

VILLADOM

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Women's Association

Is that Christmas in the air? What happened to Fall? And what's in store for all the folks in Villas de Golf during this very special season?

Yes, that is Christmas. I'm sure many of us noticed the contingent of residents who answered Kent's call and descended on the Clubhouse at the end of November, bringing Christmas right into our midst. The outside group was composed of men while the women went inside to decorate the area and trim the Christmas tree. To many of us who have been here over the years, this is a signal of a delightful month to come. A beautiful job was done both inside and outside. Thanks to all who participated!

As I look at the calendar, I note that we will begin with a very special breakfast at 9:00 AM on Saturday, December 3. No question but that it is the real thing, featuring home-made breakfast casseroles, also also known as "egg bakes" served with coffee, fruit, and rolls, brought from the kitchens of the excellent chefs in buildings 6 and 2. The timing has been changed because, as many know, our long time resident and friend, Bob Cronk, passed away several weeks ago after a lengthy illness. His family has planned a Memorial Service on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at Anona United Methodist Church. There should be adequate time after breakfast for those who plan to attend the service, since the Church is only a short distance away. Of course, all who wish to attend are welcome.

Scanning the horizon, I see that, in addition to the newly attached Christmas decorations, Nick Spyratos

and his wife, Eva are preparing a Christmas Dinner in the Clubhouse on Sunday, December 4, at One o'clock. Information has been posted on the bulletin board as well as at individual postal areas.

The traditional Caroling Party has been moved forward this year, and will be held on December 17th a week before Christmas, beginning at 5 PM. As always, if you like to sing, come join us as we serenade our residents. If not, make yourself comfortable in the Clubhouse until we return. This has, over the years, been one of the most cherished and well attended events at Villas. And it's fun! As 2011 comes to a close, the Woman's Club will be looking forward to the New Year.

We will be planning a Club Gathering and it is our hope that, when the date is established, our women residents will join us in discussing the interests, hopes, and concerns they may have. The goal of the Woman's Club is to establish a common ground, working toward fulfilling the needs and interests of our residents. Please give it a chance. Just as we need the help of the men as they work around the property; we also need the input and assistance of our female residents. The history of the Women's Club speaks well of its past. Now, let's take a look at its future!

Merry Christmas to all!

Barbara Ludden



Some scenes from earlier activities.

Breakfast & Coffee at the Clubhouse

V de G Women's Association

Invites you to:

**Kick-off the Christmas Season
Casserole/Coffee/Christmas Table
Saturday, December 3rd
Clubhouse**

Sponsored by: Buildings 6 & 2

Cost \$1.00

Home-cooked food, good conversation, jump start to the holidays!
Sign-up at the Clubhouse... We'll look forward to seeing you



With Time Maturity

You may have noticed that the society garlic, the tall spiky plants with the lovely lavender blossoms, planted on the parking lot islands and in the front of the complex are progressively disappearing. These are very hardy plants that are drought tolerant and can withstand extreme temperatures, cold and hot, and we experienced both over the past year.

They are not disappearing due to drought, lack of irrigation or poor soil quality. We, along with Westcoast and the Pinellas County Extension Center, have investigated each of these sources of the problem. They are disappearing due to animals feeding on the plants.

To keep our appeal to animals to a minimum in our complex, please be diligent in bagging and tying all garbage, keep all trash room doors closed year round and please do not feed the animals. There is sufficient natural food without human intervention.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

On Tuesday November 22nd, your Buildings and Grounds committee held its first meeting of the season and set-out a list of priorities as regards the projects we wish to undertake during this season; they are outlined in the minutes of that meeting which have been posted throughout the complex.

Our first priority is the resurfacing of the lockers; that work has already begun and by the time the Villadom is published, two sets of lockers, on the first and second floor of building 6 will have been completed. This is in addition to those that our volunteers completed during the last season in building 7. Doing this work with volunteers will save us thousands of dollars.

Of course, as in the past, we need additional volunteers; anyone interested in helping us complete the projects we have outlined in the minutes, please sign-up; a form has been posted on the clubhouse bulletin-board for that purpose.

I have reported to the Board that it is my intention to step down as chairman of the committee. I have agreed however to remain with the committee until such time as a new chairman is appointed. I want to thank the Board for the confidence that they placed in me during my tenure and at the same time thank my fellow committee members for their enthusiastic support.

Henry Kostuck

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

What You Need To Know About Your Unit Insurance

Though these three (3) important points have been communicated to you several times, they are worth mentioning again as a reminder:

1. **Owner Unit Insurance** Association Documents **require Owners to purchase and maintain unit insurance** (see 8.1bb pg. 16 of the Articles of Incorporation)

2. **Wind Mitigation Study (WMS)** If you have not yet used the WMS to help you reduce your personal unit insurance premium, you may want to do so. Most Owners have secured a reduction when the WMS was applied. For more information, consult with your insurance agent. Copies of the WMS are available in the office or by calling Leslie Randolph at 727 796-5900

3. **Water Damage In Our Units** When it comes to damage in our units, regardless of the cause, Florida State statute defines the responsibilities of both the Association and we the Owners. If you have not done so, we recommend that you read, and make yourself familiar with, the VDG Declaration "5.1 Apartments", parts A & B, pgs.10 and 11.

(Note: Both the Declaration and the By-Laws were recently sent to all Owners). If you have homeowners (condo) insurance in place, your financial loss, should your unit be damaged, is reduced to the amount of the deductible. If you have questions, we suggest that you consult with your insurance agent

A Call For Volunteers As we all know, a great deal of the credit of what makes VDG a great place to live, goes to our many volunteers. If it were not for volunteers, we would have no social program, the office would not be staffed, and there would be no Women's Association, no Villadom for example. At the same time, our monthly maintenance fees would be significantly higher. Please consider volunteering. We always can use more volunteers. If interested, contact any BOD member. Thank you

2012 Capital Projects The following capital projects are in the planning for 2012: Drain Replacement between Bldgs. 5&6; Parking Lot and Road Sealing and Striping; Painting of the Building Exteriors; 2nd & 3rd Floor Alcove Carpet Replacement; Structural Repairs to the Buildings; Storage Locker Renovation, Landscape Upgrades and Clubhouse Improvements. As each of these projects progress, details will be made known in the Villadom and via BOD meeting minutes.

Drain Replacement The 18" drain between buildings 5&6 will be replaced. The work is scheduled to start December 1 and will take approximately 5 working days to complete followed by repairs to the parking lot asphalt and landscape restoration. Every effort to avoid utility interruption will be taken. Our cooperation and patience is appreciated. Thank you ***Your Board of Directors***

Tennis News

Kay Hogan

We will try to have a tournament Dec 3rd if we have enough players. Sign up by Wednesday 6 PM (social members also). We will start at 9:30 because the breakfast will start at 9:00. The social will be a surprise by Eva and Gitta and cost about \$7 (pay them)

Guys and Dolls

Kent Ward

A fun time was had by all. See villasdegolf.net for photos. The December event will be on the 10th.

Line Dancing had a great start with Julia Quinn, Phil Connell, Mary Blanchard, Vadis Voas, Audrey Spencer, Barb Armstrong, Betty Ropp and Robert and Dolores. We reviewed all the dances we did last year and of course we all had fun doing the cupid shuffle. We will be having class on Thursdays at 11 am. every week. Come have some fun with some fun people. *Dolores Becker*

Euchre Corner

November Winners:

Noelline Aubrey
Betty Ropp,
Jack Dunlevy
Dolores Becker.

Coming Dec 14th, the first of three Euchre Tournaments for the season-\$3.00 entry fee. Awards: 25 cents high and low and Euchre.

Gifts for all. Chocolate chip cookies plus anything you bring to share.

Dodie & Jack

Book Club

Judy Shafer

We enjoyed a very interesting discussion at our November meeting. We will not be meeting this month. Hope to see you all on Thursday Jan 12 at 1:00.

Phone Directory

Ron Veltman

NOTE: The state of Florida has passed a law that owners and renters must approve listing their phone numbers and email addresses so send in the form mailed to you or send in a note with your contact information if you wish to be included in the next directory.

Bob Cronk's memorial service will be on Sat., December 3rd at 11:00 AM in the Anona Traditional Sanctuary. The family has asked for the Sanctuary Choir and the Gospel Chordsmen to sing for the service.

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The Ladies Golf League started the first week in November. We had our regulars join us: Barb Armstrong, Hilda Wardwell, Reenie Schauf, Judy Shafer, Barb Mannelte, Elvera Flynn, Lorrie David, Diane Dempsey, and Dolores Becker. We were so happy to see some new members join us: Betty Ropp. Mary Blanchard, Noelline Aubrey and Vadis Voas.. We are hoping to have Marie Murphy join us on Monday for a fun morning. We have four tee times starting at 9:30 am. *Dolores Becker*

Our first bike trip was fun. We had eight bikers: Dolores, Robert, Walter, Dwaine, Vadis and their son Jeffrey. Also Mary Blanchard and Mike Quinn. We trailed down Walsingham Dr. and over the bridge to the Pub for lunch. The day was great-blue skies. It was a nice eight mile trip. We stopped at the turtle pond to view them and also see the new owl. Next month on Dec.16th we will be going over the Walsingham bridge to Guppy's for lunch, stopping to view the park at Indian Rocks Beach. There is so much beauty in our area. Come join us and enjoy.

Dolores Becker



Photo by Dwaine