

# THE BREEZE

Nov 2017



## **Welcome to Fall season 2017** **Byline, Theresa Gomez**

Southwinds' year-round residents are growing!! We have many new modular homes replacing old mobiles. There is also a strong sense of community, gratitude, and helpfulness, knowing year-round residents are here looking out for all of us.

Our summer residents and maintenance have done a great job of cleaning up after Irma. Selby Gardens, watch out!!!! Our "Can You Dig It" landscaping club, along with their summer replacements, is unbelievable. The grounds look great! Anyone riding thru the Park can see the pride of ownership. Thank you all for your time and commitment to working in the hot sun. Wendell is sprucing up shuffleboard courts, and horseshoe pit for John's players.

John and Marti have secured pickleball net, so it would not break.

Karen has started Zumba, and Denise will soon follow with water exercises.

Mike is working on Bocce and getting it ready for all enthusiasts.

Maryann has Bingo Mondays and Fridays.

Our Pinochle and Euchre players are meeting.

I've heard our new entertainment committee head, Joanne Lamey, is ready for our every other Wednesday night potluck.

**Southwinds is ready for 2017,  
We, who are here, look forward to Snowbird arrival.**



Recreation club is looking for someone to host Cornhole and Billiards. The only requirement is to enjoy playing the activities, you do not need not be best at it. Times and dates can be changed to accommodate the new head. Please consider and contact the recreation club. These activities are only 1 or 2 hours a week. Thanks Theresa

*When you can't control what's happening, challenge yourself to control the way you respond to what's happening, it's where your power is!!!*



## Cloud 9

### **Ladies, are you ready for this upcoming season?**

You got the preview in the October Breeze. The board has worked hard, putting together an array of events, which we know will bring out the giggles in you. Come join in the fun. Keep an eye out here for details each month. We would love to have you join us. We welcome you back.

November 13, 2017, 12PM Salad Luncheon  
Hostesses Shirley Sweet and Carol Hutter

Our first event is our Salad Luncheon. Please bring a salad to share for the buffet table, along with your plates and utensils. Janet Smith will have your new Cloud 9 event book for the upcoming season with your paid-up membership of \$5.00. We encourage all ladies to come and know that guests are always welcome. Just remember, that members get first offer to ticketed events, some at discounted prices. Let's reconnect and tell us how you spent your summer. All ladies are welcome. Not sure if you want to become member? Well, just come out to see what we are all about.

**Cloud 9 welcomes you.**





## Saying goodbye to one of our long-time couples

**Smitty & Mamie have been a fixture at Southwinds for most of the years each of us have been here. There are a few residents who have been here longer but not many. A going away party was given by the residents, thanking them for their many contributions to our park. Over the years, with Mamie's "back-up", Smitty was a maintenance supervisor, a board member, and in the last many years, our Video Breeze reporter. We are really going to miss having them here in the park but understand that there comes a time when convenience and special needs require a move. The Smiths have reluctantly made that decision. Thankfully, they won't be too far away, just down the street off Gulf Gate and the Library. We wish them the very best and hope to keep in touch.**



## **TRIP OF A LIFETIME**, your editor, Barbara Smith

I know many of you have made some fabulous trips to Europe. Well, Walt and I never have and never expected to, but due to the generosity of our daughter, in the past three years, we have been to South America, the Panama Canal, Ireland, and now Europe.

Leaving here on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we went to Italy for seven days: toured the Amalfi coast, Tuscany and the walled city of San Gimignano, the Leaning Tower of Pisa (I climbed the 293 steps to the top), the Trevi Fountain (I threw my coin in the fountain), the Vatican, Basilica, and Sistine Chapel, and the Coliseum.

We used the Metro and the train for transportation along with an 8-passenger van for the breathtaking countryside. We were warned to watch for pick pockets, especially in Rome, and true to form, our daughter was robbed on the Metro. Luckily, someone entering the train found her wallet and turned it in to the authorities (nothing had been stolen except her cash)

Then, onto the Royal Princess for a ten-day cruise, with stops in Italy Sicily - Croatia - Montenegro - Greece - Corsica - France (guided tours in some and personal taxi tours in others). Our cruise ended in Barcelona, Spain, where we spent a day and a half touring the city before heading back to the USA.

I am so grateful for having the chance to visit these countries. What a delight to see how they have preserved the past and yet have moved into the future. Old customs and old architect blend with new, and the effect is awesome.

Editor's note: I have written this, not to just tell you about our trip, but, to show you that your travels and experiences could be shared in our Breeze. Looking forward to hearing about some of your adventures and passing them on to our readers.



## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES GO OUT TO:**

**John & Charlotte Lockett**

**November 14, 1959**

**58 years**

I was going to add a calendar for November but as there are not many entries I am just going to list them.

**Homeowners coffee hour**

**Saturday, November 4, 9am**

**Rec Hall**

**Rec Club coffee hour**

**Saturday, November 18, 9am**

**Rec Hall**

**Cloud Nine Salad Luncheon**

**Monday, November 13, 12pm**

**Rec Hall**

**Bingo**

**Monday & Friday 7pm**

**Rec Hall**

**Pinochle**

**Tuesday 7pm**

**Rec Hall**

**Euchre**

**Thursday 7pm**

**Rec Hall**

**Zumba**

**Monday 11am**

**Pool**

**Water Exercise**

**Tuesday & Thursday 11am**

**Pool**

Please check video Breeze for future activity times & places.

## **Sadly, the Agave are going to flower**



**Agave are monocarpic which means that once they flower, they die. All three agaves in front have spiked.**



First Meeting of the season from our Board of Directors,

October 31,2017

The meeting was brought to order by President, George Manton, who thanked the summer residents for all their efforts to protect our park from Hurricane Irma. Special thanks to Wendell Lawrence, Jerry Page, Dick Moshe, and Paul Rodriguez.

Minutes from May, 2017, were read and approved.

Maintenance Report: Woody Dail commented that there was 20% more rain this summer causing additional work for our maintenance crew. Follow that by the Hurricane preparation and clean up and pool renovation, great job overall.

Improvement Report: Six renovation projects approved, and approval given to the only unit in the park without a carport to add roof over existing cement pad, with restrictions on putting any lattice on the side.

Problem with new unit which did not follow plan as presented to the board taken under consideration by the board to rectify.

Committee Report: TV being upgraded soon

New Business:

- A. Five transfers of property approved
- B. Disaster Plan to be reviewed with Dick Mosher as chairman
- C. Rental Policy to be reviewed with Jim Crews as chairman
- D. Storage needs to be looked into by Woody Dail
- E. Changes to rules and regulations – skirting & mow edging rule to be rewritten and brought to next meeting for approval.
- F. Approved request for an 8 week extended stay for Jean Kyle’s sister, medical problem
- G. Ditch in park- Woody will try to rectify problems and keep ditch free flowing
- H. Phone books will be uploaded to website, can be downloaded, e-mail will be sent with easily printed instructions to email list 100 copies will be provided to those who need them at cost of \$2 each to be covered by our advertisers

Next meeting: November 14th



**Your green group will meet after the coffee hour on Saturday, November 4 to begin preparations for this year’s amazing Thanksgiving feast.**