

The Breeze

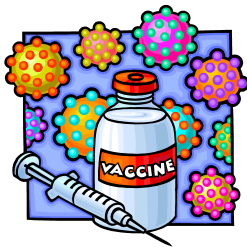


Prez says...

It is always good to remember that since that first, historic declaration of independence from Britain, won by fighting the Revolutionary War, Americans have fought doggedly to maintain our autonomy. So, let me take this opportunity to salute all the residents who are veterans or family members of veterans. Throughout history we have been painfully aware of the high cost of this freedom that we so prize. Let us pray for peace and for those who are defending our liberty.

Bogey's is going to host our Fourth of July celebrants this year. The decision was made to eat out instead of having to set up, prepare and clean up in the Rec Hall. Thanks to Annette Boettger and Gerry Kochan for organizing this event.

We understand that the water tables have greatly improved since Debby hit town. We are grateful that all are safe and the park is intact. Continue to enjoy your summer wherever you are.



We have the date for this year's flu shot clinic

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13th

9:00 a.m.



THE SWIMMING POOL WILL BE CLOSED THE WEEK OF JULY 9TH FOR CLEANING AND PAINTING.





JULY

**Wednesday, July 18, 2012
11:30 a.m. BEEF O'BRADY'S
Beneva Village
Bernie Coulter – 927-9816**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Frank Reich 7/13/2012**



**HAPPY
BELATED ANNIVERSARY**

Sorry to say that I missed an anniversary for June and since I have none for July, we wish a belated Happy Anniversary to Bill & Susan Murray who celebrated 51 years on June 24. Congratulations!!!

TAKE THE TIME TO LIVE!

This is an excerpt from an e-mail sent to me by Francile. I would have liked to print the whole thing however; I do believe this sums it up nicely.

**DO NOT VALUE THE THINGS
YOU HAVE IN YOUR LIFE, BUT VALUE
WHO YOU HAVE KNOWN IN YOUR LIFE!**

**Be kinder than necessary, for everyone
you meet is fighting some kind of battle.**

Editor's Feature

***I ASKED DON & SHIRLEY, WHAT
MADE YOU AND OTHERS
DECIDE TO BUY THE PARK?***

AS TO BUYING THE PARK. IN THE LATE 80'S PREVIOUS PARK OWNERS SOLD OFF SOME OF THE PARK'S CHOICE LOTS ON TAMIAMI TRAIL AND MOBILE PARKS BECAME A "LICENSE TO PRINT MONEY" FOR THEIR OWNERS. EVEN MERRILL LYNCH BEGAN RECOMMENDING THEM TO THEIR INVESTORS.

TO PROTECT MOBILE OWNERS, THE STATE OF FLORIDA GRANTED RESIDENTS "THE RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL" WHEN A PARK OWNER PLANNED TO SELL OUT. IN 1990 A CALIFORNIA DENTIST WHO ALREADY OWNED 5 OR 6 PARKS AGREED TO PAY \$5,500,000 FOR SOUTHWINDS.

OUR PARK RESIDENTS WERE INCORPORATED WITH A BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHO DEALT ANNUALLY WITH THE PARK OWNER ON RULES AND RENTAL ISSUES. **(Editor's Note: Three board members of that board who are still in the park are Don Langlois, Francile Huser and Harold Davies)** WHEN WE GOT THE NEWS, WE RUSHED TO INTERVIEW ATTORNEYS WHO

SPECIALIZED IN RESIDENT BUYOUTS. WITH LITTLE CASH IN HAND, WE FOUND A YOUNG ATTORNEY WHO WOULD ASSIST US ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS. TIME WAS CRITICAL, BUT IN ONE WEEK OVER 50% OF THE RESIDENTS COMMITTED OVER A MILLION DOLLARS TO SEAL THE DEAL!

THERE ARE SOME OTHER INTERESTING DETAILS OF THE PURCHASE BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO WRITE A BOOK!!

I ASKED LARRY & CAROL, AS A FORMER RENTER, WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO BUY A UNIT IN THE PARK?

WE MADE GREAT FRIENDS WHILE RENTING #176, BROUSSEAUS, LIZOTTES, LARRY'S FIRST SHUFFLE PARTNER, JOYCE MINGES, THE KIDDS AND MORE. OUR SECOND SEASON 2010-2011 WAS GREAT, ALTHOUGH, AGAIN THE WEATHER WAS SUPPOSEDLY "NOT AS WARM AS USUAL". DECEMBER WAS CONSIDERED "COLD", A COMMENT FROM PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN IN FLORIDA FOR MANY YEARS. WELL, FOR ME AND LARRY IT WAS GREAT AND WE ARE LOVING BEING HERE NOW, WE ARE WORRYING – IT IS OUR LAST YEAR TO BE ABLE TO RENT AT SOUTHWINDS. LARRY IS HOOKED ON SHUFFLE, LOVES FLORIDA AND SOUTHWINDS. "FLORIDA LARRY" IS SO MUCH FUN AND WAY MORE SOCIAL THAN "MAINE LARRY".

LARRY IS ALL SET TO BUY – WHILE CAROL, WHO ABSOLUTELY LOVES IT HERE, IS ALSO VERY CAUTIOUS, OWNING TWO HOMES – IT'S SCARY!!!! IT WAS A DREAM OF OURS AND NOW IT COULD BECOME A REALITY

WE FIND A HOME, 135 SOUTHWINDS DRIVE, FORMERLY THE LAABS. WE MAKE AN OFFER AND IT IS ACCEPTED.

SHE WANTS TO BUY-----BUT-----CAROL STARTS TO FREAK OUT, SLEEPLESS NIGHTS – WORD GETS AROUND – "THE WIFE WHO BACKED OUT". HER HUSBAND IS NOT HAPPY (BUT UNDERSTANDS – SHE IS VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT SUCH THINGS).

AFTER A LOT OF THOUGHT AND CRUNCHING FIGURES, WE MAKE THE COMMITMENT TO BUY UNIT #135.

WE ARE VERY HAPPY, WE LOVE IT HERE –SOUTHWINDS AND OUR NEW HOME.



PARADISE LOST

Since Debby came to town, things have been a bit wild and wet. Relax and know that the park is in fine shape and all units have withstood the buffeting. There was a bent awning, a broken railing, a leak here and there and streets to

rivers and back to streets. Siesta, Casey, Lido, Anna Marie and the other barrier islands did not fare as well. Boats tried to access Marina Jacks and an unoccupied building on Main Street collapsed. In Tampa they water skied in the streets and further east they got twenty-five inches of rain. Sarasota is still in a rain pattern with somewhere around ten inches already measured. The sun is out right now and we are hoping for much more of that.



Truck boating on Siesta Key



It's a #1 beach no matter what



OUR CONDOLENCES TO Myra Dykeman who is a very special lady and we send our deepest sympathy to her in the loss of her daughter.

Bette Dykeman, daughter of Myra Dykeman, passed away May 22 in London, ON. The funeral was May 25. A memorial service and interment of ashes will be held on July 28 at Memorial Gardens in Dartmouth, NS. A reception will follow at 10:30 a.m. at the Baptist Church.

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Drive carefully...it's not only cars that get recalled by their maker.

Accept that some days you're the pigeon and some days you're the statue.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

A truly happy person is someone who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.