

# VILLADOM

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## Women's Association

### *Notes from Reenie*

*Spent some delightful time lately perusing the back issues of the Villadom, thanks to Muriel who had them tucked away. Major dramas included who got what parking spot under the new carports and how much to spend on a console stereo for the clubhouse.*

*It was filled with little poems and news from each building from Augusta to White Marsh. Anyone wishing to enjoy these treasures can find them at the clubhouse. Villas de Golf has been an active community since it was built. People have been involved in its myriad of activities since the 1970's. Some things have been added and others replaced. (I do envy those who attended or participated in the variety shows.) We continue to evolve in positive ways.*

*Thank you to all who helped make the Valentine Dinner Dance a success. The club transformation to an elegant dining space was the work of Kay F., Anne F., Joy W., and Mary B. Their artistic arrangements and special lighting made us all feel we were somewhere special for the evening.*

*So, you ask, what's new? And I respond with...We're having a WALKABOUT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5 AT 1PM. Put on your hiking boots and join us for a trek around...Villas de Golf. That's right, we're going to tour our very own property to admire the new landscaping. The tour will be led by Bernadette M. who will tell us about the whats and whys. She and her committee are the ones responsible for making our living area so pleasing to the eyes. Meet at the clubhouse at 1PM for the walkabout. Following the event we will plan to have cheese and crackers available, which go very well with wine (byow). Everyone is welcome to learn about the flora in our backyard.*

*And that's it, you ask? But, of course not. It's time for the annual BAZAAR ON SATURDAY, MARCH 9 at 9AM. Volunteers are needed to help set up and mark items on Friday. Time to get involved by signing up at the clubhouse or call Reenie at 474-5280. There is a raffle with cash prizes and goodies from attic treasures to, well, baked goodies. Monies raised at this event are used to support activities and special projects at Villas de Golf. Hopefully, there will be an ice cream social because I bought too much chocolate sauce for Valentine dessert. That should be reason enough for a party, n'est pas?*

*I love some of the suggestions I have received for things to do. With a little planning and some energetic volunteers*

*Reenie*

## Association Board Message

The purpose of these monthly articles is to inform you of Board of Directors (BOD) activities and to make available other information that is important to you.

### **Change on the Board of Directors**

In the January issue, we made you aware of upcoming changes to the BOD. The first change has occurred. Ken Swierenga has resigned after several years of service on the BOD. Ken has and continues to be a big asset to VDG currently doing great work as Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Thank you Ken for all you have done! The BOD appointed Bernadette Morarity to the open seat. Bernadette's professional experience plus her proven leadership with the landscape renewal project, makes her well qualified for the BOD. Thank you Bernadette for your continued service and welcome to the Board of Directors!

### **Correcting A Known Hazard**

I suspect that most of us have had a close encounter with a pedestrian while exiting onto Vonn Rd. (author included). Though we have a STOP sign and a painted STOP line on the pavement, many of us are not coming to a complete stop as required to be able to safely see both ways. In an effort to avoid an accident with injury, the BOD has authorized the installation of a speed bump immediately before the sidewalk in the exit lane thus forcing vehicles to slow down just before the sidewalk where there is good visibility to see oncoming pedestrians and cars.

### **Using the Correct Laundry Soap**

We are experiencing needless breakdowns of our laundry machines do to a small number of Residents NOT using **liquid "he" soap**. This serves as a reminder to please follow the instructions posted in the laundry. **Note: Powered soap is not acceptable!** Thank you for your cooperation.

### **The Maintenance Shop**

The BOD has asked the B&G to assume the responsibility of the maintenance shop. The end goal is to create a good, functional, reasonably equipped work space for our talented B&G volunteers to complete work projects for the benefit of the Association. The shop has been cleaned out and will be re-organized to improve the functionality of the space. To that end, we ask all Residents NOT to place ANY unwanted items in the shop including old electronic devices, doors, toilets, cabinets, paint, pieces of wood etc., etc. These items are up to the individual unit Owner to dispose of. Further, the B&G will create rules by which Owners can use the shop for personal projects. Thank you for your cooperation.

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## Landscaping

Bernadette Moriarty

The Landscaping Committee finalized the proposal for re-landscaping the patio side of the buildings. The proposal was presented to the Owners at the Annual Meeting; subsequently, a Scope of Work for each major phase of the project was developed and presented to Westcoast for an estimate. These proposals went before the Board and were approved on February 21st.

The first proposal is for the 18 inch lava rock border, which will afford a common element connecting the buildings. The lava rock is porous, will not affect soil composition, protects the buildings from termites and will add color to the landscape.

The second proposal is for the low level, low maintenance plantings based on the environmental conditions at each building.

The third proposal is for taller plantings of palm trees to add interest, variety and some shade.

Several other projects are under consideration by the Building and Grounds Committee over the next two months.

The mission of the LC is to build and maintain a quality Florida-Friendly landscape for the common property. All new in-the-ground plantings, plant removal and maintenance within the common areas shall be approved by the LC in advance of any work performed. For owners who wish to enhance the common grounds surrounding their unit, aside from annuals and planting pots, a committee member should be contacted to ensure the plants are non-invasive and the right plant for the right space and fits in with the overall concept for the re-landscaping of the common grounds.

## EUCHRE CORNER

Jack & Dodie

We started the month of February with our first Euchre Tournament on Super Bowl Sunday. There were 31 players. After 2 ½ hours the big winner was decided. It was Gitta Rahmacher.

Then came a great potluck buffett. A total of 53 people had an enjoyable evening.



Other winners for February: Gitta Rahmacher, Howard Edwards, Bonnie Boak, Fred Gatesman

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### Annual Unit Shut Down Reminder.....Clip N Save!!

Included in this Villadom you will find the Unit Shut Down Checklist for your reference and use. Over the years, we have experienced many avoidable problems caused by Owners leaving their unit ill-prepared for long absences. Substantial damage and repair expense to both Owners and the Association has been the result. Please know the "Required" items on the checklist are included in the Rules and Regulations (IV, O, pg. 6). Please remove and save the checklist. Thank you!

### Your Board of Directors

### Movie Night will be Sunday, March 10, at 7:00

PM. We will be showing "Shadowlands", based on the true story of author C.S. Lewis. Its stars Anthony Hopkins and Debra Winger. Feel free to bring your own refreshments. See you there. Questions? Call Shirley Spriegel, 517-8573

*The Plot: In the 1950s, the reserved, middle aged bachelor C. S. Lewis is an Oxford University academic at Magdalen College and author of The Chronicles of Narnia series of children's books. He meets the married American poet Joy Gresham and her young son Douglas on their visit to England, not yet knowing the circumstances of Gresham's troubled marriage.*

*What begins as a formal meeting of two very different minds slowly develops into an intense feeling of connection and love. Lewis finds his quiet life with his brother Warnie disrupted by the outspoken, feisty Gresham, whose uninhibited behavior offers a sharp contrast to the rigid sensibilities of the male-dominated university. Each provides the other with new ways of viewing the world.*

*Initially their marriage is one of convenience, a platonic union designed to allow Gresham to remain in England. But when she is diagnosed with cancer, deeper feelings surface, and Lewis' faith is tested as his wife tries to prepare him for her imminent death.*

## SEW-N-SEWS

As you stroll through the BAZAAR on March 9th, be sure to check out the items at the SEW 'N SEWS table. Plenty of DOG TOYS, DISH CLOTHS, HANGING TOWELS, and a HUGE, no not HUGE, a HUMONGOUS array of HOMEMADE CARDS--YO YO'S and HAND PAINTED for you to stock up on.

Which brings us to our STAR TEACHER AWARD--given to CAROLINE for sharing her KNOWLEDGE, TALENTS, and DELIGHT in teaching us the process of 1 STROKE PAINTING. We have learned how to BLEND, to POUND, to SHADE, to make FLOWERS, and, to ENJOY the ACCOMPLISHMENTS of each other. However, after a lot of SOUL SEARCHING, I have come to the conclusion that I AM--- A MATERIAL GIRL! SEW will I try again--AB-SEW-LUTELY!!!! And hopefully, CAROLINE will continue to share her talents with us.

Also, LYNN FISHER has DONATED a SEWING MACHINE for ALL of us to use. SEW bring your PROJECTS & SUPPLIES and B CREATIVE!

SEW, see you on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00-4:00 ish pm. I GUARANTEE you will be SEW happy that you did.  
*take care, elaine*



## Tennis & Pickleball News Kay Hogan

Rumors have spread, been talked about and an official announcement about the end of tennis was expected. Conversations still clung to the "Remember whens:" the crowds, the applause, as if in the remembering, we could bring it all back. But, stow the rumors for now, because this past month has shown signs of life. On Thursday afternoons, a small group of players have returned to our court. In hopes of bringing new players to the game, Carolyn Doherty has offered her expertise by giving tennis lessons on Tuesday mornings.

There is also renewed hope that pickleball will become a viable sport. Each week, on Tuesdays at 2:pm, we are gaining more and more players. It is a fun game, easy to learn, and like tennis, brings new life to the community. Thank you Kent Ward for coming out each week to help in promoting the game.

Tennis, pickleball, golf, card games and all the other activities are what keeps community alive and makes the Villas de Golf a very special place to be.

## Social Report from Kent Ward

The Social Committee has been busy this year working with the Women's Association to put on more events and outings.

Last Friday's bus trip to see the Lipizzaner horses was a complete success as all 34 travelers had a great time.

Please join us in all the activities that are available.

## The Shuffleboard League Leonard Murphy

We only have two weeks of regular shuffleboard left before we start the play-offs which involves ALL regular teams and the schedule will be posted as soon as we finish our regular league. No make-up games are required for Feb 20th as the court was too wet for play at our regular start time. However if you have games to make-up, please have them completed by March 6th.

Our AWARD SOCIAL is at the clubhouse at 5:30pm on March 20th. The format is the same as the past year(s). Non playing spouses and significant others are welcome. All those who took part in our spare list are also most welcome..Please bring food to share-appetizers, dessert squares etc. BYOB. Sodas and coffee are provided.

Any questions give me a call.

## Men's Golf League News

Skip Parminter, President

The league will be holding their golf banquet and prize presentations on March 22nd at 6 pm. The menu and cost will be posted as soon as we have it finalized.

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**The Ladies Golf League** has been playing every Monday morning. Our Tee Time is 9:00 am. If interested call Dee 517-2736.

## Water Exercises Dolores Becker



Water exercises continue each Wednesday and Friday at 1PM weather permitting. Come join us for some good exercise and feel better.

## 2013 SOLO BRIDGE Jack Dunlevy

Every Monday for the last six weeks we have had a tournament for total score.

The Winners are:

First: Hilda Wardwell; Second: Marie Murphy; Third: Jack Dunlevy; Fourth: Rhen Bryant; Fifth: Gitta Rahmacher.

## Manage and Fix

We are thankful for our directors. Not only do they manage our affairs but they work to keep our common grounds in good repair. And our volunteers join in. Recent updates include refurbishing the shuffle benches, bulletin board and score boards, repairing the entrance signs and painting and updating the kitchen. Also landscaping and other chores.

Thanks all for your efforts and time.

## Cue Club

Clyde Spriegel

The Monday morning tournaments are underway starting at 9 AM and finishing the same day. Come out and enjoy some pool.



## Unit Shut Down Checklist

### Required\*

Turn the power to the hot water tank off

1. Turn your main water valve off (located in your unit). **Test value\*\***
2. Take appropriate action to control the relative humidity in the unit to a level of 60% or less for the purpose of preventing mold, mildew, or other toxic substances. **Tips \*\*\***
3. Remove all perishable food products
4. Remove all garbage
5. Place all non-perishable food products in roach proof containers
6. Arrange to have someone check your unit every two (2) weeks. *Note: Most or all home insurance policies have a similar requirement.*
7. Lock all windows and doors
8. Ensure that a duplicate door entry key is on file in the office
9. If you are leaving a car over the summer, make sure there is a key in the office
10. Put all patio furniture or anything else that will fly during a hurricane, inside your unit
11. Place several roach bait traps around the unit
12. Leave the dish washer and refrigerator doors open for ventilation. Use a towel to hold.

### Recommended

1. Unplug all electrical devices
2. Leave any necessary instructions on the counter for anyone responding to a problem on your behalf
3. Secure an A/C "maintenance agreement" with a local A/C contractor. Leave copy on the counter
4. Cover toilets with Saran Wrap to prevent insects and animals from entering through a dry trap
5. Seal all sink traps
6. Change the air filter
7. Stop the newspaper and mail delivery
8. Replace all smoke detector batteries with new
9. Store your bicycles inside the unit

### \*Required by the VDG Rules and Regulations

#### \*\* How To Test Your Main Water Value

- Turn the power to the hot water tank off
- Turn your main water valve off
- Open all cold and hot water faucets
- After 5 minutes, if you see any water dripping from any faucet, your value is defective
- If defective, replace with a new (quality) ball valve and re-test

#### \*\*\*Tips On Humidity Control

- All units vary depending on the level, amount of sun on the unit, quality of windows (air exchange) amongst other factors. Most units will require some mechanical means to control the humidity to 60% or less. Many Owners leave their A/C on set at 80 degrees or less. Using a humidistat connected to your A/C system may be an option. Some units must use a de-humidifier during the summer months.
- What works best for you may require some experimenting
- If in doubt, seek professional advice