3470 Woodridge Drive.

Meetings are open to the public, cancer patients, survivors, and their families and caregivers. For information, call Leigh Anne at 750-4529.

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A **Cancer Support Group** meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Timothy Parish Hall, room three.

All meetings are non-denominational and open to the public, cancer patients, survivors, their families and caregivers.

For information, call Roxann at 750-5628.

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Celebrate Recovery is a Christian 12-step recovery program ministering to hurts, habits and hang-ups. Celebrate Recovery is at 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Village View Community Church, 8585 S.E. 147th Place, Summerfield. For information, call 307-7303.

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address and time served on ship can be added to the Web site. For information, call Bob

Luttrell at 259-8758.

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USS Boston CA-69, CAG-1, and SSN-703. The USS Boston shipmates, crew members of all U.S. Navy ships named Boston are plan-

ning a July reunion of all USS Boston officers, crew, USMC and flag personnel.

The 2009 reunion will be held July 9-12, 2009, in Cleveland, Ohio. For information, contact USS Boston

Shipmates, Inc., Arthur L. Hebert, Secretary, P.O. Box 816, Amherst, N.H. 03031-0816, call 603-872-8772 or visit ussboston.org.

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Brooklyn, N.Y., is planning a 50-year reunion for years '59-60 on April 19 in Boynton Beach.

Respond to Classmates.com or call Lydia Merriweather 391-5763.

Music Trivia Game • Oakwood Barbecue Dinner Dancing • Prizes • Fun



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The Celiac Support Group meets the third Wednesday of each month at the East Campus of The Villages Regional Hospital, on Bella Cruz Drive, classroom one, on the second floor. Meetings are open to anyone who is gluten intolerant and their family or friends.

The group will not meet in March. The next meeting will be at 1:15 p.m. April 15 and will feature a gluten-free cookie swap.

For information, call Lila at 753-1930, Carol at 391-5088 or Barbara at 750-3527.

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The Compassionate Friends is a national nonprofit, self-help support organization offering friendship and understanding to families grieving the death of a child of any age, from any cause. There is no religious affiliation and no membership fees, and all bereaved family members are welcome.

The Central Florida Chapter meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at Trinity Lutheran Church, 17330 U.S. Highway 27/441, Summerfield (northwest of Wal-Mart). For information, call Tina Nelson at 750-2045 or Linda Minor at 687-4005.

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The COPD Breathing and Exercise Class meets 10-11:30 a.m. the first and third Fridays of each month in classroom three on the second floor in the East Campus Villages Clinical Laboratory, 1800 Bella Cruz, across the street from the Sharon Morse Medical Center.

All those who have a breathing problem, Villagers

and nonresidents, are invited to attend. These classes are offered at no charge.

For information, call Janet or Nick Jones at 751-1313.

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The COPD "Airheads" Breathing Support Group meets 10 a.m.-noon the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the East Campus of The Villages Regional Hospital, 1800 Bella Cruz Drive, across the street from the Sharon Morse Medical Center, in classroom one, on the second floor.

Anyone challenged by COPD or other lung diseases is welcome to attend meetings. There is no cost to belong to the group. For information, call Nick Jones at 751-1313, or send an e-mail to cking1651@comcast.net to receive the monthly newsletter.

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The Villages Diabetes Support Group meets the third Thursday of the month. Members of the group are encouraged to attend the Healthy Living Expo, March 27 at Savannah Center.

For information on or to access the **The Villages Diabetes Support Group's** 24/7 diabetic help line, contact Nancy or Jim Smith at 259-8644 or e-mail diab supgrp@yahoo.com.

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A Divorce Support Group meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Lake Miona Center. It is for Villages residents only. For information, call Jerry Arnold at 751-6493.

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A DivorceCare recovery seminar and support group meets at 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Village View Community Church, which is at 8585 S.E. 147th Place, Summerfield. Child care for children up to fifth grade is provided. For information, call Village View

Church at 307-7303.

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 For information on the **"Do You Hear What I Hear" Cochlear Implant Support Group**, contact Carole Vail at 751-1939 or BNCVAIL@aol.com.

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The Family Support Group meetings are 7-9 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month and 3-5 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at LifeStream's AIMS Building, 404 Webster St., Leesburg (beside the telephone building on Third Street).

"You are not alone" is the group's motto. Meetings provide a safe place for families to share their concerns and learn from their common experiences.

For information, call Claire Hedgcock at 728-8198, Peg Nicholson at 787-1232 or Jan Maneisi at 787-3666.

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The Fibromyalgia Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Truman Center.

Anyone with fibromyalgia, spouses and friends are invited to attend. For information, call Lyn Miller at 750-5724.

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A Gamblers Anonymous meeting is 6-7:30 p.m. every Monday at Victory Baptist Church, S.E. 140th Street, Summerfield, off U.S. Highway 301. For information, call 800-397-9843. The group's motto is "If you want to bet it's your business; if you want to stop it's ours."

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GriefShare is a support group for those experiencing the lingering grief due to loss of a loved one. Weekly sessions include a video seminar by nationally recognized experts. Seminars are followed by group discussion. Meetings are open to everyone. Meetings are

Christian in nature but non-denominational. Gain new perspective for more joy-filled living. Sessions are 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays in the chapel at New Covenant United Methodist Church, 3470 Woodridge Drive in The Villages. Call Pastor Leigh Anne at 750-4529 for information.

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 There also is a **Grief Support Group** meeting at 10 a.m. Thursdays at Trinity Lutheran Church, 17330 South Highway 27/441, Summerfield. The session is led by Pastor Paul Sutterer.

This support group is open to everyone. There is no time limit to grieve. The process varies with every individual. For information, call Trinity Church at 307-4500 or 877-832-2187.

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A GriefShare recovery seminar and support group session meets 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays at Serenity House at Village View Community Church, 8585 S.E. 147th Place, Summerfield.

GriefShare features nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include: "Living with Grief," "The Journey of Grief," "The Effects of Grief," "Your Family and Grief," "Why" and "The Uniqueness of Grief."

For information, call Village View Church at 307-7303 or Kay Hasson at 259-8900.

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A GriefShare Support/Recovery Group meets 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church of Oxford/The Villages. If you, or someone you know, has lost a loved one and are experiencing the grief associated with their death, you are invited to attend.

GriefShare is a nondenomi-

national group featuring biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics. Each session includes a video seminar and group discussion. The videos feature nationally recognized top experts on grief recovery, and real-life stories of people who have experienced losses. For more information or to register, call Barbara or Pastor Rockey at 748-1201. Amazing Grace is located at 4060 County Road 108 (in the educational building of First Baptist). There is hope. Begin your journey from mourning to joy. For online information, visit agclclms.org or griefshare.org.

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GriefShare meets 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesdays until April 1 at Fairway Christian Church to help those who have lost a loved one. The death of a loved one – a spouse, child, family member, or close friend – is devastating. The seminar features video interviews with counselors, grief recovery experts, and people who have experienced a loved one's death. It is open to the public and there is no charge to attend. Fairway is located near the corner of Morse Boulevard and County Road 466. For information, call the church at 259-9305 or Allan and Jean Ann Stover at 430-2305.

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 Hearing-loss issues and concerns are the focus of the **Hearing Loss Association of America** meetings held at 1 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month. The meeting is held in classroom two on the second floor of the East Campus of The Villages Regional Hospital, building 1800, 1501 U.S. Highway 27/441, across from The Villages Regional Hospital. For information, call Jan Sharp at 751-4532.

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HopeKeepers is a Christian Support Group for men and women who have chronic illness or experience chronic pain. Using a biblical approach, HopeKeepers will treat you as a whole person, not a disease or an illness. This is an opportunity for friendship and support.

The group meets 10 a.m.-noon on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Harbor Building of North Lake Presbyterian Church, 975 Rolling Acres Rd., Lady Lake. The group meets September through May. For information, call the church office at 753-8484.

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 The **Lady Lake Diabetes Support Group** meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Lady Lake United Methodist Church (in the building behind the church). For information, call Ray and Shirley Stafford at 750-1980.

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 The **Leukemia and Lymphoma Society** meets the fourth Monday of the month. There are no dues or long-term commitments. For information, contact Jen at 250-3431 or jpsmith5@comcast.net.

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Look Good Feel Better sessions are held on the fourth Monday of every month at The Villages Regional Medical Center Clinical Lab, Building 1501, Highway 441. This is a free

program sponsored by the American Cancer Society for women cancer patients in active treatment. The ACS program teaches them how to combat the appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment using cosmetics and skin-care products donated by the cosmetic industry. To register, call the American Cancer Society at 800-227-9954.

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 The **Lymphedema Support Group** meets 10-11:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Intercommunity Cancer Center, 922 Rolling Acres Rd. in Lady Lake. Meetings will resume April 14.

For information, contact Pat Ely at 259-3944 or Flpat2000@aol.com.

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 The **American Cancer Society Man to Man Prostate Cancer Education and Support Group** meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the Julio Iglesias Room at La Hacienda Center.

There is no charge. Meetings are open to all men. For information, call facilitator Fred Neilson, 365-1483, or Dan Bard, 259-9433, or call the American Cancer Society at 800-ACS-2345 or visit cancer.org.

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 The **Mended Hearts Support Group**, for those who have had heart bypass surgery or related heart problems, and their families, meets at 10 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at The Villages Regional Hospital's East Campus, room

201, 1501 U.S. Highway 27/441 North, across from the Sharon Morse Building. For information, call Art Chernow at 430-0740.

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 The **MS Villages People (MSVP)** is an active support group for those with MS and those interested in learning more about multiple sclerosis. Activities are open to all Villagers with MS and friends and family of those with MS.

The group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Ricardo Montalban Room at La Hacienda Center. This meeting is for caregivers only.

Join the group at 8 a.m. March 28 at the polo grounds for WalkMS. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the walk starts at 9 a.m. For information, contact the WalkMS committee chairman and MSVP team captain Steve Berkovitz at steve@sberk.com or 352-551-7590.

For information, visit mssupportgroup.org or Joe at 751-1663 or Mary at 391-9707.

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 For information on the **Narcolepsy/Cataplexy Support Group**, call Rosalee Kalwara at 753-5331.

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 The **North Lake Brain Injury Support Group** meets 2-4 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at North Lake Presbyterian Church in the Harbor Building, 975 Rolling Acres Road in Lady Lake. For information, call Florence at 553-2370.

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 The **Osteoporosis Support Group** for men and

women meets at 9 a.m. the fourth Monday of each month at Mulberry Grove Center. Villages ID is required.

The **Low-Impact Strength Training** class meets at 11:30 a.m. Mondays at Laurel Manor and at 11 a.m. Fridays at Mulberry Grove Center. Balance exercises, weightlifting and proper stretching are the focus of the program. Bring your own equipment.

For information, contact Jean Gaull at 259-2984 or osteo_porosis@yahoo.com.

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 The **Ocala/Marion County Ostomy Support Group** meets at 2 p.m. the second Sunday of each month in the Marion County Sheriff's Substation, 3260 S.E. 80th St., on U.S. Highway 27/441 between Ocala and Belleview. All ostomates, their spouse or caregivers as well as those who are anticipating this surgery are welcome to attend.

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Overeaters Anonymous meets at 10 a.m. Tuesdays at The Villages Regional Medical Center's East Campus, Building 1800, classroom two, second floor. The group is for those who have a problem with eating too much or too little. There are no dues, no fees and no scales.

Meetings also are held at 10 a.m. Thursdays at North Lake Presbyterian Church in Lady Lake and at 10 a.m. Fridays at Lady Lake Library. For information, call Linda at 751-5082.

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 The **Parkinson Support Group** meets from 3-5 p.m. the second Wednesday of

each month at the American Legion Hall on the corner of County Road 466 and Rolling Acres Road in Lady Lake. The support group is for those interested in learning more about the disease, sharing ideas and caring about each other. The group is open to all Villagers and people living in the tri-county area.

For information, call Marge Gorman at 259-8853 or Pat Pipa at 751-3685

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A Parkinson's Exercise/Support Group meets 1:30-3:30 p.m. Thursdays at Chatham Center. Today, the group will have a physical/massage therapist presentation with a demonstration.

On March 26, there will be a floats and cookies social conducted by Shirley Butkewicz and Lavinne Lewis.

On April 2, the group will have fun and challenging exercise strategies. Rodger Cripe will clarify protein/medication conflict.

On April 9, several members will present an Easter skit that will warm the heart and bring a smile.

Men with Parkinson's and male caregivers meet at 9 a.m. Mondays at Chatham Center for coffee and doughnuts and talk about Parkinson's from a man's point of view. Call Gary Ingram at 674-9058.

Social events include shuffleboard at 4 p.m. Mondays at Saddlebrook Center, Parkinson's Philosophers Club 3 p.m. Tuesdays at Panera,

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at Spanish Springs Lanes, and lunch at 11:15 one Friday a month. Call Carol Yoho at 259-2318.

The Parkinson's Cards/Games Club enjoys cards and games 3-6 p.m. the second Sunday of each month at Allamanda Center. Call Mary Mistura at 205-8885.

Villages residents with Parkinson's and their caregivers are welcome at all functions. For information, call Josana Katz at 430-3699.

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Caregivers for Parkinsonians Support Group meets 2-4 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the Harbor Center of North Lake Presbyterian Church, 975 Rolling Acres Rd. (behind Home Depot).

The focus will be on caregiver issues for persons who are caregivers for spouses, friends or others who have Parkinson's disease.

For information, call Judy Brown at 391-1222 or Mary Jane Wellington at 350-6457.

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The Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets at 1:30 p.m. the first Saturday of every month at the North Lake Presbyterian Church on Rolling Acres Road.

This nerve disease affects more than two million Americans, and often people are unaware they have this neuropathy. It affects the nerves in the body, feet, hands, mouth and shoulders. Any part of the body can feel

the pain, numbness, burning and tingling.

For information, call Jean Ganske at 753-8382.

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 The local chapter of **PFLAG** meets 10 a.m.-noon the third Thursday of every month at Pilgrims' United Church of Christ at 509 County Road (Highway 468) off County Road 466A in Fruitland Park.

Today's speaker will be Villagers Susan Bond and Don Mosher, formerly of Bond-Mosher Psychological Associates in Tolland, Conn., who will present a workshop on "Coming Out." This workshop will include experiential activities and processing of emotions and attitudes for both straights and gays.

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their families and friends through support, education and advocacy, to end discrimination and secure equal civil rights. The goal is to provide an opportunity for dialogue through presentations, literature and ongoing discussions. For information, call Arlene at 461-4278.

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 For information on the **POPS** (Power Over Polio) support group, call Don or JoAn at 259-2051.

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Recovery International is a self-help, nonprofit community-service organization that offers an effective method for dealing with stress, anxiety, depression, panic, fears, anger, loss of a loved one and other emotional problems.

Recovery International is a professionally respected international organization. No fee is required; a voluntary collection is taken. For information, call Jackie at 750-3413 or Joanne at 750-3095.

There are two local groups:
 • Mondays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., The Villages Public Library, 325 Belvedere Boulevard and County Road 466.

• Tuesdays, 3-5 p.m., at North Lake Presbyterian Church, in room three of the Fellowship Hall. The church is on Rolling Acres Road and Griffin Road.

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The Sarcoidosis Support Group meets 10:30 a.m.-noon the third Tuesday of the month at the Outpatient Surgery Center, 1800 Bella Cruz Drive (across the street from Sharon Morse Medical Center), in classroom one, which is on the second floor.

For information, call Terry at 751-3545.

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The Scleroderma Support Group meets the first Wednesday of the month at The Villages Regional Hospital East Campus, building 1800, second floor, classroom one.

The Scleroderma Support Group will meet April 1. In continuing our series, the group will be discussing "Successful Living with a Chronic Illness." If you live in The Villages or surrounding areas, don't miss this informative topic. Come visit this supportive, positive and energetic group and see how to bring back the joy of living into your life. Don't forget to use your

phone buddies and keep in touch. Bring your drink; there will be snacks.

For information, call Jean Clark at 409-0429 between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

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The Sjogrens Syndrome/Rheumatoid Arthritis Group will meet 10-11:30 a.m. March 27 at the East Campus of the Villages Regional Medical Center, 1501 U.S. Hwy. 441 North, building 1800. The meeting will be in classroom one, on the second floor. The guest speaker will be from Milhorn Law Firm.

For information, call Karen Marshall at 259-1309 or e-mail kato1420@gmail.com.

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The Villages Sleep Apnea Support Group, AWAKE, meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Bridgeport Center.

For information, call Phil Ratliff at 753-8773 or Lois Brach at 753-4260.

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The Stroke Support Group meets at 2 p.m. the first Thursday of the month (except July) at Bridgeport Center. All Villages stroke survivors and their caregivers are welcome to attend.

For information, contact Nancy Borden at 259-2212 or e-mail nmb519@comcast.net.

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 For information on the **Sumter County Health Department's Freedom From Smoking Class** at The Villages Library, call Kimberly Alfrey at 793-2701, ext. 298. The class consists of eight sessions over an eight-week peri-

od. The cost of the class is \$15 and includes all class sessions as well as the first box of nicotine-replacement patches.

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The Tri-County Tinnitus Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month on the second floor of the Villages Medical Center, East Campus at 1501 U.S. Highway 441 North, Building 1800, across from the hospital.

For information, call Vic Jova, coordinator and ATA Advisory Council member, at 307-7377.

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TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly meetings are at 9:30 a.m. Mondays at Paradise Center.

TOPS also meets at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at Lake Miona Center. For information, call Nancy at 259-6552.

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The Visually Impaired Persons Support Group meets at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Bridgeport Center. The speaker will be a representative from Freedom Pointe, which offers independent living, personalized assisted living, and care options for residents with Alzheimer's and dementia. All visually impaired Villagers are welcome to attend. Call George Cavanagh at 751-1166 or Penny Grady at 751-0809 for information.

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The Villages Weight Watchers Center is at 1100 La Plaza Grande Shopping Center, U.S. Highway 27/441 South, The Villages.

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Meeting times are: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mondays; 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays; 7:45 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m. Wednesdays; 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Thursdays; 7:45 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Fridays; 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturdays.

Weigh-in and registration begin 30 minutes prior to meeting times listed. For information, call 800-374-9191 or log on to their Web site at weightwatchers.com.

Weight Watchers meetings are held at the Oxford Assembly of God Church, 12114 North U.S. Highway 301, Oxford. Meetings are at 10 a.m. Tuesdays, 9 a.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m. Fridays. For information, log on to Weightwatchers.com or call 800-651-6000

Weight Management meets at 8:30 a.m. Fridays at Paradise Center. Registration and weigh-in time is 8:30-9 a.m., followed by the program from 9-9:30. This support program is to help group members lose weight. For information, call Marie Titcomb at 753-3642 or Barbara von Ahn at 753-6028.

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For information, contact Joe Donlon at joejandonlan@comcast.net or call Hacienda Hills Pro Shop at 753-5155.

The Village Twirlers are planning two fundraisers

The Village Twirlers are planning two fundraisers. The first one is a pancake breakfast 7-10 a.m. Saturday at Up The Creek Fish Camp & Grill at Lake Sumter Landing. Tickets are \$5 per person and are available in advance or at the door. Included in the all-you-care-to-eat breakfast are sausage, pancakes, coffee, juice, tea or soda.

The second event is a rummage sale 7 a.m.-noon. March 28 at La Hacienda Center. Donations will be greatly appreciated. No clothing please. For pickup of items or information, call Karen at 753-4782.

Florida Gardeners program topic will be 'Palms in The Villages'

The Sumter County Master Gardeners will have a speakers' program at 9 a.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at Chula Vista Center and repeated at 1 p.m. at Truman Center. Both will be on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

This month's presentation Tuesday is titled "Palms in

The Villages – How to Select and Maintain." This program will assist you in the selection, maintenance and care of palm trees. You will learn about fertilizing, trimming, frost damage and insects that affect your palms. The speaker will be Erik Knudsen, The Villages Districts Landscape Manager.

It's about time local gardeners learn what to purchase or not to purchase, what works and what doesn't work and how to take care of it. For information, call or Ed Rhinehart at 391-9570.

AARP tax assistance available from now until April 15

From now until April 15, free tax assistance will be offered by the AARP Tax-Aide Program at the following sites:

- Colony Cottage Center: 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday, plus 3-7 p.m. Wednesdays, and 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays.
- Paradise Center: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays.
- La Hacienda Center: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays.
- Lady Lake Library, 225 Guava St.: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only.
- Fruitland Park Library, 205 W. Berckman St.: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays.
- The Villages Library, 325 Belvedere Blvd.: starting Feb. 14, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. every other Saturday. Walk-ins only.

• Wildwood Community Center: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays and 9 a.m.-noon Thursdays.

• Bushnell Library site: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, by appointment only.

IRS forms and publications may be picked up at the Lady Lake Library or downloaded from irs.gov. Bring your Social Security card or statement and those of any dependents; photo and signature identification (e.g., driver's license); information on Economic Stimulus Rebate amount; last year's tax return; all year-end tax forms (W-2, 1099, broker's statements); purchase price and acquisition date of any stocks or property sold in 2008; details related to itemized deductions; county real-estate tax statement; check (not deposit slip) for direct deposit of refunds.

Excluded are state returns; day trader's returns; complicated Schedule D; moving expenses; casualty and theft losses; sale of main home used as rental or business property; business income and loss; Schedule C (aides will prepare Schedule C-EZ); rental income and loss; farm income and loss; household employment tax; and clergy.

Bingo party to benefit Dragon Boat Club is set for March 26

A bingo party to benefit The Villages Dragon Boat

Club will be 6:15 p.m. March 26 at Colony Cottage Center.

The party will be limited to the first 150 Villagers.

The event costs \$5 per person and includes two cards, prizes, coffee and snacks. There will be a 50/50 drawing. Soda, water and desserts will be available for purchase.

This proceeds will go toward racing fees for The Villages Dragon Boat Club.

Healthy Living Expo set for March 27 at Savannah Center

The annual Healthy Living Expo will be 11 a.m.-4 p.m. March 27 at Savannah Center.

This event is sponsored by The Villages Diabetes Support Group and the proceeds benefit the Florida Camp for Diabetic Children and Youth and The Juvenile Diabetic Research Foundation.

There will be nearly 100 vendors and exhibitors with the latest health care products and services. Screenings, demonstrations and testing will be done by several participants. A limited number of tables are still available.

Admission is free and open to everyone. Door prizes will be awarded.

For information on the expo or to reserve table space, contact Jim Smith at 259-8644 or jiminvillages@yahoo.com.

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Gates open: 6PM Movies start at Dusk



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Driver's Safety

The AARP Driver Safety Program Course is a classroom refresher course for drivers who are older than 50. Completion of the two four-hour segments may entitle you to a multi-year auto insurance discount. For insurance discount information, check with your insurance carrier.

You must call and register with the instructor listed for the date and location you wish to attend. Class size is limited.

The fee for the course is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers. Bring your AARP membership card, your check made out to AARP and your driver's license, plus a pen and a beverage.

If you require additional information, call Richard Johnsen at 205-1162.

• April 6 and 9, 9 a.m.,
Hearth Room at Colony Cottage Center. Tom Sanders, 753-1324.

• April 11 and 18, 9 a.m.,
Cary Grant Room at Paradise Center. Bill Bailey, 430-0817.

• April 13 and 16, 9 a.m.,
Ashley Wilkes Room at Savannah Center. Joan Johnsen, 205-1174.

• April 21 and 22, 9 a.m.,
Marion County Sheriff's Station on County Road 42. Tom Hartman, 307-4268.

• April 21 and 24, 9 a.m.,

Jefferson Room at Laurel Manor Center. Wink Daniel, 753-8563.

• May 4 and 7, 9 a.m.
Hearth Room at Colony Cottage Center. Peter Cronas, 753-7249.

• May 11 and 14, 9 a.m.,
Ashley Wilkes Room at Savannah Center. Jerry Hasson, 259-8900.

• May 16 and 23, 9 a.m.,
Cary Grant Room at Paradise Center. Tony Curtis, 259-4876.

• May 19 and 20, 9 a.m.,
Marion County Sheriff's Station on County Road 42. Tom Hartman, 307-4268.

• May 19 and 22, 9 a.m.,
Jefferson Room at Laurel Manor Center. Bill Bailey, 430-0817.

• June 1 and 4, 9 a.m.,
Hearth Room at Colony Cottage Center. Harry Miller, 259-9417.

• June 8 and 11, 9 a.m.,
Ashley Wilkes Room at Savannah Center. Jack Haughn, 753-6879.

• June 13 and 20, 9 a.m.,
Cary Grant Room at Paradise Center. Bill Bailey, 430-0817.

• June 16 and 17, 9 a.m.,
Marion County Sheriff's Station on County Road 42. Tom Hartman, 307-4268.

• June 16 and 19, 9 a.m.,
Jefferson Room at Laurel Manor. Wink Daniel, 753-8563.

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Al Kora Shrine Ladies to host garage sale March 27-28

The Al Kora Shrine Ladies will host a garage sale 8 a.m.-2 p.m. March 27-28 at 1106 Dario Court in the Village of Santo Domingo. The sale will include furniture, household items, golf items, books and much more.

Pancake breakfast to benefit local food pantries March 28

The Rotary Club of the Lady Lake will host an "all you can eat and drink" breakfast with pancakes, sausage, coffee and orange juice to benefit local food pantries that help those in need. The breakfast will be 7-10 a.m. March 28 at Up the Creek Restaurant at Lake Sumter Landing. Cost is \$6 and all funds raised will go to the food pantries.

For information, call Bud Mangels at 750-6655.

Summer Springs Adeline Chorus to perform March 29

"Turn Your Radio On, Music You Remember" will be performed by Summer Springs Sweet Adeline Chorus at 3 p.m. March 29 at Laurel Manor Center.

Special guests will be Aged to Perfection Barbershop Quartet and Silver Knights Jazz Band.

Tickets are \$12 and are

available at The Villages Box Office.

PAC, Recreation Department to host fundraising pickleball event

The PAC (Pickleball Advisory Committee) and the Recreation Department will host a fundraising pickleball tournament March 28 at Pimlico Center. All proceeds will benefit the Humane Society/SPCA of Sumter County, Inc.

This will be the fourth annual mixed doubles tournament benefiting the HS/SPCA of Sumter County, Inc. It is limited to intermediate level Villages residents. Advanced players are requested to wait for competitions designed for their level of play.

Get yourself a partner and help support the animals of Sumter County. Sign-ups are at Pimlico Center through March 23. The donation entry fee of \$8 per player will be collected at check-in at the tournament.

Play will be a modified round-robin format. Only 16 teams will be accepted. There will be four substitution teams, if needed, for no shows; get your names in as soon as possible. Bring your Villages ID with you when you sign up. The tournament will begin at 8 a.m., with check-in at 7:30 a.m. The rain date will be March 29.

Not only will there be generous prizes donated by area restaurants for first-, second- and third-place winners, but

also free snacks for your pets and a 50/50 chance drawing. Spectators and donations from nonplayers are welcome.

For information, call event coordinator Nancy Saputo at 259-0251.

Michigan Alumni Club to hold auction for MSU scholarships

The inaugural Mega Auction for Scholarships sponsored by the Villages Michigan State University Alumni Club will be held 5:30-8 p.m. March 28 at Savannah Center.

The event will feature live and silent auction items, hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and live entertainment. Check the Web site msualumniclub thevillages.org for an updated list of auction items.

Proceeds go to the club's scholarship fund for students attending Michigan State University. Candidates from Citrus, Lake, Marion and Sumter Counties will receive first consideration, but all accepted MSU applicants, freshman through senior levels, will be considered. At least one \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded in 2009.

Everyone is welcome to attend, but reservations are required. Tickets are \$25 per person. For tickets and information, contact Bob Coulter, scholarship fundraising committee chair, at 396-2897 or ircservice center@embarqmail.com.

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'It's All About Blondes' to perform at Temple Shalom

"It's All About Blondes," a new production produced by the KK Production team Mary Keister and Joan Knapton, will be presented at 3 p.m. March 29 at Temple Shalom. Blondes is the brainchild of Harriette Nappi, of Sax n Song, and further developed by KK Productions. The event will be directed by Mark "The Skipper" Finkle. The show is comprised of four core entertainers: Mary Keister, Harriette Nappi, Joan Knapton and Fran Crispi with guest entertainers Jan Lavin, Janet Maloney and special guest Nancy Heyman. Such songs made notable by Peggy Lee, Dinah Shore, Rosemary Clooney, Marilyn Monroe, Dolly Parton, Jeanette Mac Donald and others will be featured. Brunette and Redhead productions are planned for the future. Tickets are on sale at Temple Shalom or by calling Harriette Nappi at 259-2127.

Miami, Ohio, Villagers to have potluck social March 29

An invitation is extended to anyone living in The Villages who has ever lived – or currently lives part time in Miami County, Ohio, to attend a potluck social 4-6 p.m. March 29 at Mulberry Grove Center. Meat will be pro-

vided. Bring a covered dish for six to eight people, your drinks and table service. Conversation and bocce will be enjoyed. Your input on the formation of the Miami County Club will be important. For information, call Carol Powell at 430-0924 or Beth Rindler at 259-5907.

Veterans' Memorial Park brick sale runs through March 31

The annual brick sale of The Veterans' Memorial Park Committee runs through March 31. There is still time to purchase a brick in honor or memory of an honorably discharged U.S. veteran, obtain a registration form from The Villages Center District Office at 3201 Wedgwood Lane. Return the form to that office, with a check for \$55 for each brick ordered. Bricks will receive consecutive ID numbers only if purchased at the same time. Information needed includes the veteran's name, rank, branch of service and years of service (i.e., 1940-1945). Only the veteran's name and VMP identification number will appear on the brick.

Bricks will be dedicated during the Veterans Day ceremony at the park, at Lake Mira Mar in Spanish Springs, between Paige Place and the golf cart bridge over Highway 27/441.

For information, call The Villages Center District Office at 753-4508 or VMP president Frank Mezzatesta at 750-5035.

Music in Motion to audition for mimes at Saddlebrook Center

The Music in Motion dance troupe will conduct auditions for mimes 9-11:30 a.m. April 2 at Saddlebrook Center. Mimes will perform significant roles, providing action, ambiance and transitions for "Music in Motion Goes Techno-Color" coming to Savannah Center on Feb. 18-20, 2010. Mime candidates should be expressive, limber and able to perform some choreographed dance movements. Mimes must commit to rehearsals once a week starting in September. For information, call Dianne Bolton at 753-4964.

'Amazing Golf Car Adventure' fundraiser set for April 18

Corbett Circle of Friends with The Villages Commercial Property Management will hold its first "Amazing Golf Car Adventure" from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. April 18 as a Relay For Life fundraiser.

Get to know "Florida's Friendliest Hometown" through its most popular form of transportation – the golf car. Each stop will have a clue to the next location, leading one step closer to food, fun and prizes. If you get stumped, you can buy a life-line clue for \$1. Successfully collect all clues and make it to the after party location to test your knowledge on The Villages Quiz. Take a chance to win great prizes and learn something new about The Villages. All proceeds benefit Relay For Life.

For information and registration, call Commercial Property Management at 750-9455 or visit Lake Sumter Landing Market Nights on April 7 and April 14.

Triple Play group to host tournament cruise April 17-24

The Triple Play Tournament Cruise aboard MSC Poesia will be April 17-24, 2010. The seven-night cruise to Bermuda includes taxes, fees, motor-coach and cocktail party. There are three or more tournament games with cash prizes. For information, call Carole Kadner at 751-1145.

Pancake fundraiser for Operation Shoebox April 18

The next fundraiser for Operation Shoebox will be a pancake breakfast April 18 at Up the Creek Restaurant. Cost is \$6. Call Elaine Drake at 753-7955 for information or tickets.

Lake Miona Theatre to present 'You Can't Take It With You'

The Lake Miona Theatre Group is in rehearsal for "You Can't Take It With You" by Moss Hart and George Kaufman under the direction of Dan Esposito. Spend an evening with the zany Sycamore family: Penny's been writing plays for years, but hasn't finished one. Essie pirouettes in the living room while Ed accompanies her on the xylophone. And Paul experiments with fireworks in

the basement! But when Alice invites the boss's son and his parents for dinner, the real fireworks begin! Happily, it takes the gentle wit and wisdom of Grandpa to reveal the true meaning of love and family.

Tickets are on sale at The Villages Box Office. The Broadway hit will be performed April 10-11.

Pickleball program information for April available for beginners

The Pickleball Advisory Committee (PAC) and The Recreation Department provide the following information for the month of April for those interested in learning the game of pickleball. The program is composed of three steps: beginner lessons, structured beginner play and organized beginner play.

Advance sign-ups are required for beginner lessons and structured play. Sign-ups open one week in advance of the scheduled time and may be done in person or by phone. In all instances, residents will be given priority over visitors. A waiver is also required and should be completed and signed at any recreation center before taking the lesson. Bring your Villages ID. Guests should bring their guest ID plus a photo ID, such as a driver's license.

Those who have not signed up will be worked in

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VILLAGES RESIDENTS! Show and share your artistic talents at this special event!



APRIL 15



LAKE SUMTER LANDING 8am-Noon

Drop off the completed participation form to the right at:

BRIDGEPORT RECREATION CENTER

For more information about this special event call 750-5870

NAME _____

VILLAGES RESIDENT ID _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ ZIP CODE _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF MEDIUM USED: _____

Participation in **The Villages Art In The Park** event is reserved for Villages Residents who have registered, in-person, prior to the event. Participants will be required to bring their own equipment and supplies, including any seating or shade elements they require. I have read and agree to all of the foregoing conditions.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SIGN UP TODAY! PARTICIPATION IS FREE! DEADLINE: 3/27/09 SPACE IS LIMITED!

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on a space and instructor available basis. In case of rain, extreme heat or cold, or less than four participants, the class will be canceled and the participants must sign up again. All lessons, structured play and organized play lasts one and one-half hours. All participants should wear good, hard-court tennis shoes. Cross trainers, walking and running shoes, or other types of street shoes are not recommended and should not be worn. Anyone wearing inappropriate footwear deemed by the instructor to be a safety hazard will not be allowed to participate. Also, appropriate clothing for playing on the courts should be worn. All participants are asked to report at least 10 minutes prior to the start time for check in.

Attendance at a lesson is required before signing up for beginner structured play. A minimum of one structured play session is required before attending beginner organized play. Anyone playing in any type of league is not eligible to participate in any beginner activities.

For a listing of all beginner lessons, beginner structured play and organized beginner play, check the "Outdoor Activities &

Sports Schedules" of this issue, under the following recreation centers: Chula Vista, Coconut Cove, Colony Cottage, Hibiscus, La Hacienda, Lake Miona, Mulberry Grove and Truman.

Villages Musical Company to present 'Annie Get Your Gun'

Actors, singers and dancers in "Annie Get Your Gun" are busy fine-tuning the Villages Musical Company's new show under the direction of Sandie Hawthorne. The musical and orchestra director is Jean Butler and the choreographers are Janet DeOrnellas and Diana Cecil.

Tickets are on sale at The Villages Box Office. The Broadway hit will be staged April 29-May 3 at Savannah Center.

Military Retiree Activities Office is now open Monday - Friday

The Military Retiree Activities Office is now open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. The staff has been increased to eight military retiree volunteers and includes officers and enlisted members from most services. Stop by the office with inquiries about your retirement benefits and other related subjects.

The office is at 108 LaGrande Boulevard, across from the Village Dentist in the offices of the Lake County Sheriff substation. The phone

message service number is 430-1679 or e-mail at central.floridara0@thevillages.net.

Mark Twain Library is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays

The Mark Twain Library is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday. The library has a large variety of paperback, hardcover and large-print books, plus videos, DVDs and audio books. There are no fees; all you need is your Villages ID.

All of the people who work in the library are volunteers. To volunteer, pick up a registration form at the library.

For information, call Jan Blum at 753-0466.

Men's clogging group is looking for additional male cloggers

A men's clogging team meets at noon Sundays at Saddlebrook Center. The group is looking for more male cloggers. For information, call Stanley Martin at 406-8895.

Temple Shalom to sponsor fundraising trip May 3

Temple Shalom will host a fundraising trip May 3 to see "Fiddler On The Roof" at the Tampa Performing Arts Center. This musical won a Tony Award For Best Musical.

The trip includes round-trip bus transportation, orchestra

seats and a Sunday brunch buffet at Jackson's On The River overlooking downtown Tampa. Even if you've seen this show before, you can still enjoy this spectacle once again, in a spectacular theater.

For information or tickets, call Sandy Solomon 753-8559. The deadline for reservations is in March.

Educators Retired Club to host trip to Winter Park on May 12

The Educators Retired Club is planning a full-day trip May 12 to Winter Park for club members and their guests. The bus will take the group to Morse Museum of American Art where Tiffany work is featured. The group will then lunch at Olive Garden and have shopping time at Winter Park Village. A bus will then transport the group to a scenic boat cruise through the lakes and canals of historic Winter Park. Cost of the trip is \$45; lunch will be purchased on your own. For reservations, call Pat Nichol at 350-2880.

Sisterhood of Temple Shalom to host mah-jongg tournament

The Sisterhood of Temple Shalom is hosting its 10th annual Mah-Jongg Tournament on May 18. Fundraising proceeds will benefit Villagers for Hospice and the Temple.

There will be many door prizes, as well as TooJay's Gourmet Deli box lunch, drinks, homemade dessert and plenty of mah-jongg.

Tickets go fast for these tournaments, so be sure to contact Temple Shalom at 352-748-1800 to receive an application for yourself and your friends.

Lukemia & Lymphoma Society to host mah-jongg tournament

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (team in training) "Help Find the Cure" is hosting a mah-jongg tournament 9:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sept. 13 at Saddlebrook Center. Registration is 9:15-9:45 a.m. Event is as follows: round one and two 10 a.m.-noon; lunch noon-1 p.m.; rounds three and four 1-3 p.m.; and prizes awarded at 3 p.m.

For information, call Louise Mediate at 259-4891 or Lorraine Pontillo at 259-2142.

Advanced water volleyball is looking for new members

The advanced water volleyball group is looking for men or women who enjoy water volleyball and have a high degree of skill level for the sport. If you are looking for a more competitive game and think you have those qualifications, contact Mark at 321-263-5131 or e-mail stat41952@yahoo.com to set up an evaluation.



What's good for the heart—comes from the heart!

Relay For Life Swimming Event

Join your friends and neighbors in this unique "Swim Across The Villages Event!"

\$10 ENTRY FEE
BENEFITS...



NAME (One Participant Per Form Please)

VILLAGES RESIDENT ID

PHONE NUMBER

T-Shirt Size: Small Medium Large X-Large (included in \$10.00 entry fee)

Participation in Swim Across The Villages 2009 is reserved for Villages Residents who have registered, in-person, prior to the event. Call 259-8316 for more information

SAVE this date!

"Swim Across The Villages Event"

SUNDAY

APRIL
19

1PM

Start and finish at:

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Free Massages • Door Prizes

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