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We welcome submissions from our Meadows residents for publication in *The Meadoword*. Articles should be of general interest to the community. We copy edit all articles for accuracy, content, and length and will not publish articles that contain offensive material or inaccurate information. Articles must be received by the posted deadline for publication in the following month's edition.

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Safety Committee

U.S. Postal drop broken into—be cautious when mailing sensitive information

By Walter Huff—Safety Committee Chairman

The month of December was a busy month with 44 calls for service and five incident-free days. There were five thefts, three traffic accidents, two acts of vandalism, 16 pick-up truck violations, and 71 garage doors left open or unattended.

There were several acts of vandalism and theft during December. A resident reported that the outdoor display at the entrance to Pinebrook Hollow was knocked over and damaged. Nothing was reported missing. In a similar incident, items were stolen from the Surrey Lane entrance Christmas display.

In another incident, The Meadows Country Club reported that person(s) stole the flags from all front nine holes of the Highlands course. All the flags were stolen from the Groves course as well, including the practice putting green.

There was a theft or attempted theft of mail from the U.S. Postal Service mailbox on Long-meadow. Investigation revealed that person(s) unknown used a crowbar-type



implement to pry open the door. The opening was very small and a lot of mail was visible inside the box. It is not known if any mail was taken. The United States Postal Service was contacted, and they took control of the mail and the box.

An accident involving two vehicles occurred on Highlands Bridge Road a few feet from Longmeadow. There were no injuries and only minor damage to the vehicles. In another incident, a vehicle crashed into a tree on the west side of Honore near the entrance to Huntingwood Court. The driver, a young female (non-Meadows resident) sustained injuries and was transported to the hospital. The vehicle was badly damaged and towed from the scene. This case is under investigation by the Florida

Highway Patrol.

Highway Patrol.

In a different incident occurring at 3:15 am, the MCA Safety Officer observed a vehicle approaching the intersection of Highlands Bridge Road and Longmeadow. When he reached the intersection, the driver made a quick turn onto Highlands Bridge Road and pulled away at a high rate of speed. The Safety Officer followed the vehicle and discovered it had crashed head-on into a large tree near the East entrance to Penhurst Park. The officer called 911 and proceeded to investigate the crash. There was considerable damage to the vehicle; however, the driver was no longer in the car. A nearby resident said he saw the driver walk away into the darkness. A Sarasota County sheriff's deputy and ambulance team arrived on the scene and searched, but the driver was not found. The vehicle's registration address was not located in The Meadows. This case is under investigation by the Sarasota Sheriff's Department.

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Assembly Committee

February 18 meeting features representative from WEDU

By Dr. Bill Grubb—Chairman

The Holiday season has passed, and we now face the challenges of the New Year. With the changes in government administrations, we are hopeful that beneficial changes will occur locally, nationally, and internationally in many areas—including our own financial issues. Meadows Community Association Manager **Len Smally** and the MCA Budget and Finance Committee are to be commended for a three percent decrease in the MCA budget for the new fiscal year compared to a four percent increase last year.

We hope that all of you were able to attend the Assembly of

Property Owners meeting on January 21 to meet MCA Board candidates **Bill Grubb**, **Jerry Hilmes**, and **Anthony Sawyer**.

At each Assembly meeting, MCA President **Anthony Sawyer** and Manager **Len Smally** summarize the current activities of the Board of Directors and answer questions from the delegates. Awards for the Best Kept properties are announced and presented by **Geneva Courtwright**, Chairwoman of the Best Kept Committee.

At the next Assembly meeting on February 18 at 7:00 pm, we will hear from a representative

of WEDU, who will tell us about the status of Public Television in today's world.

We hope to continue to increase this year's attendance at the Assembly meetings. We will try to provide interesting programs and informative community forums. Attending the meetings is a great way to stay informed about happenings in The Meadows. It is important for delegates to represent their associations and take pertinent and timely information back to their associations.

We hope to see all the delegates at the February 18 meeting and encourage interested Meadows residents to attend as well.

Delegates should sign in and wear their name tags to be identified and have their attendance recorded.

We also encourage everyone present to stay for refreshments and conversation after the meeting.

Be sure to mark your calendar for February 18.



Deadlines for submissions to the MARCH issue

(Because February is a short month, deadlines have been moved up to allow adequate time for production, printing, and distribution)

Display Advertising

- Camera-ready display ads are due on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9
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- Classified ads are due on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12
- Rates are \$4.00 for the first 10 words and 10 cents per additional word

Editorial Content

- Articles and columns are due on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9
- Letters to the Editor are due on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9



Notes From the President's Desk

By Anthony Sawyer

It hardly seems possible, but another year has passed us by. Again, our luck held out once more and no hurricanes decided to pay us a visit—"knock on wood," as they say. The Meadows Community Association's Emergency Preparedness Committee—a team of very dedicated volunteers ably led by **Dr. Harry Shannon**—was ready to jump into action and take care of business, but nothing happened (the number of committee members are far too many to list each name). Good for us. Is it possible that hurricanes did not wish to face "Harry's Raiders"?

The new striping on Longmeadow is a fresh new look, and that upkeep has been well-received by many of our residents.

The new right turn with stop sign, also has been completed at Longmeadow and Marshfield Road North. The previous deceleration lane could not be retained because of the required distances between

signs and the travel lanes and has been replaced with a grass cover. All traffic proceeding north on Longmeadow must now come to a stop before traveling straight ahead on Longmeadow or making a right turn onto Marshfield North. We think that will work.

We should give thanks to Treasurer **Larry Nichols**, Budget and Finance Chairman **Jerry Schwarzkopf**, and MCA Manager **Len Smally** for preparing a budget approximately three percent less than last year's at a time when everything seems to cost more! Not bad, not bad at all. Thank you, gentlemen, on behalf of all of us in The Meadows. The Budget and Finance Committee members include—in addition to Chairman Schwarzkopf—MCA Board Liaison **Larry Nichols**, **Jerry Hilmes**, **Bill Knauss**, **Herb Lenk**, and **Andy Moran**.

Despite the normal, and to be expected graceful aging, our

main fountains at both entrances to Longmeadow appear to be working properly. Both fountains especially at night with their lighted water streams, are really beautiful.

As you may recall, TruScapes takes care of the master common area maintenance in The Meadows—now beginning their third year with us. All appear to agree, and I concur, that TruScapes is doing a wonderful job caring of our grounds.

I seem to recollect, in the first article that I wrote for *The Meadoword* as President of our association sometime in March of 2008, that I would do my very best to ensure good relations with The Meadows Country Club. I am really happy to say that all major issues have been resolved between the Club and The Meadows Community Association. A lot of people deserve the credit for helping make this happen. To them, I say "thank you."

Meadows Community Association Annual Meeting
Monday, March 2,
7:00 pm
at the Meadows Community Association Lakeside Room
Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

MCA Annual Assessments
Are due by Sunday, March 1
If you did not receive your assessment and ballot, please contact the MCA at 377-2300

Mailbox at the Map Island Has Been Replaced

Good News! The new mailbox near the 17th Street entrance by the Map Island was replaced January 20. During this last year, as many of you know, it was necessary to get out of your car to put mail in the dropbox.

We wrote the U.S. Postal Service about the many complaints we received and got no response. But, thanks to one of your neighbors—**Anthony Iannacone**, who obviously

has some clout with the U.S. Postal Service—a new mailbox was installed. Anthony wrote and received a response saying that the new box was being painted and would be installed soon. Congratulations, Mr. Iannacone, and thanks!

The replacement mailbox is like the one we had for several years—it's called a "snorkel-style collection box." You should be able to put the mail into the box from your car seat.

In Memoriam Death of a Hero

Meadows resident Ralph Johnson passes
By Anthony Sawyer

Great American hero and Meadows resident Ralph Johnson passed away on January 10, 2009, in Sarasota. He was 88 years of age.

Ralph is survived by his wife Jeanne and, sons Duane and David, and stepdaughter Gail Tracy.

A quiet, self-effacing gentleman, Ralph was not one to talk about his amazing war record, which appears to be a trait of true American heroes, and Ralph was certainly one of them. I was first introduced to Ralph at a neighborhood party without knowing what Ralph had endured during the war in the Pacific and how well he had served his country. I found out what Ralph went through only sometime later when I read a newspaper article about him. That article makes one appreciate what a lot of our veterans did for their country.

Quoting from that newspaper article—*Ralph was a survivor of the infamous Bataan Death March. After three years in prison camp, Ralph and another 750 fellow prisoners were transported to Japan to serve as slave labor. An American submarine, not knowing that the Japanese ship was being used to transport prisoners,*



torpedoed and sunk the ship. As the ship was sinking, some of the Japanese guards were shooting at Ralph and the other prisoners. Having survived the sinking and the shooting, Ralph spent several hours in the water, eventually waded ashore on the island of Mindanao. There, from another Japanese ship that ran aground, Ralph was again shot at by the crew, suffering several leg wounds. Somehow, Ralph again survived. The Lord must have been with him.

Ralph left service for his country in 1950 having attained the rank of Air Force Major.

For his amazing exploits, Ralph was awarded a *Bronze Star*, a *Purple Heart*, a *Service Medal* from the Philippine government, a *Prisoner of War Medal*, and four *Service Ribbons*.

Truly, truly, old airmen never die; they live in our thankful hearts for eternity.

May the Lord keep you and reward you for what you endured in the service of our country. A tear is shed in your memory.



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Sarasota County Accepting 2009-2010 School Choice Applications

Parents can submit applications from February 2 to February 20

The School Board of Sarasota County announced the deadline for filing 2009-2010 School Choice applications. Students who do not submit School Choice applications are automatically assigned to their districted schools (based on the location of their residences) or to the schools they currently attend.

Applications for students to attend Sarasota County public schools outside their districted schools, may be submitted beginning Monday, February 2 through Friday, February 20. To get an application, call 927-9000, extension 32258.

Application forms will also be available beginning Monday, February 2 at all public schools.

School Choice approvals are determined by a random lottery process rather than on a first-come, first-served basis. Parents will be notified of school assignments in early April.

Because space is limited and demand may be high at some schools, it may not be possible to accommodate all School Choice requests. Schools that are close to enrollment capacity for the 2009-2010 year will have limited options open to the School Choice program.

The complete list of schools open to choice is available on the district Website, www.SarasotaCountySchools.net/departments/schoolchoice.

Other District options

Other district options such as charter schools, magnet schools, or magnet programs (including Bay Haven School of Basics Plus, Suncoast Polytechnical High School, the International Baccalaureate (IB) program at Riverview High School, and the Visual & Performing Arts (VPA) programs at Booker High School and Booker Middle School), do not require a School Choice application. To attend these schools or programs, contact the schools directly.

Transportation to and from school for School Choice students

Bus transportation for regular School Choice students will not be available this year.

Transportation is available through *Early Notification for School Choice with Transportation (AYP Choice)*, however, for several Title 1 schools (schools that receive special funding through the U.S. Department of Education *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)* to assist students in improving their academic performance). A letter and a special Choice with Transportation application will be mailed to parents of children attending those schools. For information, go to www.SarasotaCountySchools.net or call the School Choice Office at 927-9000, extension 32258.

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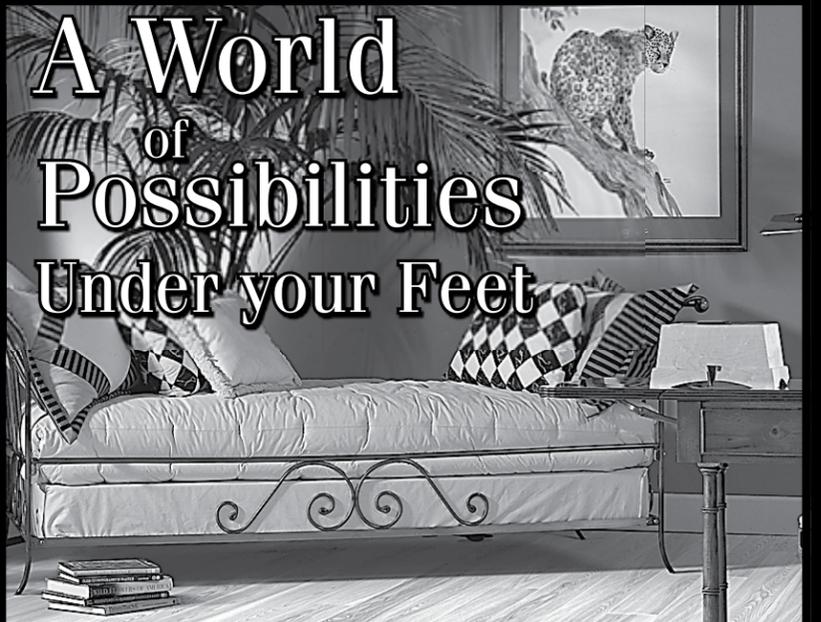


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What's Happening?

Annual survey to determine cut-through traffic begins in February

By Len Smally—MCA Manager

Longmeadow traffic

This month, we will conduct our eighth annual traffic survey on Longmeadow, as we did two years ago, using two video cameras. One will be placed at each end of Longmeadow to document the make, model, and color of all vehicles entering Longmeadow from both directions. The record will hold information on “cut-through” vehicles vs the total number of vehicles that enter Longmeadow. With our new traffic calming features in place, we hope to see a reduction in cut-through traffic.

When we started doing the Longmeadow traffic surveys, in 1999, cut-throughs accounted for about five percent of the traffic.

The last two surveys taken during the morning rush hour of southbound traffic showed about 60 percent of the vehicles entering Longmeadow from Honore were cut-throughs—compared to five percent cut-through traffic recorded in 1999 when we first started taking the surveys. By taking the survey during the busy season at rush hour, we know that we are looking at the worst-case scenario. This year’s study will be published in the March or April issue of *The Meadoword*.

Over the past ten years since the construction of Honore through to University Parkway and the incredible development in the University Park and Lakewood Ranch areas, the MCA

has received many complaints regarding traffic cutting through, speeding, and running stop signs on Longmeadow. The Board of Directors acted within the realm of responsibility by installing the traffic calming devices to stop non-residents from using the MCA-owned road.

New entrance signs

By now, the two new entrance signs have been installed at each end of Honore as you enter The Meadows. (Earlier, we reported on the new sign at Taywood Meadow and at the main entrance on 17th



Photo by Mark Schaefer

Street.) Each sign replacement required electrical work, irrigation changes, and movement of earth, as well as some surveying for property lines. As usual, our capable staff of **David Gindlesberger, Randy Lohr, and Kirby Rolfe** did all that work in a timely and professional manner so that our sign contractors were able to complete their work on schedule and for minimal costs.

Watering of field on 17th Street

Whenever it rains, we receive calls and questions about watering the field between Longmeadow and Hammock Place on the north side of 17th Street—“when it rains, why is it watered?” Though the field is on MCA property, the water you see is the Sarasota County Utility Department’s effluent disposal—which is necessary to prevent the pond on Longmeadow from overflowing. (This product is also used on our golf courses and other MCA land.) For this reason, the County sprays this area and other fields, even after it rains.

County Services

Sarasota County offers blood pressure checks as one of the many services they provide. To have your blood pressure checked, go to any of the fire stations where, according to the Fire Marshall, the paramedics will take your blood pressure and give you a written report. This service is especially helpful to people who need regular checks for certain

medical conditions. Call 861-5000 before you go to be sure someone is available to help you.

Road hazards

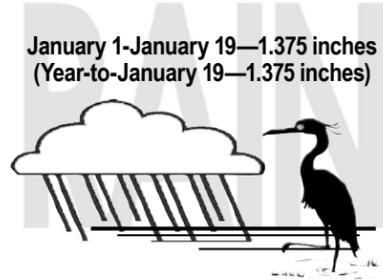
There are yard crews, garbage trucks, delivery trucks, walkers, bikers, joggers, roller bladers, and people who park on our roads during the day, and at times you may have to weave your way down the streets of The Meadows.

The MCA requires yard crews to place orange cones at the rear of their trucks, and most do—it’s unreasonable to expect them to park in driveways of single-family homes. Please ask your yard crew or other contractors such as roofers, pool services, and so forth to comply with these rules.

Walkers, roller bladers, and joggers should use the sidewalks. Most do, but I have been surprised many times by people who walk or jog in the road. Other people have said the same. Please use the sidewalk whenever you can.

Bikers are allowed to use the street, but are encouraged to use the pathways as often as they can. Bikers who ride in the street must obey traffic laws. If you ride your bike on the walkways, please use your required bell to warn pedestrians and golf carts, who are required to yield to bikes but often don’t. Be prepared—don’t rely on walkers and carts to yield to you.

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Restrictions

Individual neighborhoods may have outdated covenants and restrictions that must be considered in fair treatment of applications

Bill Hoegel—Chairman

The Meadows Community Association and the Restrictions Committee received and processed 368 applications for architectural review in 2008. We thank all the homeowners who took the time and responsibility to submit their applications.

These applications vary in complexity, and, therefore, take various times to process. In addition, the covenants and restrictions that are applicable to each neighborhood in The Meadows were written some 30 years ago, making outdated portions in compliance to current building standards. Issues such as this are taken into consideration with the ultimate goal of treating each application in a fair and equitable manner.

As chairman of the Restrictions Committee, I am very grateful for the time and effort the members of this committee give each month to ensure that each homeowner is treated fairly. The committee consists



of **Bill Bankauf, Anne Dahl, Jo Evans, Jane Glusman, Warren Jaeger, Ken Klemmer, Harold Kornman, Anne Schwarzkopf, Fred Raymes, Ed Thiessen,** and liason **Jerry Hilmes.**

In addition, a very special thank you goes to MCA Manager **Len Smally**, Operation Services Supervisor **Mark Schaefer**, Administrative Assistant **Liz Johnson**, and Receptionist **Mary Kay Perez** on our MCA staff, who give their time and expertise to help process new applications.

Concert in the Park

with Betty Comora
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Architectural Review

Approved Applications

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5361 Everwood Run	Short Term Storage PODS
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4836 Waterbridge Down	Lanai & Pool Cage
Meadowlake Condo Assoc.	Exterior Maintenance
5026 Vivienda Way	Exterior Maintenance
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- Chartwell Green Condo - 2BR/2B upstairs w/ fantastic lake view! **1 mo. FREE rent!** \$995/mo.
- Heronmere Condo - 2BR/2B light & bright downstairs end unit w/ carport. \$995/mo.
- Sheffield Green Condo - 2BR/2B upstairs w/ 1 car garage. \$1,000/mo.
- Villas of Pappillon - 2BR/2B villa w/ garage & glass enclosed lanai. \$1,300/mo.
- Villas of Pappillon - 3BR/2B furnished villa w/ garage \$1,300/mo.

Outside of The Meadows:

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By Art Trachsel



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We had pretty good and consistent turnouts last year and hope to top it this year.

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Hi From Hampstead Heath

Memories of the Holidays with family and friends still linger...

By Ethel Schueckler

To all those who picked up a bug when they went north, you have our deepest sympathy.

Jerry and Carol Cain flew to Wisconsin to be with their family, and luckily, they did not contract any illness. They enjoyed the Holidays with 17 family members, including first granddaughter **Mai Lily** and life long friends.

Jim and Betty Johnson took a short ride to Clearwater to spend the Holiday with their daughter **Susanne** and son **David** at **Cynthia and Richard Pennant's** lovely new home. Afterwards, they all came over to Hampstead Heath (excluding Susanne) to enjoy our pool. Betty was happy that her son stayed another month.

Laura Pasquarelli enjoyed having her sister from Weston, Florida, before Christmas and one of her nephews along with his wife and five-year-old son on New Year's Day. They had a wonderful time on a *LeBarge* sightseeing cruise of Sarasota Bay along the coastline.

Jill and Arnie Factor stayed south, but partied a lot.

Marne and Don Sillers welcomed younger daughter **Ally**, who drove from New Brunswick, Canada, for Christmas. They look forward to a visit from her sister **Jean** and husband **Dr.**

Possell the end of this month.

June and Don Junker entertained her sister and husband and her two brothers. They spent Christmas at their son's home with 17 family members.

Marie and Bill Simpson appreciated the visit from their daughter from Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Pat and John Torres worried about children **Christopher** and **Veronica**, the newlyweds, who drove to and from Chicago, between snow storms. There's nothing we love more than being with our children!

Ethel Schueckler spent a happy two weeks on Marathon Key in the Florida Keys with four of her five children, eight of her 14 grandchildren, and six of her 13 great grandchildren. Including spouses, 27 family members celebrated her birthday, which isn't till March. They came from Seattle, Wisconsin, Boston, and New York. How lucky can you get? Much luckier because her daughter **Lynn** stayed long enough to cook and freeze 75 meals for her. If you're hungry, you know where to go.

Helen Campbell and sister **Dorothy** went to Savannah to stay at the Ritz Carlton. They ate a lot—including at Paula Dean's restaurant—and saw the sights. Now they're planing a trip to Hard Rock Casino in

Tampa to win hundreds of dollars.

Carol and Merrill Olchick (who will host our first "Nothing Party" of 2009) welcomed Merrill's sister from Jupiter, Florida, for a short visit.

I am constantly amazed at our neighbors who are more than obliging; I called several to ask them to save an article from the newspaper about a friend whose husband is an acrobat from Bulgaria. I promised to pick them up, but, they all hand-delivered the article to my condo. I think that is very gracious. See why I like living here?

And, lastly, the "lunch-bunch" is looking forward to eating at an interesting restaurant called **Bob's Train**—housed in an actual Circus car at 2211 Fruitville Road in Sarasota.

Daughters of the British Empire

To hold fashion show at The Meadows Country Club

The Golden Hind Chapter of Daughters of the British Empire will again hold a fashion show and luncheon at The Meadows Country Club. The event, held February 27 at Noon, will benefit the Southern District Home for the Aged, Mountbatten House, and other local charities. Tickets are \$30.00 a person.

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The Scene From Chatsworth Greene

Get ready for fun on the golf course

As seen by Ginny Cardozo and Jane Jassin

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And in other news... the **Youngs** cruised the Caribbean with friends recently, and the **Morris**es led a VIP Travel group aboard the *Emerald Princess*.

The **Horns** were off for a family vacation in Aruba. In the first week, their son and his family (which included grandchildren, of course) came to visit. **Boots'** sister and brother-in-law arrived the second week, so the good times rolled on.

Closer to home, the **Greenbergs** had a chance to play grandma and grandpa—first with their son's family and then with their daughter and her family. Of course, everyone had a wonderful time!

Sam Jassin celebrated his birthday with his two sons, who

came with their families from Chicago and Austin, Texas. According to **Jane**, the three men have a great golf competition going, and it's always a good time for all!

Now, here's a poem from Jane...

*February is the shortest
month with days numbering
only twenty-eight,
But it continues to have
occasions that are first-rate.
On February 2, we can't wait to
see what the Groundhog saw.
Will the weather be sunny
or will it be raw?
Next, we have February 14 for
lovers young and old,
Or a new romance that
does unfold.
A time for flowers, jewelry or
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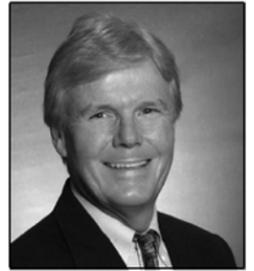
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Scarborough Scribbles

By Susan Francisco

The friendly Scarborough residents were most happy to welcome new neighbors **Jane and David Karklin**. They happily retired here from "cow country" in upstate New York and will be year-round residents. They also previously lived in Massachusetts, Georgia, Florida (Seminole), and New Jersey. For the past 16 years, David directed the Quality Assurance function for Amphenol (an international aerospace company) and was previously employed by GE and Raytheon. Jane studied theater in New York City at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and was an actress for a short time. She and David raised a blended family of three sons and now have two grandsons, who were both born last year.

The Karklins are cheerfully fitting right in to our busy Scarborough social calendar.

The holiday party at **Penny and Gary Pinter's** home was a great success with most neighbors in attendance. **Bill Hollis** always remembers to wear his Santa hat to the party, and it suits him perfectly.

Jeanne Johnson planned the January luncheon, and **Susan Francisco** organized the February luncheon at Big Sugar.

Many of our neighbors are involved in very worthwhile volunteer activities.

Jeanne and Bob Johnson collected care packages from the neighbors as well as many others—then them mailed to our troops overseas. The Johnsons collected 178 boxes—more than 1000 boxes were collected in the Sarasota area.

Mary Garvey belongs to a group that meets weekly to make heart pillows for heart patients at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

Joann Evans is extremely enthusiastic about and very involved in a relatively new group called Joining Our Youth Inc., (JOY). JOY was developed to assist children who are by law "aged-out" of the foster care system when they become 18. In Sarasota, this amounts to about six kids every month—nationally, there are 30,000 monthly. These young people are suddenly on their own to find housing, jobs, and the skills they need for a successful future. Most of them had been put into foster care because they were abused, abandoned, and neglected by their families. They are rarely well-equipped to make it on their own at age 18. Even children who are raised in loving families most likely are not ready for total independence by age 18, and these foster kids don't have a choice. Nationally, 25 percent become homeless, and 56 percent are unemployed. Worse yet, 27 percent of the males end up in jail.

JOY trains volunteer mentors. It's a 12-hour course and a long-term commitment to spend time each week with the young person. JOY also provides starter kits for the kids with things they need (purchased new) for basic housekeeping. JOY also helps kids who are still in foster care. Joann is a mentor and is the Second Vice-President of JOY and its coordinator of mentors and volunteers. JOY would love to have more volunteers and is also happy for financial help. If you are interested, call Joann Evans at 377-6833. Way to go, Joann!

I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody. —Lily Tomlin.



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It will be an exciting game and a fun time. Maybe some of us are brave enough to enjoy the experience in Tampa instead of perching in front of the TV!

Top credits go to the Chandlers Forde Board of Directors for their excellent work—President: **Jacques Linder**, Vice President: **Larry Kelly**, Secretary **Phyllis Stephenson**, Treasurer **Tom Dean**, and Member at Large **Patty Bruner**.

Back in Sarasota and already golfing 18 holes a day following surgery last month, **Bob Galpin** is happy to be here again. **Faye** mentioned some of the severe weather in Toronto—icy cold, snow, downed trees, power outages, and later—flooded basements. Guess all of us feel pretty blessed to be here.

According **Betty May**, it seems the **Mays** are still sorting through Christmas mail at this writing. The mail has been forwarded and re-forwarded, and it's a bit like having an extra-long Christmas season.

Geet Jacobson is busy honing in on a day this month to have an outing for our Chandlers Forde

“Lunch Bunch.” Hurry, we're hungry!

In keeping with the month of February and St. Valentine's Day...

It is such good news to hear that **Dr. Phyllis Stephenson** is engaged to **Alan Blackburn** of Farmington Hills, Michigan. The wedding will take place in the fall. Our best wishes and congratulations go out to both of them. (At the present time, Phyllis's son and daughter-in-law are visiting from Portland, Oregon.)

And, lastly—whilst we are talking about valentines and love—we would like to dedicate some special thoughts to our grandchildren, who make us smile when we think of them, who draw the best pictures ever and write us “glitter” messages of love (in English and Spanish), and who know computers surely as well as Bill Gates! They can upload, download, and create a Website in minutes—and yet, they are smitten with an old portable Smith-Corona typewriter that “dings” when you reach the end of the line and needs strong fingers to push down the keys. Happy Valentines Day, **Samantha** and **Thomas**.

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Hanukkah Party a Huge Success

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The Hanukkah Committee gratefully acknowledges the help of the MCA personnel in setting up the Menorah and the Party Room for this year's Hanukkah celebration.

Thanks also goes to committee members **Stuart Krupkin, Mel Printz, Jerry Beck, Rae Weinberg, Jane and David Rosenberg, Jane and Sam Jassin, Barbara Schur, Sylvia Firschein,** and the spouses who

helped set up. Their participation made the Menorah Lighting Ceremony and Hanukkah Party a great success.

The entertainment by the *Stan Katz Klezmer Band* and the delicious foods served by *Maggie's Catering Service* added to the festivities.

We are very pleased with the participation of those in the community who attended—without you, there would be no celebration.

CELEBRATE
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FEBRUARY 16



Up Waterbridge Down

Cocktail parties, visits with family, and home improvements—lots going on at Waterbridge Down

By Carol Bogdasarian

The Holiday season is over—we are now in the winter “snowbird” season and enjoy seeing new and old friends who return from the northern U.S., England, and Canada.

There were several parties on our street during the Holidays—including two dinner parties held at the lower-numbered end of the street, one of them on New Year's day, and the other, closer to Christmas. (No guest lists were available from either party.)

Mort and Pauline Shea gave a cocktail party at the upper end of the street in late December to celebrate “Good Neighbors.” At the Sheas, **Harold and Ruth Kornman, Jerry Dunnigan,** his daughter and granddaughter (who were visiting from Toronto), **Carol Bogdasarian, Ernie and Marion Allard, Jack and Kathy Stone,** and some friends from Longwater Chase attended. It was a wonderful friendly and relaxing evening.

Marty and Duch Adams had gone to the Boston area by that time to spend Christmas with their daughter and other family members. They had a most enjoyable visit. They had to postpone a cocktail party planned for some of their neighbors because of illness, but they assured us we can still look forward to it in the near future.

Mort and Pauline Shea spent Christmas day in Naples with their daughter **Pam** and her husband **Paul** and returned here on December 26 to greet their daughter **Beth** and her husband **Colin Braithwaite** and granddaughters, **Shannon, Kelsey,** and **Meredith** for a delightful and busy five-day visit.

Elizabeth and Jimmy Inglis were featured in the *Herald-Tribune* at the ceremony to open the parking lot at the end of the bike trail from Sarasota to Venice. Riding bikes must be how they keep so slender and fit.

There are many improvements going on at the lower end of the street. **Karen Hartman** is repainting and relandscaping. The **Milazzos** installed an attractive new paver driveway and new roof and are painting as I write this column. It looks great whenever I pass by.

I am sure we all look forward to a new and better year ahead with great hopes for a correction to some of the war, governmental, and economic problems.

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Happy Valentine's Day

Photo Show This Month

Sunday, February 15, features "Concert in the Park"

This month, the MCA will host the 27th Annual Photographic Competition at the MCA Community Center. The event runs Friday, February 13 through Sunday, February 15, and showcases the work of amateur photographers from Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

On Sunday, February 15, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, the MCA is proud once again to present Betty Comora and her six-piece "Good



Times Dixieland Band," featuring the upbeat jazz that New Orleans is so famous for. Betty always puts on a great show and is sure to have your feet tapping and your heart humming! It's a performance you will not want to miss!

This will be the band's sixth appearance at the annual photo competition.

Both the photo show and "Concert in the Park" are free.

The MCA 27th Annual Photographic Competition

Friday, February 13 through Sunday, February 15
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Selby Gardens

"Exotic Adventures—Myth and More" exhibit at Selby Gardens

An exotic botanical journey through the art of two Selby botanists and artists—**Stig Dalström** and **Karen J. Schunk**—will be on exhibit in the Museum of Botany at Marie Selby Gardens through February 24 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Stig Dalström, curator of the Orchid Identification Center (OIC) at Selby Gardens, holds degrees in civil engineering and horticulture and is a self-taught watercolor artist and botanical illustrator as well as an experienced orchid taxonomist. He has published 47 new species of orchids for science and has had 23 plant species named in his honor. Dalström assists in identifying orchid specimens, provides popular and scientific articles and lectures, conducts fieldwork to inventory and classify orchids, and helps to continue building the world-class resources of the OIC.

Karen J. Schunk is a botanist and artist who creates bold and expressive botanical paintings reflecting her intense interest in both science and art. She holds a degree in Botany from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and has attended classes at the Art Academy of Cincinnati in Ohio. Under an NSF grant, Schunk served as the Assistant Curator of the Selby Herbarium in 2006 and 2007 and has now returned as a volunteer at the herbarium—a perfect location for her pursuit of botany and art.

This exhibit will address the interconnectedness between plants and civilizations.

The Gardens, located at 900 South Palm Avenue in Sarasota, are open to the public daily from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. For more information, go www.selby.org or call 941-366-5731.

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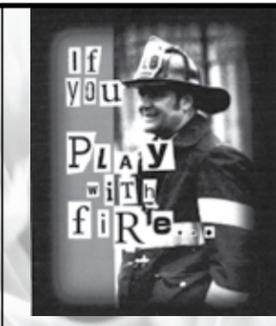
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A new club in town—could it be for You?

By Ida Cuthbertson

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For more information, call Meadows resident **Ida Cuthbertson** at 378-2332.

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Celebrating Authors and Illustrators in Our Community

Luncheon will benefit the Literacy Council of Sarasota

Sarasota historian and author **Jeff LaHurd** will speak on "Sarasota Roaring through the 20s" at the **Celebrating Authors and Illustrators in Our Community!** luncheon on February 26 at Michael's on East.

Eight published authors and illustrators who live and write in Sarasota will be available for informal discussion and book signing at 11:00 am. One author or illustrator will be seated at each table for conversation during the luncheon, which begins at Noon. The luncheon costs \$35.00.

The program also features two other authors who will discuss their craft and why they chose Sarasota as their creative home. Speakers are children's author **Gaile Harpan** and self-help and business author **Bob Baily**.

The luncheon invitation artwork

was designed by **David White**, who is one of the illustrators available before the luncheon.

The event is cosponsored by *The Pepper Tree Magazine* and The Peppertree Press, founded by Sarasota resident **Julie Ann Howell**.

Dr. Kay E. Glasser, founder and chair of the Board for the Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center of Sarasota, is the honorary chair of the luncheon.

All proceeds benefit the Literacy Council of Sarasota's free and confidential adult literacy programs, delivered by trained volunteers. The Literacy Council, a non-profit, community-based organization, has been providing one-on-one literacy tutoring to adults for over 30 years.

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When **Liz and Bob Barnett** went to the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, they lived in Huntington, West Virginia—and, the local NBC Affiliate asked them to write a daily blog.

Bob, who is a sport historian, has written extensively about the 1904 Olympics. He also was the biographer for the 1936 Gold Medalist in the backstroke. He seemed a natural for the assignment, but Liz, a former management professor, actually wrote the blog because “Bob was too busy watching the games to write,” she says, but adds that she included “his observations.” Here is a sampling of their Olympic experience.

The **Barnetts** have been seasonal residents at *Lyndhurst Court in The Meadows* since January 2008.

August 13—Beijing at last!

Our plane clears four rows of fences topped with barbed wire and what looks like guard towers at the corners as we come into Terminal Three, which the Chinese built just for the Olympics. The Terminal is big; in one of the few English articles in its in-flight magazine, Air China says it’s the biggest in the world. Inside it’s great—light, airy, and spotlessly clean; efficiently designed with plenty of moving sidewalks and signs in English to get you where you need to go.

Except for the fences, Beijing seems no more communistic than Columbus, Ohio.

Our luggage makes it to baggage claim before we do, and we’re pretty happy as we go to the main departure area. It’s huge and it needs to be. It is jammed with Olympic spectators. The Olympic corporate sponsors all have people holding up nicely printed signs with their company names and logos, and their guests are promptly led away.

There is a long line of exhausted-looking, white-haired people and mothers with young children at the Exit for Olympic Families. Cartan, the company that did our Olympic package, has nicely printed signs, so we quickly disengage ourselves from the mass of dazed and bewildered people who aren’t being met.

Cartan has buses to take us to the hotel—we’re with Americans for the first time in weeks. They’re jet-lagged, but unbelievably excited. They have their cell phones and Blackberries out, which they have programmed to send alerts whenever the U.S. is competing or Michael Phelps wins another Gold Medal. Bob and I feel technologically naked.

Our hotel, Leisure City International, is a Chinese hotel. The staff seems to assume that since we all look alike and have arrived together, we are



Beijing at last!

Memories from the 2008 Summer Olympics

By Liz Barnett

one big family. It takes a long time for the party of two families ahead of us to explain that they need three beds in the room of one family and that they can’t just send someone over to sleep in the suite of the other family where the extra bed has been set up. Bob and I go to the two women at the desk who are unoccupied, only to be told

Macau. Unfortunately, the instructions in the room, the remote control buttons and the computer screen are all in Chinese. The only English is the “tap water is undrinkable” sign.

August 14—Go Boonjumnong!

Even though we are in Beijing, getting to the events is not entirely

however, the [subway] Line (which was finished just before the Games) has a subway map in Chinese and English with little color-coded lights that blink to show you where you are. We feel pretty confident that we are on the right track. We feel a little less confident when we transfer to Line 1, where all the English signs vanish, and we are the only Westerners in sight. We count the stops and manage to exit at the right place and find the Co-Sports office. We get our tickets and are interviewed by KLS-TV, the NBC affiliate in Salt Lake City, on our way out.

We have tickets today for boxing (welterweight and light heavy weight) and for the finals of men’s and women’s judo. Neither event will be held on the main Olympic Green. There are about 15 other sites in the city for various events. Boxing is being held at the Beijing Worker’s Gymnasium, which seems to be in east-central Beijing.

We arrive early—in time to see the Fuwas prance around and sequined cheerleaders dance to a Little Richard song. The stadium, which was built in 1961, is well-designed for boxing and, although our seats are high, we have a great view of the action.

The first match couldn’t be better—Abdin Hossan of Egypt against Non Boonjumnong of Thailand, (the brother of Manus Boonjumnong, our favorite boxer at Athens in 2004). With 27 seconds to go, the score is 11-10. Then with a wild roundhouse, Non knocks Hossan’s headgear off. It looked like a solid hit on the replay, but the judges don’t award any points and the match ends 11-10 Egypt.

There are no Americans in the boxing and only one judge is from the U.S. It hardly mattered to us; where else can you see the Bahamas compete against the Ukraine?

Of course, when the Chinese welterweight and light heavyweight won, there is plenty of excitement. The chants of CHINA, CHINA are deafening; we can barely see through the waving flags; spotlights, music, and electronic Fuwas erupt when the winner is announced.

Ten thousand raincoats can’t be wrong

We have been tempted to be a little critical of the Olympic operations. The venues consistently run out of food early in the day, especially anything that you would want to eat, like a hot dog or pizza. They lock the restrooms on upper floors before the end of events. The stands selling souvenirs in the venues close before matches



ABOVE: “Huanhuan”—the Olympic Flame—one of the five official Olympic mascots (RIGHT), called Fuwa. Inspired by the Five Olympic Rings, they represent friendship, peace, and good wishes from China to children around the world. In addition to the Olympic Flame, they embody the natural characteristics of four popular animals in China—dish, panda, Tibetan antelope, and swallow.

that they are departure specialists and do not check people in. (We will soon learn this is the way things are done here—in the bar, one person takes your order, another carries your drink, and a third takes it off the tray and places it on your table; it takes four to get the bill paid.)

The bellhops pile all our luggage onto two luggage carts—there is no attempt to associate luggage with the people it belongs to. Fortunately, the group ahead gets the bed situation resolved, but are so frustrated, they snatch their bags off the carts. Bob tips the bellman in advance to get our bags on the same cart, so all is well.

The hotel is new, and our room even has a computer. There’s another board bed here, although this one is somewhat more comfortable than the floor or the one in our dorm room in

easy. Our hotel is located about a half-hour north of the last subway terminal. The tour company provides a shuttle bus that runs every half hour to the subway, and as long as you are punctual, you’re off to a good start. Anyone with a ticket to the games that day is given a free pass—show your ticket, they hand you a pass.

Blue-shirted Olympic volunteers seem to be everywhere to point the bewildered in the right direction. Three subway lines later we emerge at the Olympic Green.

Before going to the games, however, we must pick up our tickets downtown at Co-Sport’s will-call window. We spend close to an hour on subway Line 5. The stations are announced in English, but the pronunciation is not anything that would have occurred to us to call them;

Beijing photos, next page
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A glance at the Beijing Olympics...



ABOVE—Crowds near the now-famous Bird's Nest Olympic Stadium. (Olympic photos by Liz and Bob Barnett)



ABOVE—Liz Barnett waves to an Olympic worker perched on "high lookout" in front of the boxing venue—the Beijing Workers Gymnasium.



ABOVE—The Olympic Green.

BELOW— Bob Barnett stands in front of the Leisure City International Hotel where they stayed during the Games.



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Geneva Courtright—Committee Chairwoman

RIGHT—*Best Kept Single-Family Home:*

Best Kept Committee member Laurie Teachout with owners Rebecca and Ted French in front of their home at 4575 Windsor Park.



BELOW RIGHT—The French's home boasts a tranquil park-like setting.



RIGHT—*Best Kept Condominium Entrance:*

Best Kept Committee member Laurie Teachout places the Best Kept sign at the Hampstead Heath entrance.



RIGHT—The Best Kept Committee added a new recognition in January for backyard landscaping.

The first *Special Commendation Award for Backyard Landscaping* was awarded to 5235 Everwood Run, located on the 13th Green of The Meadows Golf Course. Owner Irene Pye standing on her terrace (ABOVE RIGHT) sitting with her topiary evergreen trees (RIGHT).



Best Kept photos by Geneva Courtright



Good Food

It's Valentine's Day

And, our thoughts turn to... chocolate!

By Mary Jo Gord—Editor

Chocolate has been associated with Valentine's Day for—well, a very long time. Those delectable sweet treats, easily bought anywhere today and in all kinds of wrappings, are the all-time favorite Valentine gift. The merits of chocolate have been well-discussed, from being an antioxidant, good for digestion, and a comfort food for the soul to even an aphrodisiac.

But it wasn't always sweet, and it wasn't always a treat.

Chocolate, originally served as bitter drink, dates back to the ancient Mayans. According to the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago and other sources, the Mayan civilization, who cultivated cacao trees taken from the rainforest and harvested, fermented, roasted, and ground the seeds into a paste, discovered the value of "chocolate" about 250-900 AD. They mixed the paste with water, chile peppers,

cornmeal, and other ingredients to make a spicy chocolate drink.

The Aztecs got into the mix about 1400, acquiring cacao seeds from the Mayans in trade. Aztec emperor Montezuma—who allegedly liked it so much he drank 50 golden goblets a day—considered chocolate so prestigious that the goblets were tossed afterwards. The Aztecs also used chocolate as a form of money that citizens as well as conquered peoples had to pay in tribute. Both Mayan and Aztec royalty reserved chocolate for nobility and "accepted society." It was also considered sacred and offered to "the gods."

The Aztec used cocoa beans as money and required conquered tribes to pay up. Christopher Columbus even took a few beans back to Ferdinand and Isabella, who apparently didn't think much of them. In 1513, however, Hernando de Oviedo y Valdez, a

member of Pedrarias Avila's expedition to America, bought an enslaved person for 100 cocoa beans. He also reported that 10 cocoa beans could buy a prostitute, and four cocoa beans, a rabbit for dinner. By 1544, inflation hit, and a rabbit cost about 100 beans.

In 1569, Pope Pius V proclaimed chocolate okay to drink on Friday.

Sometime around 1521 after the Spanish discovered cacao during the conquest of Mexico, they shipped the seeds to Spain. The Spanish added sugar, cinnamon, and other spices and for nearly 100 years, kept the brew to themselves until the secret slipped out and it became all the craze in Europe. Into the 1800s, the "top drawer" of

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your mouth,” and, in 1913, to fill it.

In 1938, chocolate went to war with Allied Armed Forces in World War II (even now, U.S. Army D-rations include three four-ounce bars) and later flew in space with U.S. astronauts.

Cocoa through the years has been so much more than an empty source of confectionery calories. Chemicals and other substances in cacao are extracted and used in cosmetics and medicine—even the by-products are used as mulch and fodder for cattle—tasty!

Sources: <http://www.fieldmuseum.org> and <http://www.chocolatemonthclub.com>

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By Kirk Jordan—Chairman, Memorial Garden Trustees

Please take a moment and let me call your attention to The Meadows Memorial Garden—and, in particular, the Memorial Wall. Some of you may be vaguely aware of the Wall because of the Memorial Garden ad that appears monthly in *The Meadoword* as well as some other articles written about it in past months.

But, let me ask you this—have you ever really thought about it, or more to the point, have you ever taken a few minutes and walked behind the MCA building and looked at the garden and the wall? Unfortunately, the answer is probably that relatively few Meadows residents have visited it or even seriously thought about it.

The Garden sits in a lovely glade, and some of us believe it is a very positive feature of The Meadows.

The Memorial Wall offers a unique opportunity to memorialize someone who has lived in and loved the Meadows. It also affords an opportunity for organizations—

such as condo or home owner associations—to honor long-time volunteers or officers by placing plaques on the wall in their names. An honor such as this has already been done twice. You or any honoree do not have to be deceased; an open date can be filled later.

Yes—there is a cost to have a memorial plaque engraved and placed on the wall. The amount is necessary to prepare and place the plaque and to contribute to the long-term maintenance and upkeep. Brochures with all the details are available at the MCA office. We urge you to visit the Garden and to pick up a brochure.

Just a final note—my plaque is on the Wall, along with my wife's (incidentally, we have open dates) and a number of our friends are there with us. When you visit, you will notice many people have plaques with open dates. It's a way to reserve your space on The Meadows Memorial Wall. We invite you to join us.

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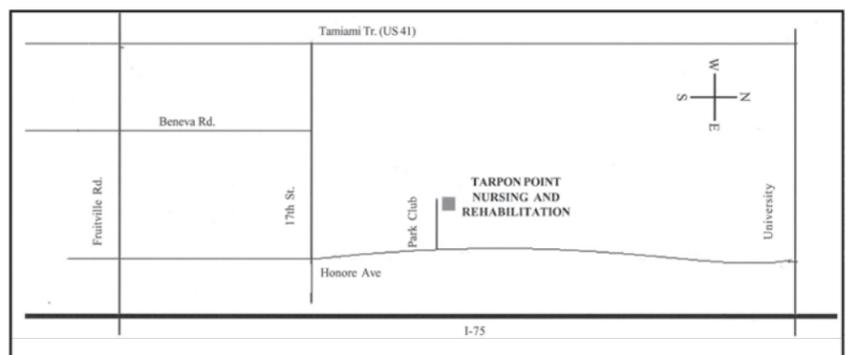
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Beijing, *continued from 16*

are poorly supplied (This is a big thing because there are usually sport-specific pins and shirts that you can only buy at the venue where the sport competition is being held. It's a status thing to have one, and if you are a pin trader or seller, these are hot items.) We've heard that the pin traders are being hassled and told to move on, and groups gathering on the green to sing and cheer have been dispersed.

Security checks are extremely slow, and the number of lines seems inadequate for the size of crowds.

It is pouring [rain] at the end of the boxing match. The blue-shirted Olympic volunteers form a human chain to funnel the departing spectators past a station where they hand each a full length yellow plastic raincoat.

Going for Gold

The finals in any sport guarantee high emotion and superb athletic performances. We only have 90

minutes after boxing to get across town to the Beijing Science and Technology University gym for the judo finals. We take a cab instead of walking from the subway and make it just as the Men's Bronze Medal round begins. There is no food at the venue, so we have a couple of life savers for dinner.

The Women's Under 78 kg Gold Medal match between China's Yang Xiuli and Cuba's Yalennis Castillo couldn't be closer. It goes into overtime; the referee gives a point to Castillo, which is then taken away by the judges. At the end of overtime, the score is 0-0 and the judges award the Gold to China in a split decision. Xiuli's face on the jumbotron screen shows just how brutal the sport is—her face is a mass of cuts and bruises and her right eye is black and almost swollen shut.

Mongolia's Tuvshinbayar Naidan, who wins Gold in the Men's Under 100 kg, is clearly a tough guy, even able to make a double-leg take-down stick against tough competition. But,

when the Gold is awarded, tears stream down his face. I even get a lump in my throat as the four Mongolians behind us sing their hearts out as their national anthem plays.

Athletics

We are half a world away in the tenth row of the Bird's Nest—the Olympic Flame burns over head—waiting with 91,000 fans for Athletics, the heart of the Olympics, to begin. The woman next to us was born in Kentucky, 20 miles from our home.

In America, Athletics is called Track and Field. Athletics is the original name used in Europe, and when the Olympics are held anywhere outside the U.S., the events are called Athletics, regardless of what you hear American broadcasters call them.

Whatever the events are called, there is so much excitement that we hardly know where to look.

We are directly across from the discus, but we miss the first throw by Stephanie Brown Trafton because the

women in the Heptathlon are going over a hurdle right in front of us at the moment she throws. We aren't quite sure who she is at that point because the scoreboard lists her as Brown Trafto. Reading the scoreboard in general is a challenge. Chinese family names are written first; Yao is Ming's last name. We are never quite sure whether the last or first name is listed first unless there is someone with a clearly Western name in the event; even then, we are often flummoxed by people with names like Kelly Egan—or is it Egan Kelly? In addition, the scoreboard switches between Chinese and English so rapidly that only the speed readers in the crowd have any idea of what it says. Eventually, we just say, she's an American whoever she is and cheer for her. We concentrate really hard and did see her throw of 62.7 meters that exceed the 61.5 mark which automatically qualifies contestants for the finals.

Meanwhile, at the opposite end of the track, the American shot putters are disappointing us in their finals. The composition of finalists make it look like a dual match between the U.S. and Belarus with a few Russians thrown in. We expect an American sweep. Then, Reese Hoffa, the World Champion, repeatedly fouls; Adam Nelson doesn't come through. The U.S. takes home only a Silver won by Christian Cantwell. Cantwell is the first American we see who wrapped himself in the flag. In Greece in 2004, The Americans were advised not to do this because of terrorist worries.

Our disappointment in the shot put is short-lived because we witness an historic event—the first Woman's Steeplechase in the Olympic Games. I love this race. Women run fast, they go over hurdles, they go over a water jump, some of them fall in, others pile up on top of them, they get up and go around a couple times, so if you miss the first part, you can catch the action later. They set an Olympic record (obviously, since it is first the time it is run). What's not to love?

Round 2 of the Men's 100 Meters is serious stuff. The Americans look super-cool in their sunglasses and walk in like they own the event. Bolt of Jamaica runs a 9.92, but we aren't worried about U.S. runners' chances. Everyone knows that the best runners only run hard enough to qualify in the pre-final rounds.

I am awestruck by the Women's Heptathlon. It includes six events; it's hard to imagine how anyone could be good in all of them. American women are doing well, but Bob explains that the standings could easily change if an individual's best events are held early and others excel in later events. The scoring system for the event is unbelievably complicated, and trying to understand it will make your eyes cross. Fortunately, we don't dwell on the arcane scoring system long because the triple jump starts and before it is over, the men's hurdles are on.

After the last medal ceremony, we walk out and see the Bird's Nest lit with a red glow from inside. We feel it truly is the heart of the Olympics.

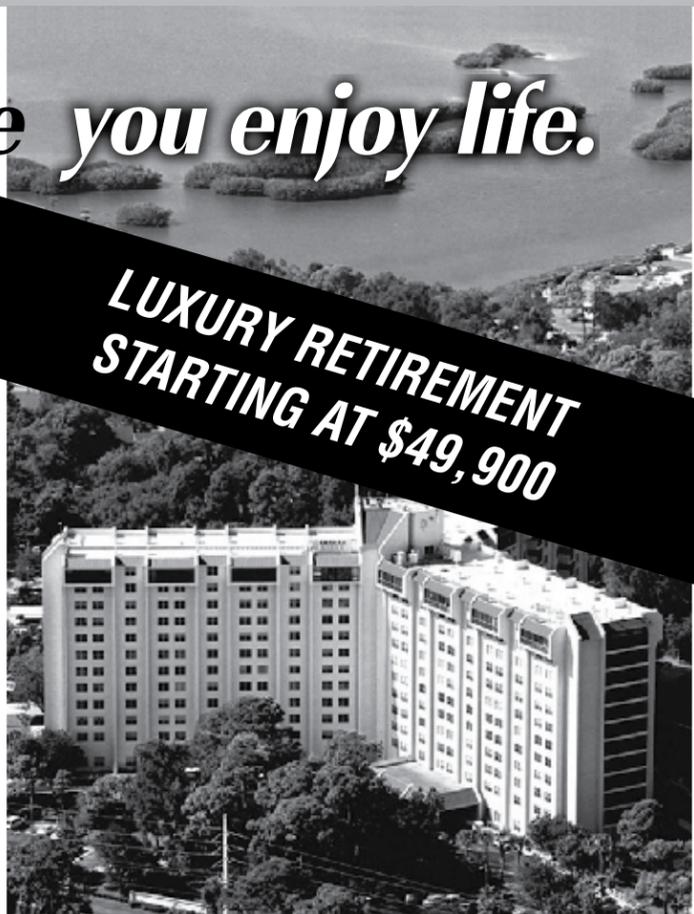
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Punxsutawney Phil

February 2 is Groundhog Day—does it really matter in “Paradise”?

By Mary Jo Gord—Editor



February 2 is Groundhog Day—the Midwest and northeast have had more than their share of bad weather—might even challenge Punxsutawney Phil to come out of his hole.

As the legend goes, he surfaces at Gobbler’s Knob on February 2 every year and looks around. If he sees his shadow, he’s back to his hole, and we can expect six more weeks of winter. *(Always puzzled me when I lived in Michigan since winter lasted at least six more weeks no matter what he saw.)* But, an overcast or cloudy sky means he will not see his shadow—out he comes, and we have an early spring.

According to the official Punxsutawney Phil Website, there’s just one groundhog capable of forecasting weather—and that’s Punxsutawney Phil (*Phil* to keep things simple). He’s more than 120 years old and has predicted the weather for at least as long.

And, there’s been only one Phil (*who was “...named after King Phillip,” according to the Inner Circle—before that, he was simply called Br’er Groundhog*). He, supposedly, drinks an “elixir of life,” every summer at the Groundhog Picnic in Punxsutawney to keep on going. It’s a secret recipe that gives him seven more years of life—he doesn’t share it with any creature. Phil—like Queen Elizabeth—has no plans to abdicate.

The Groundhog Club says all other groundhogs are “impostors.” Only Phil can predict the weather, and he’s right “100% of the time”... so, they say.

The “Inner Circle” has a close relationship with “Phil.” *(They’re the guys wearing tuxedos and top*

hats—the local dignitaries who continue the tradition and plan the related events. They also feed and care for Phil.) When Phil climbs from his hole, he speaks a language called “Groundhogese” that only the standing Inner Circle president can understand—the president then translates the forecast to the rest of the world... Interesting.

Pennsylvanians have celebrated Groundhog Day since the 1800s. It began with the earliest settlers, who brought the tradition of “Candlemas Day” with them to America. *(The candles were blessed by clergy and distributed to the people—“it marked a milestone in the winter and the weather that day was important” —“For as the sun shines on Candlemas Day, so far will the snow swirl in May...”)* German settlers were the first in Pennsylvania. They found an abundance of groundhogs, which resembled hedgehogs in Europe, and decided it “was a most intelligent and sensible animal” that would wisely return to his burrow if he saw his shadow, knowing there would be six more weeks of winter.

The first official trip to Gobbler’s Knob in Pennsylvania was in 1887. The celebration now draws thousands of spectators from around the world.

In the real world, groundhogs (also known as woodchucks), normally live just six to eight years. *(Phil can beat that.)* The average length is 20 inches and weight is 12 to 15 pounds.

Groundhogs are vegetarians. They like plenty of greens, fruits, and other vegetables. Not a thirsty sort, they get most of their water from dewy leaves.

Groundhogs are also clean animals and resistant to plagues that kill large numbers of other wild animals. Insects and germs steer clear of them.

They can whistle when they are startled and also whistle during spring courtship when they come out of hibernation—which, incidentally, is a deep coma, not just a deep sleep, that puts their body temps to just above freezing, drops their heart beats to almost none and blood flow to

hardly a trickle, and all but stops their breathing. They are one of the few truly hibernating animals.

A new crop of groundhogs follows the spring courtship—most of them in mid-April or May. Called “kits” or “cubs,” the litters vary in size from four to six or more.

By the way, groundhogs do not live in Florida.

Source: the official site of Punxsutawney Phil—<http://www.groundhog.org>

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InStride Therapy's mission is to provide therapeutic riding to qualified children and adults with various disabilities. Therapies include Hippotherapy, Clinic-Based Therapy, and Therapeutic Riding Lessons. As InStride enters it's next session, volunteers are needed in many areas, including this partial list of volunteer opportunities at the Nokomis facility.

- 1) Side walking with client during program to assure rider safety.
- 2) Leading therapy horse during program; helping riders as they learn to control the horse on their own.
- 3) Assisting therapist/instructor during program.
- 4) Setting up and cleaning up before and after program.
- 5) Building projects such as fences, construction of arena and ramp, hay barn, horse barn, and so forth.
- 6) Maintaining the facility.

For more information, call Cindy at the Nokomis office, 412-9333, or email at cindy@instridetherapy.org.

The Allegro Music Academy

Do you enjoy working with people and have basic computer skills? If so, we need a

volunteer receptionist to work part-time at the front desk. If interested please contact Margaret Goreschnik, Director, at Allegro Music Academy, 241 Whitfield Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34243 or call (941) 358-8511 between 9:00 am and Noon) or email: allegromusic241@aol.com.

Pines of Sarasota

We have many volunteer opportunities at Pines of Sarasota. For more information, contact Susan Wenzel at 365-0250, extension 1940, or email volunteers@pinesofsarasota.org.

On-campus transportation—"Wheel" residents from rooms to activities, physical therapy, meals, and hair care; large campus.

Outside walking—Push residents in wheel chairs along our covered walkways.

Like to do art? Or bake? Work with residents in small groups.

Bingo anyone? Come once a month, 7:00 pm, to play bingo with our residents.

Read to a group—Read stories to small groups. Need to be able to speak clearly and be heard.

Life stories—Interview residents and type their stories in large font for them to keep.

Cards, board games, puzzles, Wii bowling anyone? Spend one-on-one time playing games with a resident.

Do you play a musical instrument or sing? Entertain an audience of residents who love live performances.

Snack Cart delivery—Pass out snacks after dinner (7:00 pm); takes about one hour.

One-to-one visiting—Bring sunshine to a resident with a friendly smile.

Paint someone's fingernails—Paint with a steady hand.

Enjoy gardening? Help water and weed plants in the Butterfly Garden

Are you a computer person? Our Medical Records department needs a volunteer to scan documents, Monday through Friday until 4:00 pm. Pick a day and time and pop in for a bit of scanning. Job can be shared by a few volunteers to cover each day.

Senior Friendship Centers

Volunteer opportunities available at The Healthy Aging Clinic in Sarasota—looking for nurses, clinic aides, receptionists, dentists, and dental aides.

Meal delivery drivers, once a week—small routes take approximately 1-1/2 hours.

The Friendship at Home Program matches caring volunteers with home-bound seniors—flexible way to volunteer. As a volunteer, you can make a difference in a lonely senior's life by giving just one hour of your time each week.

For more information or to volunteer, contact **Caroline Allen** at 556-3249 or email callen@seniorfriendship.com.

Tarpon Point Nursing and Rehabilitation

Do you have some free time? Would you like to volunteer at a nursing home assisting the elderly? If so, please contact Maria Stathis, 941-377-0022. Tarpon Point is located right in The Meadows.



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MYTH NO. 2

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MYTH NO. 3

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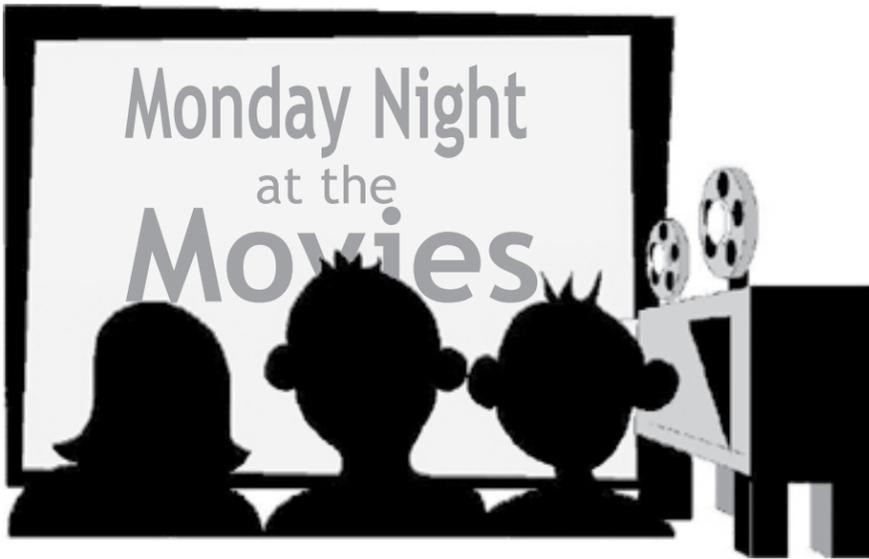
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Love Me or Leave Me

Join us on February 23, 7:00 pm

By Rosemarie Valentin

Happy Valentine's Day

This 1955 MGM film, directed by Charles Vidor stars James Cagney, Doris Day, Cameron Mitchell, Robert Keith, Tom Tully, Harry Bellover, and Richard Goines. The screenplay by Daniel Fuchs and Isabel Lennart is based on a story by Daniel Fuchs.

A "new" Doris Day takes on the role of torch singer Ruth Etting. Having established herself as a demure heroine of Warner musicals in the early fifties, Doris Day took a chance by moving to MGM for a turn at playing Ruth Etting, the singer and Ziegfeld Follies star who flourished in the 1920s and 1930s.

As an ambitious, tough-fibered woman in thrall to Chicago gangster Moe Snyder (Cagney), Doris Day offers a new and grittier, sexier image that impressed critics and surprised her fans. In fact, she gives a commendable

performance, moving through the dramatic portions with professional ease.

Doris Day renders a number of songs associated with Ruth Etting, including *You Made Me Love You*, *Mean to Me*, and *It All Depends On You*.

Doris Day's version of *Ten Cents a Dance*, performed in a tight black dress with sequins, demonstrates the complete opposite of her previously played roles. As the crippled hood who is obsessed with her, James Cagney does his usual high-voltage acting.

Off Screen: In her autobiography, Ava Gardner claims that she was placed on suspension for refusing to play Ruth Etting. The movie received six Oscar nominations, but only Daniel Fuchs won for Best Original Story.

Koffee Klatsch

Guest Speaker:

Charles Paxton

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Tampa Bay Area



Will speak on **"Tracking Hurricanes"**
Tuesday, February 10, 8:30 am

Do You Enjoy...

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By Beverly Kuzman

On March 28 and 29, **The Meadows Players** will feature a comedy review of our friends' and residents' hometown (and state) stories and traditions. (Watch *The Meadoword* for more information about the performance.) We will also incorporate some great Florida traditions and stories.

As always, we would love to have our many loyal friends share with us in this production—if you would like to participate in any way, please let us know. Contact **Beverly Kuzman**, 378-9204, on or

about February 1 and let us know how you can help.

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The Meadows Country Club Computer Classes Dickens Activity Center

Spring Series 2009 classes begin Thursday, February 5

Come join us for Computer Classes at the Dickens Activity Center. Classes are for all levels of ability. Most classes will include a CD or printed tutorial. For more information about class descriptions, contact The Meadows Country Club.



neighbors. Everyone is welcome, although priority seating will be given to Club members. But, please be early, classes always start promptly.

Fees to cover costs are \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 for guests. Comments

No registration is required—just come and bring your friends and

or questions? Contact Don at dondutch@comcast.net or Dave at davidllfrancisco@verizon.net.

Schedule of Classes

<p>Thursday, February 5 10:00-11:30 am—"Using Digital Cameras" Instructor: Tim Koverman 1:00-2:30 pm—"Intro to Microsoft® Windows® XP" Instructors: Don Scholten/Mark Duren 3:00-5:00 pm—"Windows Vista® I" Instructor: Dave Johnston Thursday, February 12 10:00-11:30 am—"Photoshop Elements® Organizer I" Instructor: Rosemary Lindores/Sally Twinem 1:00-2:30 pm—"Email" Instructor: Dave Francisco 3:00-5:00 pm—"Windows Vista II" Instructor: Dave Johnston Thursday, February 19 10:00-11:30 am—"Photoshop Elements Organizer II" Instructor: Rosemary Lindores/Sally Twinem 1:00-2:30 pm—"Internet Basics I" Instructor: Dave Francisco 3:00-5:00 pm—"Intro to Macintosh® [computer operating system] OS® X" Instructor: Dave Johnston Thursday, February 26 10:00-11:30 am—"Photoshop Elements Editor I" Instructor: Rosemary Lindores/Sally Twinem</p>	<p>1:00-2:30 pm—"Internet Basics II" Instructor: Dave Francisco 3:00-5:00 pm—"Macintosh Applications" Instructor: Dave Johnston Thursday, March 5 10:00-11:30 am—"Photoshop Elements Editor II" Instructor: Rosemary Lindores/Sally Twinem 1:00-2:30 pm—"Microsoft Word® 2007" Instructor: Dave Francisco 3:00-5:00 pm—"More Mac® Applications" Instructor: Dave Johnston Thursday, March 12 10:00-11:30 am—"Photoshop Elements Editor III" Instructor: Rosemary Lindores/Sally Twinem 1:00-2:30 pm—"Microsoft Word® 2007 II" Instructor: Dave Johnston 3:00-5:00 pm—"Windows Operating System Q&A" Instructors: Staff Instructors Thursday, March 19 (Note: There is only one class on this date) 3:00-5:00 pm—"Mac Maintenance" Instructor: Dave Johnston Instructor: Dave Johnston</p>
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THE MEADOWS BOOK CLUB FEBRUARY-MAY 2009

(Meets on 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2:00 pm at the MCA)

Meeting Coordinator	Ethel Schueckler	371-0872	medlatt@msn.com
Computer/Admin & Name Tags	Priscilla Schlegel	341-0434	pschlegel@comcast.net
Meadoword/Room Reservation	Lois Friedman	378-0499	lowie427@comcast.net
Luncheon	Caryl Magnus	378-5055	carylmgagnus@verizon.net

Date	Title and Author	Leader
February 11	<i>Water for Elephants</i> By Sara Gruen	Lois Friedman
March 11	Luncheon and New Book Selections	
April 8	<i>Songs Without Words</i> By Anne Packer	Barbara Butler
May 13	<i>Three Cups of Tea</i> By Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin	Eva Talbert

Meadows

Upcoming Events & Activities

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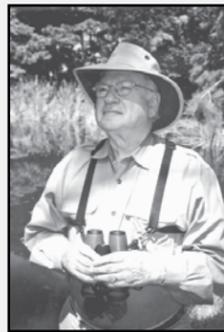
All Meadows "U" seminars are free and open to Meadows residents and their friends

Please sign up for all programs at the MCA Community Center

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Add years to your life—by adding life to your years

"Creativity is a central source of meaning in our lives... [and] when we are involved in it, we feel that we are living more fully..." —Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi



"Birding and Field Trips with Owen"

February 2 and 16, 10:00 am—Lectures

On February 2, Meadows resident Owen Comora will conduct a lecture class to open our eyes to the many birds that live in our area. A field trip follows this class on February 9.

He will conduct another class on February 16 to learn more about the wonderful birds in our area. A field trip also follows this class on February 23.

February 9 and 23, 9:00 am—Field Trips

Explore the outdoors with Owen on February 9 and find the birds you studied in class on February 2 (details will be announced in the February 2 class). The February 23 trip will explore the out-doors to find birds you studied in the February 16 class (details will be announced in the February 16 class).

February 3, 11:00 am

"Massage Your Mind at Our Creativity Spa"

Meadows resident **Kitty Heusner, Ph.D.** will lead us in exploring and expanding our own unique thinking and creativity by steaming open our clogged ideas and re-energizing our imagination! Kitty is Cochair of the Florida Creativity Weekend and has been involved with the Creative Problem Solving Institute since 1984.

February 17, 1:00 pm

"The Art of Aging Safely"

Sgt. Neal Scully of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department will give us important safety tips to use daily, whether we are at home or away from home. Sgt. Scully, a member of the MCA Safety Committee, is familiar with The Meadows and Sarasota County. This is a particularly timely topic in view of some disturbing incidents at a nearby shopping center and movie theater.

March 3, 11:00 am

"Helping our Pets Age Gracefully"

We all love our pets and assume that we are taking good care of them—however, do you know about vaccine protocols,

nutrition and special diet foods, dental care, and behavioral changes? **Dr. Moe Lipson, VMD retired**, and Meadows resident, will give us some important information on these and other topics relating to the well-being of our pets.

March 4 and 11, 1:00 pm

"Antiquing with Carol Oltchick"

April 7, 4:00 pm

"Thinktrics with Amy Weinberg"

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If you are interested, call the MCA, 377-2300, to sign up.

Going away for a while? Read *The Meadoword* online at <http://www.themeadowssarasota.org>

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LOCAL EVENTS • February—May 2009

Allegro Music Academy



February 13, 6:30 pm—Valentine Concert "Romance by Candlelight".

February 15, 3:00 pm—Music Club "Haydn, Celebrating his 200th Anniversary" Lecture Concert and Movie.

All Music Club Meetings include a lecture, concert, and movie. For more information about our classes, please contact Allegro Music Academy, 241 Whitfield Ave., Sarasota, FL 34243, 941-358-8511.

Daughters Of The British Empire

February 27, Noon—Fashion show and luncheon, sponsored by the Golden Hind Chapter of the Daughters of the British Empire at The Meadows Country Club. Tickets are \$30.00 a person. All proceeds will benefit the Southern District Home for the Aged, Mountbatten House, and local charities. For more information, call Doreen Gouveia at 379-0672 or Lorna Clarke, 378-2395.

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January 29—"From Each Side of the Footlights" by Stephanie Sundine, Soprano and Stage Director of the Sarasota Opera

February 26—"Jimmy Choo and Security Too" by Jay Logan, First Vice President and Branch Manager, Robert W. Baird & Company

March 26—"ABC...The Inside Scoop" with Heidi Godman, Channel 7 News Anchor

April 30—"Creating A Stage For Diversity" with Nate Jacobs, Founding Artistic Director, Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe

May 28—"Individual Beauty: Dynamics of Cultivating Your own Style" Terrence "Terry" McKee, President and CEO, NUOVO Salon Group

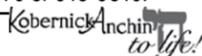
It all happens at Designing Women Boutique, 11:30 am, North Tamiami Trail at 13th Street. (Overflow parking in DAR lot on 12th Street just east of the shop.) Each event costs \$14.00.

To make a reservation, contact Designing Women at 366-5293.

Kiwanis Club of South Sarasota

February 9 and 23, and March 9, 7:30 pm—"2009 Travel & Adventure Cinema Series." Chelsea Center, 2506 Gulf Gate Drive, \$10.00 per ticket. For more information, call 371-3576 or 918-9810.

Kobernick House



March 1, 10:00-5:00 pm—Festival of Jewish Food on the campus of Kobernick House and Anchin Pavilion, 1951 N. Honore just north of 17th Street. Kosher food, shopping, children's activity area, carnival games, face painting. Continuous entertainment on the main stage with The Mike Eisenstadt Band all day, featuring Betty Silberman at 1:00 pm. FREE ADMISSION. For more information, contact 377-0781 or go to www.kobernickanchin.org.

Event benefits the Jewish Housing Council Benevolent Assistance Program, which provides funding for residents of Kobernick/Anchin who are outliving their resources.

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens



EVENTS

February 28, 10:00 am-5:00 pm—Asian Cultural Festival

March 1, 10:00 am-5:00 pm—Asian Cultural Festival

March 14, 8:00 am-Noon—"Walk and Roll by the Bay" in collaboration with the Friendship Center

March 15, 29, 1:00-3:00 pm—Garden Music Concert Series

March 21-22, 10:00 am-5:00 pm—Spring Plant and Garden Festival

April 4, 6:30-11:30 pm—28th Annual Orchid Ball

April 5, 12, 19, 26, 1:00-3:00 pm—Garden Music Concert Series

April 25-26, 10:00 am-5:00 pm—Bromeliad Society Show and Sale

May 3, 10, 1:00-3:00 pm—Garden Music Concert Series

May 10, 10:00 am-2:00 pm—Mother's Day Brunch

June 1-5, 8-12, 15-19, 22-26, 29-July 3, 9:00 am-3:30 pm—Kid's Summer Camp Lookout

EXHIBITS

Through February 16, 2009—*Exotic Adventures—Myth and More Exhibit*, Stig Dalström and Karen J. Schunklin in the Museum of Botany & the Arts.

Through March 18—*Sarasota Sumi-e Society Exhibition* in the Historic Selby House.

May 1 through June 1—*Annual Juried Photographic Exhibition*. Opening Reception on May 1, 5:30-7:30 pm in the Museum. Entry form available on Website

FREE NOON LECTURES

February 17—*Selby Orchids*. Angel Lara, Orchid Collection Horticulturalist

February 24—*The Gems of Sarasota Sensitive Lands*. Bruce Holst, Botanist

March 3—*Orchids*. Stig Dalström, Curator, Orchid Identification Center

March 10—*The Road to Boruca and Beyond*. Marilyn Shelley, Manager, Community Classes and Exhibits

March 17—*Everglades Project*. Wes Higgins, Ph.D. Head of Systematics, Orchid Identification Center.

EVENING LECTURES

February 12, 6:00-7:30 pm—*The Botany of Wine Making*. David Benzing, Ph.D., Jessie B. Cox Chair, Selby Gardens Lecture, Wine and Food Tasting. Join us for this delicious lecture filled with wine, hors d'oeuvres and dessert provided by Local Coffee & Tea. Limited seating. \$20.00, members; \$25.00, non-members.

February 19, 6:30 pm—*The Biology of Epiphytes*. David Benzing, Ph.D., Jessie B. Cox Chair, Selby Gardens. FREE.

March 12, 6:30 pm—*How to Slice a Cake So It Lasts Forever: Green Thinking is Old Hat in Bhutan*. Stig Dalström, Curator, Orchid Identification Center. \$5.00, members; \$7.00, non-members.

March 13, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm—*3rd Annual Make it Green Seminar*. In the Activity Center Great Room. Our green seminar is filled with the latest and greatest products and break-throughs in the world of green living, including green roofs, construction, products,

and more. Sessions and booths are conducted by Sarasota's green experts. Bring your lunch or purchase from us for an additional \$12.00. Door prizes, too! Price includes admission to the Gardens. \$20.00, members; \$25.00, non-members.

For more information about lectures and workshops, visit our website at www.selby.org or contact Donna Krabill at 941.366.5731, extension 237.

LITTLE SPROUT'S CLUB

Preschool Program, Tuesdays 10:30 to 11:30 am. Meets at Wild Things..

February 10—Chocolate

February 24—Flowers

March 10—Fruit

March 24—Vegetables

April 7—Birds

April 21—Bugs & Butterflies

May 5—Alphabet Antics

May 19—Mud Pies

Munchtime Musicales

Free concerts, sponsored by the Sarasota Concert Association as its community outreach program, presented from October through April at noon. Programs include local and other artists performing classical, folk, and jazz, featuring both vocal, and instrumental performers. Come early for a good seat; bring your lunch—complementary coffee and tea. No reservations. All concerts are in Cohen Hall at the Beatrice Friedman Symphony Center.

February 11—Tod Craven, trumpet, and Jay Hunsberger, tuba, with Lee Dougherty Ross, piano.

March 11—Violin and Piano Duo with Paul Wolfe, violin, and Dwight Oarr, piano.

Sahib Shriners

First Sunday of every month—All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast includes eggs, sausage, orange juice, and coffee. 600 N. Beneva Road, 8:00 pm-1:00 pm. \$5.00 person; \$2.00 children ages 3-7 (free under age 3). Please come and bring your friends and neighbors!

February 14—"Bill Haley's Comets." Remember *Rock Around the Clock*? You can rock with the "Comets" on Valentine's Day. Cash bar at 5:00 pm; dinner at 6:00 pm with Roast Prime Rib of Beef, au jus; dancing from 7:30-8:30 pm. Showtime is 8:30. \$42.50 a person, advanced sales. Reserved seating. Contact Gene Borkowski or Mary Lou Ellis at 941-366-4449 (sahib3@juno.com). Public welcome!

March 6—"Back to the 50s with "The Four Lads." Think back to "Moments to Remember," "Istanbul," "No Not Much," and "Standing on the Corner." Doors open at 5:00 pm, dinner's at 6:00 (with Chicken Marsala and all the fixings), and showtime starts at 7:00. Advance sales, reserved seats; \$40.00 a person. Public welcome!

March 17—St. Patrick's Day! Serving corned beef and cabbage with the works at 6:00 pm. Entertainment by "Taylor and Taylor" from 6:30-9:30 pm. All for just \$11.50 a person. Advance reservations, please. Public welcome!

April 12—Easter Sunday Buffet. "All-You-Can-Eat" from Noon till 2:00 pm; \$19.95 a person. Advance reservations. Public welcome!

For more information about these events, contact Sahib Shriners, located at 600 N. Beneva Road in Sarasota, 941-366-4449.

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For more information, call 556-3274 or email pwilson@seniorfriendship.com. For class descriptions and to register visit friendshipafterfour.blogspot.com.

Classes are made possible through a partnership with the Adult & Community Education Center (the adult enrichment program of Sarasota County Schools).

Flower Power Note Cards, February 5—5:00-8:00 pm. \$34.00. Sandy Frick, instructor.

Avoiding Common Financial Mistakes, February 5—6:00-8:00 pm. \$16.00. Wall Street veteran and author Gary Moore, instructor.

Go Ahead, Play with your food, Note Cards, February 12—5:00-8:00 pm. \$34.00, Sandy Frick, instructor. Make creative designs using sliced fruits and vegetables and ink pressed onto paper. Sandy Frick, instructor.

Spanish for travelers, February 26-March 26—five weeks, Thursdays, 6:00-7:30 pm. \$72.00. Rachel Antaki, instructor.

Wyndham Community Garage Sale

February 7, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm—located just around the corner from The Meadows off 17th Street and east of Honore. Expect a great sale!

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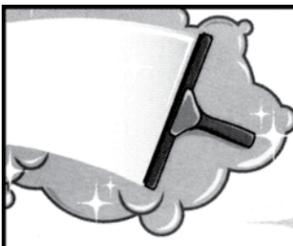
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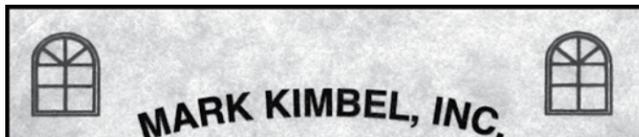
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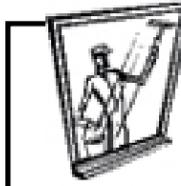
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FOR SALE

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WANTED

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HOUSE OR VILLA WANTED TO RENT: December 1st to April 1st 2010 by retired couple. Downham Meadow area. Please phone 341-9349

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Assembly of Property Owners
Wednesday, February 18, 2009
 All meetings start at 7:00 pm

WEDU  **Guest Speaker Jack Conely**
 Vice President of Content
 Florida West Coast Public Broadcasting, Inc., WEDU-TV...
 will speak about Public Television and how it relates to the community—he will also give an update on the transition from analog to digital television.

ALL DELEGATES ARE ASKED TO ATTEND AND SIGN-IN ON ARRIVAL
 Open to all Meadows residents
 Plan to attend and stay after the presentation and brief meeting for cookies and coffee

Koffee Klatsch
 Tuesday
February 10, 2009


 Coffee 8:00 am • Program 8:30 am

Guest Speaker Charles Paxton
 Science & Operations Officer
 National Weather Service
 Tampa Bay Area
 Speaks on "Tracking Hurricanes"

The MCA 27th Annual Photographic Competition
Friday, February 13—Sunday, February 15
 10:00 am—4:00 pm Daily
 "Concert in the Park" with Betty Comora
 Sunday, February 15, 1:30 pm—3:30 pm



Meadows **February Events & Activities**

"Birding and Field Trips with Owen"
 February 2 and 16, 10:00 am—Lectures
 Meadows resident Owen Comora conducts lectures on birds living in the area.
 February 9 and 23, 9:00 am—Field Trips
 Owen leads field trips to explore the birds studied on February 2 and 16, respectively.

"Massage Your Mind at Our Creativity Spa"—February 3, 11:00 am
 Meadows resident Kitty Heusner, Ph.D., helps us explore and expand our own unique thinking and creativity by "steaming open" our clogged ideas and reenergizing our imagination!

"The Art of Aging Safely"—February 17, 1:00 pm
 Sgt. Neal Scully, Sarasota County Sheriff's Department and member of the MCA Safety Committee, talks about safety tips to use daily—at home or away.

Monday Night At The Movies **FREE**
February 23 at 7:00 pm

Love Me or Leave Me—This 1955 MGM film showcases a "new" Doris Day as torch singer Ruth Etting of Ziegfeld Follies fame in the 1920s and 1930s. She gives a commendable performance. James Cagney plays the crippled gangster obsessed with her.



Memoirs Classes Are Back!
 The Memoirs group meets at the MCA through April...
February 4 and 18 • March 4 and 18
April 1, 15, and 29
 New members welcome!

H&R BLOCK®
Tuesday, February 10 • 1:30-4:00 pm
 MCA Community Center
 H&R Block enrolled agent explains IRS tax changes for 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	MAH JONGG, 9:30 am & 12:30 pm MEADOWS "U" "Birding" 10:00 am SAFETY, 2:00 pm 	MEADOWS "U" "Creativity", 11:00 am RESTRICTIONS, 3:00 pm BINGO, 7:00 pm	CRAFTS, 9:00 am INVOLVEMENT COMT, 10:30 am MEMOIRS, 10:30 pm BRIDGE, 12:30 pm	LINE DANCING, 9:00 am	PILLOWS, 9:00 am BRIDGE, 12:30 pm	7
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