

VILLADOM

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Women's Association

Notes from Reenie

Having taught *A Christmas Carol* for too many years, my attitude sometimes became a little jaded toward the whole Christmas celebration as it meant projects to grade and lots of bah humbugs. Everything has changed now that I am no longer in the education world. Now I relish every minute of the season, which begins, according to my television, one minute after the national election.

This is the first year Jim and I will be at the Villas for the holidays as we celebrated Thanksgiving-Christmas early in November with our big and little kids.

The month begins with a Coffee Social at the clubhouse sponsored by buildings 2 and 6. Please come and spend time with all your friends and meet new ones. The event is on December 1st and begins at 10 AM. The cost is \$1 and a nonperishable item for the local food pantry. We are attempting to collect food at each of the coffees this year as part of helping our community.

Ladies, you have a special treat on December 18th when our luncheon will be held at the clubhouse. A sign up sheet will be available at the Coffee and by the clubhouse door. Everyone will be asked to bring a dish to pass. Have you ever gone home hungry after tasting all those delicious treats? Please attend as it will give me a chance to talk about some ideas I have for this season. More importantly, plan to spend some time with all your lady friends in a casual dining setting right here at the Villas.

Looking forward to another relaxing year. You can now reach me on our new landline at 727-474-5280 with questions and concerns.

P.S. To all my little gambling acquaintances: Save a couple tenspots for the bus to Hard Rock.

Caroling Party 15th 5 PM



Still and forever your non-elected volunteer president for life

Reenie

Ho Ho Ho

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.

We Have A New President Citing personal reasons, Bob Shafer has stepped down after four plus years of able service as our Board President. We are all appreciative of Bob's capable leadership. Thank you Bob! Bob, you can now resume a more stress-free retirement lifestyle!! Yet, change is healthy in any organization. Kent Ward has volunteered to assume the responsibilities of President. With ten years of active Board service, Kent brings much experience and institutional knowledge to the job. Bob Shafer, helping with the transition, will serve as Vice-President.

The Expanding Role of the Property Manager

The responsibilities of Leslie Randolph, our Manager, are being expanded. These responsibilities include: 1) being the primary Owner contact for all matters including questions, complaints and maintenance needs, 2) assuming the leadership role in all Association matters and, 3) the "running" of BOD meetings starting January 2013. This shift in day to day work load from the volunteer BOD officers to the Manager is in compliance with the VDG/RPM management contract. It is important to know that the way VDG has operated over the past years is the exception when compared to most Associations. In the vast majority of Associations, the Property

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Merry Christmas! We are planning a Christmas Day potluck dinner for December 25th in the clubhouse for all who would like to join us. We know there is interest in it, so now we need the number and names of those who would like to be involved. Once we have this information, we will post a list of foods needed, at the clubhouse, for you to choose as your contribution. If you are interested in being on a committee or a volunteer that would be great as well. Please call Kathy or David Scott, Unit 4306 at 727-330-7313.

Line Dancing Classes and Bike Rides

We miss them because of Bob Becker's failing health problems. We wish him well in his battle and thank him and Dolores for their past efforts.

Old Songs: *It's funny how an old song can take you back in time, You know each little melody. You know each little rhyme. You think about the time and place You were when it was played, Indelibly etched in your mind And it will never fade. It may have been the old gang That had a sing-a-long. Or maybe one that you And someone special called "Our Song" A time and place that comes to you When you hear a refrain, A beautiful remembrance That you live once again. You hear a song and close your eyes And there you are once more, You're filled with all the splendor Just like it was before. As I sit here recalling— Something came to mind, A funny thing occurred to me Of humor, you will find. One day when I was home alone The radio was playing The music of Glen Miller And I began a-swaying I soon began to swirl and dance Around the entire room, My partner swept me off my feet (It was my kitchen broom) But now back to reality Sweet memories will remain, of songs that bring back to our mind Times we can live again.*

Villadom Writers: Two vs One. Modern writing uses only one space after sentences. The two spaces was used with the early typewriters which had the non-proportional Courier font. I can continue search and replace if you can't handle it.

Recycling: What in the world should I recycle? These items can be recycled in the blue bins located behind the fence near building 2 and near Vonn Road by building 10. Bins are there for paper and others for bottles and cans. They are labeled. Please do not put plastic bags in the bin when depositing your bottles and cans. Cardboard is not recycled here.

YES: plastic bottles (check for a neck); steel/tin cans; aluminum cans; mixed paper (junk mail, newspaper, shredded paper, magazines, any paper that tears easily, catalogs, phonebooks, cereal boxes, any colored office paper)

NO: rubber gloves; glass; liquids; cardboard

Please make the effort. You do make a difference.

Association Board Message (continued from pg 1)

Manager acts more like a corporate GM or CEO working within guidelines set forth by the BOD. We have been operating in the opposite way. And there is another substantial benefit to this shift, namely, future Owners will be more inclined to serve on the BOD knowing that the work load is manageable given the fact that they are retired and not really so inclined to take on a "job". This change will challenge both the current BOD to "let go" and you the Owner to learn to make Leslie Randolph your "go to" person. This change is something we have to do. Please help make it happen. We **thank you** in advance for your cooperation.

A Failed Hot Water Tank Will Cost You Dearly

Yet another failed unit hot water tank has resulted in a very costly affair (\$10K+). This time the water penetrated six (6) units! Unit Owners who do not replace their older hot water tanks **BEFORE THEY FAIL** are exposing themselves, **and the Association**, to large financial losses. Florida state law has greatly increased the financial exposure of the Association. In addition to the financial aspects, water damage causes much unnecessary heartache for all. The BOD asks that you replace your older model hot water tank **BEFORE** it fails. ***Note from Kent: While replacing your old hot water tank, please replace that old main water shutoff (gate) valve with a new ball valve. As we humans tend to leak with age, so does the old valve!!!!*** Thank you in advance.

And Yet Another Change Ken Swierenga has taken over as Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Since inception six years ago, the B&G has been very active and productive, mostly under the leadership of Henry Kostuck. This important volunteer committee has in fact saved the Association over \$50,000 in maintenance costs. They have and continue to do an outstanding job! Thank you gentlemen and thank you Ken.

Annual Owners Budget Meeting The 2012 Annual Owners Budget meeting will be held on December 11, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse. You will soon receive a letter containing your proxy, the proposed budget and instructions. To expedite the voting process, we ask that you complete and place your proxy in the office door slot or mail it to Resource Property Management (see letter for instructions). As the letter clearly states, the BOD asks that you vote **FOR** all three (3) items. If you have any questions after having read the letter, please ask any Board Member. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Your Board of Directors

Tennis News

Kay Hogan

Nothing has happened since last month except, that there are more people hurting, and thus less potential players for tennis. We can't keep pretending it will be tennis as usual because there is no usual about the state of participatory tennis now or in the coming months.

If or when we get down, we still hope to have a meeting to ask people for ideas and suggestions. We can hope that this is only a transitional time and that someday soon we will hear the welcoming sounds and laughter of tennis players. Until then, enjoy the sun and pray for those that are hurting.

Brain scans of 638 people past the age of retirement showed those who were most physically active had less brain shrinkage over a three-year period.

SHUFFLEBOARD Leonard Murphy

The shuffleboard season will be starting in the 2nd or 3rd week of January, sign-up sheets will be posted in the early new year. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2013.

EUCHRE CORNER Jack & Dodie

Everyone is welcome every Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

Plan on attending Dec 5th for a Christmas Tournament. \$3.00 entree, \$1.00 high/low and Euchres.

November Winners: David Scott, Betty Ropp, Vadis Voas, Jack Dunlevy.

See you at the Tournament.

Dodie and Jack

Phone Directory Ron Veltman

Reminder to residents: report any directory changes to me, i.e. phone, addresses, email, etc.

rveltman@tampabay.rr.com 727-517-8802

Directory Changes

Name	Apt	Phone
Pat & Bill Sulston	2205	727-754-5796
Kathy & David Scott	4306	727-330-7313
Lorraine & Stan John	6101	727-510-8541
Reenie & James Schauf	6201	727-474-5280
Cell: Jim		(608-633-0711)
Cell: Reenie		(608-633-0712)
Betty & Doug Ropp	6202	727-408-5378

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- President..... Kent Ward
- Vice President..... Bob Shafer
- Secretary..... David Stock
- Treasurer..... Doug Ropp
- Director..... Barbara Mannette
- Director..... Ken Swierenga
- Director..... Bob Tait
- TV: Channel 96 Office Phone: 595-6081
- Resource Property Management: 796-5900
- Website: villasdegolf.net

Men's Golf League News

Skip Parminter, President

. Sign up in the pool hall.

The Ladies Golf League

The league is off to a good start. We have 12 girls attending every Monday morning. Tee time is 9:00 am. The golf course is giving us 4 tee times so come and join us for a fun morning. Sign up is at our clubhouse and please sign up by Friday.

Questions-call Dee at 517-2736

Two gifts have been given to the Association for the Exercise/Pool Building for the enjoyment of the residents.

Les and Elfrieda Bell have donated a treadmill.

Bob and Delores Becker have donated a unique cue club clock.

On behalf of the Association and the residents we thank them for their gifts.

Dolores Becker's ad of her daughter's work

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Mon- Bridge 7:00

Tues-Tennis Round Robin 1:00, Dominoes 7:30

Wed- Water Exercises 11:00, Poker 6:30, Euchre 7:00








<<<<<<RECURRING EVENTS>>>>>>

Thurs-Bingo 7:30

Fri-Water Exercises 11:00

-Tennis Round Robin 1:00

Villas de Golf December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Check Channel 96 for latest updates						1 Coffee & Sale 10 AM Bldg 6 & 2
2	3 Landscape Comm 3 PM 	4	5 Water Exercises Start	6	7 National Pearl Harbor Day	8 Guys & Dolls  Tee off @ noon Social 5:30
9 First Day of Hanukkah	10	11 Owners Mtg 7 PM Board Mtg 7:30 PM 	12	13	14	15 Caroling Party 5 PM 
16	17	18 Women's Luncheon Noon 	19	20 Board Mtg 3:00 PM	21 Winter Begins 	22
23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day Pot Luck Dinner? Sign up at clubhouse	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Years Eve					

ALL VEHICLES MUST HAVE SOME FORM OF IDENTIFICATION OR RISK BEING TOWED