



# THE BREEZE

March 2018

A review o Board Meeting, February 13, 2018

All nine bo 17 residents attended the meeting.

Jim Crews posted the January statements. He is reviewing the financial draft from Vernon & Vernon which will be discussed at the Annual Meeting. Damages associated with Hurricane Irma of \$3,400 were paid (minor damage at the Shuffle Courts and on Apartment #3). Bulk of the expense was work completed on rental unit#40.

Maintenance report: Ice machine to be repaired and replacement of the well pump which contributes to the heating of the pool. Annual clean-up of the picnic area will take place on March 5 at 9am-- volunteers needed. A golf area is being added to the sports complex by Jim Duffy & Bill Sylvester.

In 2012 a decision was made to bring the rental process back to the association and the committee has been asked to tighten the process and assure that liability amounts held by owners and the Association are sufficient.

Ballot counting committee was approved with Keith Damschroder as Chair

Crews reported that we are switching our credits card account from Bank of America to Regions. Four cards to be assigned with spending limits on each.

The final phase of our paving project will take place this year with the Advanced Asphalt contract \$31,512 approved

Next regular meeting will be March 6, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Rec Hall.

**ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS MEETING - SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD,**



**Annual Park Picnic, March 24, 2018**

**Free to all Residents**

**Guests \$8.00**

**Tickets can be picked up Saturday, March 3 (in the Annex)  
after the Annual Board Meeting**



## **HOBBY CLUB**

The Annual Hobby Club Luncheon will be held 11:30 am Wednesday, March 7 at the Sommers Dutch Family Restaurant at 4000 Cattlemen Road (across from Home Depot/Walmart). Everyone is welcome! If attending, please sign up no later than Monday, March 5 on the sign-up sheet posted in the Rec Hall. Meet at the annex by 11 am on Wednesday to car pool if you need a ride. Hope to see you there on the 7th.



## **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Thank you to the Rec Club Executive Board (at their February 17<sup>th</sup> coffee hour) for allowing Deputy Vince Riva (from the Sheriff's Department) to talk to the residents concerning the different scams that are now making the rounds, especially among the Senior communities. He claims that there are 4 definite schemes of which we should be aware: 1, door to door, 2, internet, 3, telephone, 4, credit cards.

Deputy Riva stressed that these scams have now moved into the threatening area. They can't do anything without knowing there is a problem. Any problem, call the Sheriff's office. Numbers for the emergency center (located at Bahia Vista where it ends at Cattlemen) is the familiar 911 and 316-1201.

As Deputy Riva says, ----Seniors think with their hearts----You can't change what the criminal is doing, you can change the awareness you have.

## **St. Patrick's Day Parade**



**SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018**  
**MEET AT THE REC. HALL AT 9:15 AM**  
**FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS AND AWARDS AT THE REC. HALL**

**PARADE ROUTE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD**  
**INFO: TERESA 941-926-5180**

**COME**, celebrate St. Paddy's Day with John "Lucky Lockett" and his leprechauns at 1:00 pm in the picnic area. Free hot dogs, kraut, beer and music!! Bring a chair and enjoy an afternoon with your Southwinds' family, compliments of John & Charlotte Lockett



Doubles Tournament  
Single Elimination  
March 2nd  
\$2.00 per person  
Signup sheet at Shuffle Court Bulletin Board



**ANNUAL**  
PICNIC AREA CLEANUP  
MONDAY , MARCH 5, 9-12AM  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



**GARAGE SALE**

**SOUTHWINDS THANK YOU**

You never fail to give it all you have. Everyone worked hard and cooperated again to make this garage sale successful.

Thank you, June May, for tackling a very big project for the Recreation Club and our biggest money maker. The Recreation Club really appreciated **everyone's willingness**, flexibility and dedication for helping out in this project.



## HOT TOPICS

Artificial intelligence, Bitcoin, Gene editing, the new income tax, Today's best investments, Gun control, Autonomous vehicles, WHAT BUGS OR WORRIES **YOU?**

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR PERCEPTIONS!

Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> join us in the Annex at 10:00am

Questions: Don Langlois



### THE "CAN YOU DIG IT" LANDSCAPING CLUB

What a turn- out! One hundred fifty-four meals were served. The Landscaping Crew would like to thank everyone for their support and encouragement.

Master Chef Dave and his kitchen team smiled as they served up plate after plate of food. Comments like – “What terrific meatballs” – could be heard through- out the Hall. Linda your salad was super!

Walt Smith your generosity is astounding! We took in \$187.00 on the Black Bear carving that you donated. Thank you, Walt. This Bear has proudly taken up residence with Jan and Jim Crews.

We, The Can You Dig It Landscapers, are fortunate to have such backing in our fundraising endeavors. Our Projects are made possible by the support and goodwill of every Southwinds' resident. We look forward to many more successful landscaping experiences.

A Great Big Thank You  
Your Landscaping Team



### ST. PATRICK'S DANCE

**Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30**

**MUSIC BY "SONNY AND SABLE"**

**\$8:00 at DOOR**

**(BYOB and SNACK FOR YOUR TABLE)**

**50/50 DRAW.**



### BYE BYE BIRDIE DANCE

**Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-11:00**

**MUSIC BY TAYLOR & TAYLOR**

**\$8.00 at DOOR**

**BYOB and APPETIZER FOR MAIN TABLE**

**50-50 DRAW**

# BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> – 9-11AM IN THE ANNEX



## HAPPY, HAPPY HOUR AT O'LEARY'S, APRIL 9 (3-6)

Come join us at O'Leary's (self-pay) for happy hour. Bring a lawn chair and stay to view the beautiful sunset over the bay from this lovely island park. Hosted by Johnna Dail.



## Cloud Nine PAINTING WITH A TWIST March 12, 2018, (2 -4)

Ladies, our March event, “**PAINTING WITH A TWIST**”, promises to make an artist out of all of us. An easy to follow painting class. All art supplies, equipment, and instructions are included. You will be pleasantly surprised and happy to show off your talent. Bring your beverage of choice. This will be a fun afternoon. Price is \$35.00, hosted by Celeste Mosher. Please let Celeste or Johnna Dail know if you will be coming. We need to know how many will be attending by March 2

## MEET AND EAT

### NORTHEAST LUNCHEON

Thursday, March 8, 2018, 11:30 AM  
Olive Garden, 4900 S. Tamiami Trail  
Everyone Welcome, SUS in Rec. Hall  
Info: Gerry Kochan 924-0892  
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### OHIO BREAKFAST

Wed. March 14, 11:30am  
Max's Table  
115 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey  
(This is one block north of the Osprey Walmart  
Info: Connie Jones #145 614-395-5312

### IL/IA/WI/MN LUNCHEON

Wed. March 14, 11:30am  
RED LOBSTER,  
6747 S. TAMIAMI TRAIL  
INFO: Karen Gyenge, Unit #107  
309-792-3420  
921-9277

### PA/WV/MD LUNCHEON

Wednesday March 6, 11:30am  
MARINA JACK'S  
INFO: Bill & Cookie Miller, #161



## The Art of Carving (with a chainsaw)

Submitted by John MacEachern

The earliest stories of chainsaw artists date back to the 1950s. Not until the 1980s did the art form really begin to grow.

Southwinds' own Walt Smith was there from these early days. In the late 1950's he had first experimented with wood carving and had created some small pieces. In the late 1970's while working on a larger piece, he decided to rough it out with his chainsaw. As he worked he became convinced he could do a complete carving this way. And so he carved his first bear. It took a while but he proved himself right. He had a talent for this kind of art.

The novelty became a passion and he became more confident and more accomplished with each piece he worked on. As he transformed the wood into figures, the work transformed him into an artist.

In 1991 this passion became his occupation. With the help of his wife Barbara (who does the painting) he made his living from the products of his carving. Coming from rural Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, there was no shortage of quality wood to feed his chainsaw.

Bears, eagles, tropical birds, human figures, dolphins, horses, dogs and tropical fish were some of the products of his imagination and artistic skill. And he creates miniatures as well; carousel horses in particular, that speak to his sense of detail. He carved a bouquet of roses for Barbara that would fool the most trained eye.

About 28 years ago, after raising their eight children, Walt and Barbara started wintering in Sarasota, first camping in Myakka Park and after four years settling at Southwinds. Walt found material for his art around Myakka and there he found a place to do his heavy carving. He built a workshop onto his home that allows him to do the finish work.

There are about 25 of his creations sprinkled about the park, so it is fair to say that Walt Smith has contributed to the flavor of Southwinds like no other. Each of the owners is proud to tell anyone who asks that Walt Smith is the artist.

Barbara served on the park board for 15 years. Walt has contributed to the park in other ways. He has donated many of his works to support fundraising efforts of the park. The eagle in front of our hall is just one example of his work and his generosity.





**JOHN KIDD WHO WILL BE 94 ON MARCH 4TH**

**MARCIA KARTMAN WHO WILL BE 91 ON MARCH 18TH**



**OUR CONGRATULATIONS & ANNIVERSARY WISHES GO OUT TO:**

**John & Mary Butler----63 years on March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Harold and Ann Davies-----71 years on March 14th**





**MARCH 2018**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	1 THURS	2 FRI	3 SAT
						<b>ANNUAL MEETING 9 AM</b>
4	5 PICNIC AREA CLEANUP 9-12AM	6 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC 9-11AM PA/MD/WV LNCHN 11:30AM	7 POT LUCK 5:30PM HOBBY CLUB LNCHN 11:30AM	8 NORTH EAST LNCHN 11:30AM	9	10 ST PATRICK'S DANCE 7:30-11PM
11	12 BOOK CLUB 1:30PM CLOUD NINE PAINTING WITH A TWIST 2-4 PM	13 SHUFFLE LEAGUE HOME 1PM	14 HOT TOPICS 10AM OHIO BRKFST 9AM IL/IA/MN/WI LNCHN 11:30 AM	15	16	17 ST. PAT'S PARADE 9:15AM LUCKY LOCKETT'S ST. PADDY CELEBRATION 1PM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 PARK PICNIC 12 NOON REC CLUB COFFEE HOUR
25	26	27	28 BYE BYE BIRDIE DANCE 7:30-11PM	29	30	31

HYMN SING 6:30PM  
 BINGO-MON & FRI-7PM  
 HORSESHOES-TUES-10:00AM  
 CARDS-TUES & THURS 7PM  
 BRIDGE-MON-7PM  
 BILLIARDS/POOL-MON-7PM  
 STRETCH CLASS -THURS- 9AM  
 PICKLE BALL -MON & THURS 10-12AM  
 BIBLE STUDY-FRIDAY-9:30AM  
 GAME NIGHT-THURS.6:30

POOL EXERCISE-TUES/THURS-11AM  
 ZUMBA  
 BOWLING-MONDAY-10AM  
 SHUFFLE-MON/SAT-1PM  
 LINE DANCING-WEDNESDAY-10AM  
 BRIDGE – 7PM  
 HOBBY CLUB-WEDNESDAY-1PM  
 CORN HOLE FRI.10AM  
 TUESDAY IN THE PARK 4-6PM