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Women's Association News

Notes from Reenie

Decisions were made at the spring meeting. All will benefit our community as we enjoy life in this little slice of winter paradise. While not everything will happen by the end of this season, committees are working toward the goals that were approved by the association.

*We are researching pool area lighting so that this area may be used in the evenings.

*We purchased new shuffleboard signs.

*We approved the purchase of sleeves for the pool entry.

*We will be purchasing three new umbrellas and stands for the pool.

*We will continue to sponsor live music for some of our events.

In the fall, plans will be discussed regarding some fundraisers, possible changes to the bazaar, and keeping that piano tuned now that we have people tickling the ivories!

As always, I am your non-elected volunteer president for life.

See you in November.

Book Club

Judy Shafer & Alice Young

The next book club meeting will be held at on Monday, April 15th. This will be our last meeting before we take a break for summer. Dolores Becker (#6205) has graciously invited us all to discuss our book, "The Last Hour" by Minette Walters, in her condo, at 4pm. Please RSVP Dolores via her information in the directory. We will also comprise a "summer reading list" so that we are ready to resume our discussions come fall. Please bring your suggestions. Hope you can join us! On Saturday, March 9th, seven members of our group attended a reception and reading by Christina Baker Kline at the Largo Library. She was the author of our February selection "A Piece Of The World". It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon!

News from the Board

Bob Shafer

As the 2018/2019 season draws to end for us snowbirds, it seems like just yesterday that we all started arriving here at the Villas. Many projects have been completed with some still in progress such a sewer and roof repairs.

Next year also looks like it will be a very busy project year with continuing work on the roofs and sewer repairs. We will also start on elevator upgrades as well as advanced planning for roof replacement and building painting.

I know that a lot of Snowbirds have already left but a few reminders about shutdown procedures for those of us still here.

The procedures are in the Rules and Regulations and on the Website. The following are the most important:

1. Turn off main water value and test to insure the water is off.
2. Turn off power to the hot water tank.
3. Insure that there is a unit key in the office.
4. If you leave a car duplicate keys must be left in office.
5. Make arrangements for someone to inspect your unit every 2 weeks, State Law.
6. Leave A/C and Heat circuit breakers ON, set thermostat for 80 degrees or less.

Have a safe summer, we will see you in the fall and for all of you staying put, keep cool.

Euchre Corner

Dwaine Voas

The Euchre card players gather in the club house promptly at 7 p.m. Wednesdays for a fun evening of cards and conversation. We've had four to six tables weekly. Bonnie Boak filled in as the coordinator twice in March. Lucille Anderson will pick up the coordination in April.

Shuffleboard News Leonard Murphy

The season finished in fine fashion with only one week rained out and a few cool mornings. We had quite a few new teams and from all reports they enjoyed themselves very much, meeting new friends and trying to stay out of the kitchen. The finals saw a number of first time teams which made for some great shots and some nasty misses.

The winners of the championship round were Jim & Reenie defeating Christine & Josey, Third place went to Carolyn and Mimi.

The consolation round was won by Anna & Leonard defeating Ken & Carol in a close one. Third place went to Mary & Eva.

I want to thank everyone for their support and hope to see you all next year. I want to thank the Board for the purchase of the canopies and the Women's Association for the purchase of new score boards and bulletin board.

Have a great summer everyone!!

Men's Golf League Leonard Murphy

Golf runs from early November through the end of April. This year we had 43 players in the league. The rain wasn't kind to us as we missed 4 weeks during league play.

We had our final scramble on March 21st and our banquet on March 22nd. Forty players took part and the results are as follows:

Two teams tied for 1st place with a score of 54, Gary Drasin, Louis Brassard, Ed Morrissey and Bob Tait and the team of Bill Oosterkamp, Mike Flynn, Doug Ropp and Ken Swierenga.

Three teams tied for 3rd place with a score of 55, Jim Schauf, Leonard Murphy, Joe Shifflet and Ronie Evans, the team of Tom King, Jack Dunlevy, John Jones and Craig MacDonald. and the team of Jeff Spriegel, Dennis Grummitt, Ron Reszka and Bill David.

The Long drives were won by Jeff Spriegel and Bill Oosterkamp, while the closest to the pin were won by Mickey Tate and Foster Vanbore.

We had one hole in one this year from John Smith on hole number 8.

The golf course donated 4 rounds of golf to our event for which we are most grateful.

After 10 years of volunteering for our golf league I've decided to hand this task over to someone else and Jim Schauf has decided to give it a try. I hope you show him the same great cooperation you've shown me.

Thank you all for your kindness and have a great summer.

LET'S GET SOCIAL By Cheryl

Happy Easter!

April tells us snowbird season has come to a close and it's time for the snowbirds to fly north for the summer. I hope you found the social scene active and enjoyable here at VDG. We look forward to your return next season.

As for those of us that call VDG home, I plan to keep the activities going throughout the summer. Dinners to be scheduled include Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Oktoberfest, a Caribbean dance and a bake off.

If you have any suggestions for dinners, cookouts, gatherings, outings, etc. please let me know. Remember life is short, go out and enjoy it!

Landscaping VDG Bernadette Moriarty

Balmy Breezes and Swaying Palm Trees. You arrive at V de G, your own personal paradise for enjoying the beauty of palm trees. Walk with me and we'll explore the palms that contribute to the beauty of our property.

Entering, you are greeted on either side by the Bismarck palms; noble sentries to our world. Stop at the Clubhouse and enjoy the fun Foxtail palm (no need to explain); proceeding west, enjoy the 'grand dame' of the property, our very own majestic Canary Island Date palm.

Not exactly a shy cousin, head further west on the Boulevard and at the triangle meet the Sylvester Date palm, a beautiful statement palm. Time to turn south and delight in the gentle Twin Robellini Pygmy Date palms located on the parking island. Before moving on, notice the five Sable palms at Bldg.8. Recognized as the FL State palm, they were, a stellar replacement for invasive trees removed just over ten years ago.

Bordering their center walkway, you won't want to miss the lush Chinese Fan palms. Amble on and head east. At the Bldg. 9 patio, greet our shade providing Areca palm and at the walkway take a glance left and you'll enjoy a true gem the Bottle palm. Said to be shaped like an antique bottle of Caribbean rum, it sits just west of Bldg. 10.

Not to be forgotten, the Queen palms, although not as glorious as its name, can be found throughout the property. Are we not the fortunate ones to enjoy so many beautiful palm trees? So many more treasures on our property to explore; see you next year!

30 Winters at Villas

Walter Carow

We are finishing our 30th six month winter stay at VDG. We bought our unit new in 1972 and rented it for 17 years. It's always great to enjoy the warm weather, the beautiful grounds and the people and events. The grounds look a lot better thanks to our volunteers. We miss the Tennis Club but age and health won. There isn't enough interest from the current owners so the club was shut down. In earlier years, demand for court time was so strong you had to get out early to make a reservation. We had a monthly tournament followed by lunch and a lot of fun. The bike rides continued until recently but also fell off and stopped. I headed up the clubs a few times. The Cue Club has also passed on, but Golf, Euchre and Shuffleboard continue.

We continue to operate the Board and do many chores thanks to our volunteers. I served on the Board a number of years and as secretary handled the mailings and other activities. Our management service now makes this much easier. I did the Villadom for seven years and am glad to see Tom King pick up the task.

Well, back to Tennessee for the summer where we rent an apartment like our two bedroom unit here after selling our lake house in 2017 (sure miss the lawn and house care). See you in November if all works out (I just turned 90 joining Joanne).

Flower Garden Club

Mary Stock

The flower club has received many compliments throughout this season. We are happy so many are enjoying the flowers and we appreciate the help in watering. There have been requests to keep the plants longer since they are doing well. Unfortunately, this is not possible as we are required to dismantle and store all planters before we leave due to hurricane risk. The flowers we use are not "Florida friendly" plants. The hot, humid weather that will come soon is an invitation for plant aphids and other pests that will eat away at the blooms and leaves. It's just time to have the season close. The flower club is offering the plants we dismantle to any gardener who wishes to have them for their personal use. If you are interested in free flowers bring containers to the maintenance shed the morning of APRIL 9. It will be a first come first serve basis and you can take what you want home in your own containers. The club will keep the Association planters and clean/store them for next season. This is an opportunity to enhance your small area around your condo if you are a summer resident.

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Ladies Golf League

Dee Becker

Women's golfing is going along fine but we would like more to join us. Currently we have five and have room for more. Come join us our tee time is 8:30 am Monday morning. Thanks, Dee 517 2736

Sew N Sew

Marge Fischer

SPECIAL THANKS to all the crafters who worked so hard to make this year's bazaar so successful. Please remember to make dishcloths during the summer. I'll see everyone in the fall.

Notes from the Editor

I would like to thank our guest writer Walter Carow for sharing his thoughts and memories in "30 Winters at Villas". Happy Birthday Walter!!

It has been a great pleasure to pick up and continue a long standing tradition of the Villadom newsletter. I think it provides a much needed connection to not only the goings on here at VdG, but it somehow provides a link between all the folks, both Snowbirds and Year Rounders. I would like to thank all that have contributed through the winter season. I look forward to next season and in closing , remember to exercise your right free speech and speak up when you see something that just isn't right.

Have a happy and healthy summer!!

<<<<<< WEEKLY EVENTS >>>>>>

Mon- Ladies Golf 8:30 Tee Time, Bridge 7:00







Thurs- Men's Golf, Water Exercises 10:00, Bingo 7:00

Tues- Water Exercises 10:00, Game Night, Dominos 7:00

Fri- Water Exercises 10:00

Wed- Sew n Sew 1:00, Poker 6:30, Euchre 7:00

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Lion's John Denver Tribute 	2 Final Cookout 5 PM 	3	4	5	6 Coffee Bldg 7&9 9:30  Guys & Dolls 
7	8 Board Meeting 3 PM 	9	10 Ice Cream Social 3 PM 	11	12 Final Men's Stag 	13
14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				