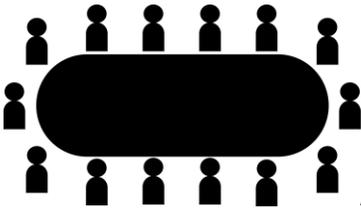


THE BREEZE



Editor's Note

I would again like to thank Joani for editing the Breeze for April. Walt and I spent 15 days with Princess Cruises, checking out many Central America countries and cruising through the Panama Canal. It was fun seeing new places and a great learning experience.



As I am no longer on the Board of Directors, I thought that I might try to cover the meetings and let you know what the Board is working on and the many things they do for us. I'm only going to highlight a couple of things, as the minutes of each meeting are posted and everyone is welcome to attend all meetings, not just the annual one. This board does work very hard to maintain the beautiful atmosphere that is SOUTHWINDS.

Some items on the April 12th meeting:

The memorial fund was established years ago, and your donations in memory of loved ones have provided many useful things for our park. Half of the funds needed to provide the handicap doors at the hall and the annex was the latest project to be provided by this fund.

A meeting, chaired by Board member, Woody Dail, was held by interested residents concerning the parking by the fence line on the South side of the park. There was discussion concerning the haphazard parking as an eyesore for the residents of the street and also the concern for the wet and muddy grass when it rains, and the ability to mow the grass with cars all over it. Parking is at a premium here at Southwinds. People are expected to park in their own driveways. Extra parking was made available for visitors and residents. This has seemed to cause an increase in the number of people who now own two vehicles and do not have room in their carports for more than one. The final decision was to continue with the existing rule, however, your carport is your primary parking area.

Paving was done on several streets and the office area. An area was paved in our park for a pickle ball court. Additional streets will be paved each year until the whole park is done.



FLOWERS AND CARDS

If you know of anyone who is sick or in the hospital, your new contact person is:

CAROL PROTEAU

Phone 207-754-8890 Email LLProteau@gmail.com

Please let her know



YES!!! THERE WILL BE SUMMER BINGO

We need Callers

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Questions??? ETHEL HARTNETT – 921-3803



PICKLE BALL

Pickle ball court is complete and ready to be played on. Big thanks to Woody and Board members and any others involved. Please enjoy and test out our new area. Remember, paddles and net can be found in Men's bathroom in the picnic area. Please return equipment after use so the others can enjoy. **Theresa & Joe**



ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK

The Birdies are returning to their northern homes and the year rounders are settling in for the summer season after a very successful food bank drive.

As usual, SOUTHWINDS came through in fine fashion.

The special emphasis this year was to feed the many children during the summer when there is no school lunch program.

You contributed 404 pounds of food and \$270 in cash. This donation was matched by a Sarasota donor, which brought the food bank \$540. THANKS FOR A GREAT JOB!!!!!!

Thinking of volunteering?? Check out the Park Bulletin Board for info.

Don & Shirley Langlois



MOPS LUNCHEONS

Wed. May 4th, 2016-11:30am

Olive Garden

S. Tamiami Tr. @ The Landings

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All Southwinds residents are welcome and

Invited to attend. Guests, too

Bernie Coulter – 927-9816

Wed. May 18th, 2016 –11:30am

Gecko's Grill & Pub

5585 Palmer Crossing Circle

(Clark Rd.-behind Applebee's)

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Everyone welcome

Bernie Coulter – 927-9816



BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS

Another year has come and gone and we would like to thank everyone who came to the blood pressure clinics. A big special thank you to the nurses, Joanne A, Joanne R, Molly, and Laura. And thank you to our secretary, Charlotte who does a very good job keeping the files updated, We wish everyone a safe journey home and a wonderful summer.

God Bless, Sheila Aucoin



Dear Southwinds Family,

We truly are a family and at times of loss or illness we realize it even more.

We are overwhelmed with the love, prayers, support, cards, flowers and caring.

Our brother Dennis was a gift to us all.... remembered for his great faith in God, his love for all, his kindness and laughter.

With much love and gratitude, **Celeste, Dick & family**

I would like to thank all of Southwinds for their thoughtfulness, cards, flowers, notes and visits during my recent surgery and rehab. I am still going to therapy and in a lot of pain at times. I guess that is just the nature of the beast. Thank you so much.

Smitty



A BIG 50TH ANNIVERSARY WISH TO LARRY & CAROL PROTEAU

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

Elinor Wells - 90 years young on May 3



*What sunshine is to flowers,
Smiles are to humanity.
These are but trifles; to be sure,
But, scattered along life's pathways,
The good they do is inconceivable.
Jos. Addison*



Our condolences go out to Joan Heffernan and her family at the loss of husband and father Jack. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

MEMORIAL GARDEN TRIBUTE

To refresh the memories of all of you and for those of you who were not here five years ago, I'd like to acquaint you with our Memorial Garden by the pool. This garden was set up to honor the very special people who had the foresight and initiative to make Southwinds a resident owned park. As the new annex building did not allow for a Charlie's corner (a gathering place near the old card room for many for meeting with friends and catching up with all the park news of the day), two benches were added. Although we don't see many gatherings there, older residents will remember Charlie's corner as a real "hotspot". Truthfully, these benches do not have the same appeal as the original corner but that was the reason them being there. Maybe sometime in the future we can make it more appealing. Any ideas???

Once a plot was agreed on, a workforce was formed. Under the leadership of former resident, Wendy Mineault, flowers and shrubs were planted and a plaque honoring our original members was added in time for the retiring of our mortgage.

One of those original residents, Phyllis Gouge, has now passed away and her family has requested that something be added to the Memorial Garden in her memory. As there are many plants there, it was decided to add something more permanent and low maintenance to the garden. The cement statue of a heron was added with funds contributed by Phyllis' husband Roy, her sister and brother-in-law, Claire & Tuey Mc Williams, and her children. Phyllis was much loved by all who knew her, and we thank them so much for the contribution and for the reminder of Phyllis that we feel each time we see it in our garden.

