

THE BREEZE Dec 2016



A SHORT SYNOPSIS OF THE BOARD MEETING

November 15, 2016 – 25 residents attended

Thank you: Jerry Paige and Paul Rodriguez for helping in cleanup of lot#55. Owner will be billed.

Tree Trimming issues: Dead oak trees must be removed behind units 182-183-184. Palms not accessible by bucket truck and need to be done manually. North fence is seriously overgrown. Department of Natural Resources will be contacted for assistance. If not available, a quote will be sought.

Clarify: electrical upgrades and repair responsibility between Association and shareholders. Task force of Woody Dail, Dave King, and Ron Chisamore to review issues and make recommendations.

Outsourcing: possibility of outsourcing lawn maintenance checked into by Dail. Conclusion – we are getting both quality and value by our maintenance crew.

Reduction of Board: move forward with By-Law change to reduce board to seven members and maintain 3 year terms.

Budget rationalization: We have been operating against the provisions of State Statute and our By-Laws. Two options; 1. Maintain a calendar budget and fiscal year by allowing the budget to be approved by the Board. 2. Continue the current practice, having shareholders approve the budget at the annual meeting and change fiscal year to April 1 through March 31.

Pool furniture: Approval to have all pool chairs re-strapped at a cost of \$1700.

Summer maintenance: Committee of Dail, Mosher, Lockett, and Rodriguez to make a comprehensive plan of to address consistency in the maintenance of units and landscaping.

November 29, 2016 – 26 board members attended

6 attending board members and Woody on the phone

Treasurer's report: property taxes (\$11,372 at 4% discount) paid - moved 2300 from reserves to pay for computer upgrades (basically Video Breeze updates) - working on Budget for 2017

Old Business: To acquire triangle behind New Dynasty, 2918 square foot triangle – must have 2/3 vote of the homeowners - to make into lot, must have 75% approval of homeowners – to finance, proposal to negotiate with new owner, not to exceed the cost of one of our shares - will be on the ballot for the annual meeting so that if the opportunity arises, we will be able to act

Electrical/plumbing: Woody will redo parts of the task force's recommendations and bring it to next meeting – office will have a list of vendors in case of emergency

Unit & lawn maintenance: Reminding residents of what their obligations are as far as unit upkeep and landscaping will be promoted at coffee hours and general gatherings



INTRODUCING!!!!

As most of you know, we have a new maintenance employee. Brian Schrader started work the first part of November. He previously worked doing tree trimming, pressure cleaning, and yard maintenance. He is one of those rare specimens (at least in our world), a native Floridian. He's a grandfather as his 24-year-old son has a daughter and another baby on the way. Very much an outdoor person, he enjoys fishing, hiking, and going to the beach. Welcome to our staff, Brian!!



Feeding the Community

'TIS THE SEASON FOR SHARING!!!!

OUR FOOD BOX ONCE AGAIN IS READY TO GO. LOCATED IN THE REC HALL IT WILL BE THERE UNTIL DECEMBER 20. IT EAGERLY AWAITS AND APPRECIATES YOUR UNOPENED PACKAGES OF FOOD, CANNED GOODS AND ANY CASH DONATION YOU WOULD CARE TO MAKE. IT'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO REACH OUT TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE IN YOUR COMMUNITY. QUESTIONS? CALL DON OR SHIRLEY LANGLOIS @ 922-9547.



SOUTHWINDS BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on Monday 12/5 at 1:30 in the Annex. We'll be *discussing "The Little Paris Bookshop"* by Nina George. The next meeting will be on Monday, 1/9 at 1:30 in the Annex. The book is *"Life after life"* by Kate Atkinson. We'll choose books for the remainder of the season at this meeting Everyone's welcome??? Call Linda McGraw at 941-925-9874 or email at Linda943@Hotmail.com

REC CLUB

- Saturday 12/3/2016 Homeowner's Coffee Hour
- Saturday 12/17/2016 Rec. Club Coffee Hour
- Sunday 12/25/16 Christmas Dinner
- Saturday, 12/31/16 New Year's Dance

Southwinds' resident's reminder: Saturday, December 17, at 9:00 am is the next Recreation Club coffee hour. The recreation coffee hour is set to meet committee heads and learn about all the activities and events we have available. Hope to see you there.

A reminder to the Blue Group (73-101 & 149-158C) that you will oversee the Christmas Dinner



Our Wednesday, every other week, Pot luck dinners start January 11. Entertainment comes free with it!! The dinner is a relaxed get-together to catch up with friends and share a meal. It is also a good way to meet up with neighbors in a laid-back setting. The best part of the dinner is what you prepare to share with others in the group (usually feedings for 8). This adds a bit of mystery to the meal. We need hosts and hostesses. Signup sheets are in the recreation center. Sign up with a friend, or, just sign up. Others will join you to host the dinner. Make it fun by setting a theme if you like, Italian, Irish, American or Canadian night for examples. The money for meat is provided for each dinner by the Rec Club.



"NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE "

Place: The Rec. Hall

Music: Recorded

More details to follow in the Video Breeze and on the bulletin board.



Hobby Club News

The Hobby Club will be meeting again on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 P.M. in the annex. Our first meeting will be January 4, 2017. At this meeting, we will vote on projects to do this year. We have several ideas that many of you suggested at our last meeting. Please come to the meeting to vote on your preferred projects.

Following the meeting, as previous selected, we will be painting seashells. You will need bleached shells, wash in a bleach and water mixture, and colored fine point sharpies. Later you can use the shells to make a wind chime, table decoration placing shells in a bowl or basket, or some idea you can share with the group. Come to express your creativity and enjoy the company of other crafters.



WELCOME BACK!!

Cornhole is back as well. We've moved our game to the picnic area this year. We'll be playing on the pickle ball court every Friday from 9-11am. Come on down and bring a spouse or a friend, or both! Hope to see you soon, Jim Duffy



CLOUD 9

COOKIE EXCHANGE AND YANKEE SWAP, DECEMBER 12, 1:00 PM

Please bring two dozen cookies to the hall by 9: 00 am.
Don't forget our Yankee Swap. A \$10.00 wrapped gift for exchange.

This is a fun event, promise, you will have lots of laughs. Memberships dues, \$5.00 can also be picked up. We welcome new members. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

As most ladies know, we are also excepting donations to the Women and Babies Charity. All gifts are appreciated by those less fortunate.

Hostesses: Lois Brousseau, Pam Leggett, Joanne Russell, Lorraine Milburn, Shirley Sweet, Pat Warren



Northeast Breakfast

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016 9 A.M.

Der Dutchman

3713 Bahia Vista

Everyone Welcome

SUS on BB

Info: Sharon Rose 923-3475

Michigan Luncheon

Wed. Dec.7,11:30am

MILLER'S ALE HOUSE

(Cattleman & Bee Ridge)

Let's get reacquainted!!!

"and of course, we love guests"

SUS on BB

Hope to see you there!

Questions?? 922-9547

PA---WV---MD LUNCHEON

MILLIE'S on Clark Road

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

11:30 AM

Starting a new season with old friends and hopefully new ones. Everyone welcome, so ya' all come.

Windy Coulter----158C 927-9816

New Column / Resident of the month

I asked Smitty to give me a biography of his life in Southwinds. These are his words with a little editing. He did fail to mention the other volunteer work he has done, especially the Video Breeze. He has been a valuable member of our community and I want to tell him how much it has been appreciated.

Thank you Smitty for everything you have done and continue to do.



Buell and Mamie

Many of you know me as Smitty

In September of 1982 my wife Mamie and I left our home in Michigan to vacation in Florida and visit our 2 adult children who already lived there. While visiting them, the company management from the steel mill where I worked contacted our daughter and told her to have me call them. So, I called them and they ask me if I would like to retire. I had planned to retire when I hit the 30 year mark and at that time I had 29. They offered me a package deal I could not refuse, since I was going to leave at 30 years anyway.

So here we are retired at 48 years old, Mamie was 45, down in Florida. What do we do now? You must admit that is young to be making a major change in our life.

Anyway, you must start somewhere so we bought a mobile home in Pine Ridge Park on Bee Ridge Road. That first year we made 9 trips back home to Michigan (Mamie had a sister there).

In 1984 we came to Southwinds and bought Unit 148. Almost immediately, Ray Herrington, Tollyn Twitchell's right hand man came and asked me if I wanted to work for the park as a maintenance man. (Remember I am 48 years old) Of course I accepted the job. This was before the residents bought the park.

So, I worked for the park from 1984 through several park managers. Then Gene and Carmella Provo came on as managers but they were then offered a park to manage down in North Port. My wife and I had good rapport with them and they asked us if we would go to Harbor Cove Mobile Home Park with them. So, we headed south to North Port and bought a mobile home in Harbor Cove and Mamie and I worked there for about 2 years.

It was a long drive back up to Sarasota and a long-distance phone call to talk to our kids, so we headed back up to Sarasota and bought a house. I came back to Southwinds to see about getting my old job back and they took me back and made me supervisor of maintenance. In the meantime, the residents had bought the park. We then sold our house and bought Unit 181 in 1993. I continued to work for the park until 1995 when I ran for and was elected to the board of directors, I was on the board from 1995 until 2007.

Many of you will remember the shindig our daughter Sandy and our son Gene threw for us at the Rec, Hall here at Southwinds for our 50th wedding anniversary, in 2008. It was emceed by our son Gene, who has experience doing that type of thing. As many will attest to, it was a hell of a party.



Thank you

I want to thank all of you for your prayers, flowers, cards and visits, during this trying period in my life. I am overwhelmed with the caring of Southwinds' friends. I will begin treatment of radiation and chemo on the 28th of November for 6 weeks. Please keep me in your prayers. **Ellie**

Eichler, Unit 150.



Dear Friends,

I would like to thank all Southwinds Park residents for their prayers and thoughtful cards for my late husband, Francis "Tuey" McWilliams who passed away on November 6, 2016. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I miss you all. All Our Love, **Claire**



Dear Southwinds friends,

How do you thank so many wonderful people for all the loving and caring cards sent? Thank you hardly seems enough. Bob and I have been so encouraged by your thoughts and prayers and he is doing much better. He is a good patient. That is what Southwinds is all about. We will miss all of you and never forget the wonderful 19 years spent in our second home. We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Healthy New Year.

Love, **Elsie & Bob Raunick**



Proof that pickleball is for all ages. John & Mary Illig and family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Harold Davies

93 years young on December 2nd



Bob & Marcia Kartman	66 years	12/23/1950
Lee & Joyce Minges	67 years	12/25/1949
Dave & Bernice White	55 years	12/31/1961



2016-2017 SW DIRECTORY

Residents, be advised that the latest version (16.2) of our directory is available on our web site www.southwindshomepark.com. This version is the last one planned for 2016 season.

TO Obtain a Directory from the WEB SITE.

Residents can:

- View directly on our Web Site or
- Print directly from our Web Site or
- Download the directory.

Note that a sign on is required and can be obtained by Email to [gwmanton @ yahoo.com](mailto:gwmanton@yahoo.com).

Also the Directory can be obtained by Email or CD disk. Contact Chick at 941.924.8549.

DECEMBER 2016

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS 1	FRI 2	SAT 3 HOME-OWNERS COFFEE 9AM
4	5 BOOK CLUB 1:30PM	6	7 NORTHEAST BKFST 9AM MICHIGAN LNCHN 11:30AM PA/WV/MD LNCHN 11:30AM	8	9	10
11	12 CLOUD NINE COOKIE EXCHNGE 1PM	13 Board Meeting	14	15	16	17 REC CLUB COFFEE 9AM
18	19	20	21  <small>ZingerBag.com</small>	22	23	24 Happy Hanukkah 
25 CHRISTMAS DINNER 	26	27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S DANCE

BINGO – MONDAY & FRIDAY- 7PM
 CARDS – TUESDAY-PINOCHLE, THURSDAY-EUCHRE-7PM
 PICKLE BALL – MONDAY & THURSDAY 9-11AM
 CORN HOLE – FRIDAY 9-11AM
 SHUFFLE – MONDAY THRU SATURDAY 1PM