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Manager's Corner

Wow! Is it really April already? Most of you will be leaving us this month, and we want to tell you what a pleasure it has been having you spend your winter months with us again!

A few housekeeping items:

Kayak racks: We will not be cancelling any storage contracts at this time, however, we will require that if you are leaving for more than a month, that you remove your kayak from the rack and stow it either in your lanai, or secure it under your deck or RV. This is necessary as we will be going into storm/hurricane season very soon. Please let us know that you have removed and secured it.

I will be sending out a checklist for you by email this month with some reminders on what you need to do to secure your place for storm season. Also, it will be really helpful if you let us know if someone is watching your place for you while you are gone and provide us with that name and phone number. Remember we do not have keys to get into your home and check things.

Remember that although we will maintain the grass and trees surrounding your home, it is your responsibility to make sure that weeds are maintained while you are away.

We hope you will check in on Facebook over the summer, so you can keep up with what is going on here at RCR. We will continue to upload the activity calendars and the monthly Macaw Newsletters, and also email them out while you are away. There should be two new Pickleball courts installed when you get back!

Safe travels and we will see you back in the fall or after the holidays!

Regards,

Bev Malouin

Beverly Malouin, Resort Manager





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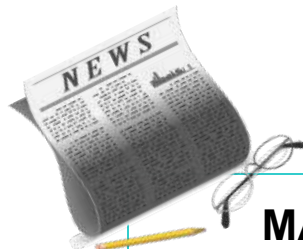
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More Amenities listed on page 10.

Citizens Patrol

We are ramping up again for night patrols on the grounds at RCR.

If you're interested in helping out, please contact Dick Brown at **941-486-8497** for details.



MAY NEWSLETTER

Have an idea? Want to write a story?

We want to hear from you!

Remember: send pictures, articles, club news... to

royalcoachman_rec@equitylifestyle.com
by **APRIL 10th** for inclusion in the May newsletter. Or stop by the Activities office with your submission.



Maintenance Log April 2017

By George Shepard

This seemed to be popular last year; I got some positive feedback, so here is this year's projection.

~ Information provided by www.noaa.gov. <https://alerts.weather.gov/> ~

SPRING FLOOD OUTLOOK FOR WEST CENTRAL AND SOUTHWEST FLORIDA... LOW FLOOD THREAT FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS... The Florida dry season has lived up to its name and then some. Very dry warm conditions have occurred during the fall and winter months across all of west central and southwest Florida. Rainfall deficits have run 4 to 8 inches across the region.

Sounds like we are going to continue for several months in this dry period, so please be careful with all campfires.

I know this was in the March Macaw but it is very important. If you are leaving us in April, make sure all outside items around your site are put inside your shed, your lanai or your park model or RV. Please leave **NOTHING** outside that might become a projectile in a wind storm. Please put tables on paved surfaces, if you need help ask a neighbor or call the office.

Reminders:

- Pile pick up Monday 400's & 500's; Tuesday 200's; Wednesday 300's; Thursday RV section & 600's
- Please keep pine needles separate from other yard debris. Please remember as everyone returns and rakes, I will schedule additional pick-ups as needed.
- If you would like late access to the Club House, Rec Hall, Card Room, and Lounge area, please remember to call 941.400.3134 to make arrangements in advance.

Hope everyone has a wonderful summer!!

Have Fun....Enjoy...Be Happy!!!

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Meet Your Neighbors: Walking through the Park on a Sunny Day

Written By: Jazz Compton Photos: by Jazz, bottom provided by except photo of the Gonnam's they provided.

Random Interviews: What activities do you enjoy at the Royal Coachman?

Ron & Joy Lightcap: together Ron and Joy sing in the chorus; she's an alto, and he's a baritone, and they were announcers at the variety show. Joy plays Hand & Foot, and volunteers with the Ladies' Fashion Show; Ron never misses Bingo Night.



Charlesetta (Charlie) Bleakney: sings first soprano in chorus, enjoys walking, and playing miniature golf with her husband.

Jean VanAppledorn: is one of the most active people in the park: she paints and sells her watercolor sea & landscape paintings, both northern and southern subjects, which she sells at the Royal Coachman Craft Fair. Active in swimming and aerobics, Jean also plays euchre, scat, and Bocce.



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Bunny Caldwell: takes art classes, and socializes. She also enjoys playing pickle ball, biking, swimming at the pool, and walking her dog, Duncan.

Martie Bindley: has discovered the glass studio this winter, has made several stained glass pieces and is currently sandblasting wine bottles to make chimes, slumping plates, and fusing glass for jewelry. Martie's grandkids are regular visitors to the park, and she loves to teach them crafts.



Darrell Robinson: is an avid tennis player and active biker.

Mary Hamlet: plays tennis, takes watercolor and acrylic painting classes, and plays Mah Jongg. She is often found walking her large and friendly dog, Darby.



John Gajar: does it all: tennis, pickle ball, bocce, stretch & sculpt classes, and biking with the bike club. He's also plays euchre, bridge, Mexican train dominos, and enjoys park sponsored dances and other social activities. He's often found walking his dog, Moxie.

Josie Bruno: is an alto in the chorus, plays tennis and pickle ball, and is active in the volunteer program here at the Royal Coachman.



Jane Haley: plays both tennis and pickle ball, golf, and attends morning yoga classes. A regular at domino and 31games, she attends a daily happy hour with friends. Jane is often found reading by the pool, and states her favorite activity is "being with the good people here" at the Royal Coachman".

Donna Gonnam: is an active participant in the Saturday craft fair, where she sells custom sewn pillowcases & snap purses. Donna plays bingo & euchre, and enjoys deep water aerobics.

Kerry Gonnam: was on the board for 6 years, now enjoys the Anglers' Club, and is the park's computer guru, often helping residents solve computer problems. His favorite activity is sitting on the porch and reading books.





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ADVISORY BOARD CORNER

Chuck Genrich, President

This season is coming to a close and I am sure some have already left the park. This season was a pleasant departure from the last two, much quieter and conflict free, and the weather was great. We are lucky enough to spend the winters in one of the best parks in Florida. A refrain that I constantly hear is that visitors and newcomers are amazed at the number of activities. We know that if it were not for the volunteers that would not be so. The park was full in January and February and, once again, they have an extensive list of standbys for next season. This is a jewel in Encore's system.

The Annual General Meeting was held February 11. The park manager, Beverly Malouin, told us about a number of major projects she has planned for this year, including road paving and new Pickleball courts, and the need to attend to that pesky Transient Use Agreement. This year's paving is the start of a three-year paving project. We also elected two board members to fill spots becoming vacant; Don Silke and Linda Lewis and re-elected Chuck Genrich. I want to thank Patty Hicks and Maddy Trimby for their service to the park during their time on the board. I was heartened by the fact that during the comment period there were very few issues. I am hoping that means a contented population. At our regular February meeting the new slate of officers was voted in resulting in Chuck Genrich as president, Terry Ludban, vice president, Linda Lewis, secretary and Bruce Hummel, treasurer.

The board has responded to several funding requests this season. The pancake breakfast has purchased two new grills, one of which was paid for from the Activity Fund. That fund also provided additional fencing for the Pickleball courts, \$500 to the choir and one half of the cost of a new keyboard for Bill Primeau. The other half of the keyboard cost was contributed by Canada Day. The board remains receptive to funds requests but everyone needs to keep in mind that the board currently receives very little to replenish the Activity Fund. While we receive funds from the pancake breakfast we also provide the funds they use to buy their supplies which results in small positive cash return.

The Advisory Board website (royalcoachmanresort.net) has undergone some revisions and updates. You will note that, at the request of the park, we have gotten rid of the dreaded word Association. The unit rental and sales link has been removed to take a significant workload off of the webmaster.

Finally, on that web site are the photos, names, site number and email addresses of the Advisory Board. You can contact any one of them with any issue. Our mission is to be your voice to Park Management. To end, personally, I look forward to next season at a great park with outstanding guests.



2017 EASTER EGG HUNT

Calling all children ages 1 – 10

Saturday, April 15, 2017 ~ 9:30 a.m. at the Band Stand

Bring your Easter basket or something to hold the eggs you find.

Find the "special Egg" and you'll receive a special gift from the Easter Bunny! Candy will be available for all participants. Pictures with the Easter Bunny too! Sing some really cool songs to escort the Easter Bunny to his place of honor!

Sign-up sheet will be in the Lounge, April 1st.

In case of rain, there will be no egg hunt outdoors – The Easter Bunny will be at the Pool Veranda for candy and pictures!



Amenities

- ☺ **Air Pump** Air for vehicle tires is located at the back of the Resort, at the Dump Station. We do not supply a gauge.
- ☺ **Bulletin Board** Any notices to be posted must be brought to the Office. Please use a 3"x5" index card to list items for sale/rent. All other notices must be appropriate size. Bulletin boards are located throughout the Boardwalk and at the Recreation hall and Clubhouse.
- ☺ **Campfires** No Ground Fires are permitted. Above the ground covered fire containers are permitted. If it is an extremely dry season, the Office will post notices regarding campfires
- ☺ **Canoes** They are available at no cost. They are located across from site 67 on the Outer Circle. To sign out canoes bring your driver's license to the Office. We will hold your license for you to pick up after returning the canoe. Paddles and life jackets are available in the locked shed by the canoes. You must be 18-years-old or older or accompanied by a parent to use the canoes. There is a 2-hour limit for usage and they are available from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. daily.
- ☺ **Kayak Racks** To utilize the kayak racks you must sign a contract at the office and lock your kayak on the assigned spot. Any canoes/kayaks found unaccounted for may be disposed of.
- ☺ **Laundry Room** Located at the Clubhouse. No cash accepted. Credit/Debit card required for use.

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- ☺ **Car & Boat Wash** There is a car, RV and boat wash located by the Maintenance Shop, available on a first-come, first-serve basis
- ☺ **Dump Station** An RV Dump Station is located in the back of the Resort near the Maintenance Shed.
- ☺ **Emergency Shelter Information** Please check the Bulletin Boards on the Boardwalk and Clubhouse, or our Facebook page for Sarasota County Emergency Shelter Locations. There is an evacuation plan for viewing available at the Office.
- ☺ **Faxes and Copies** The Office will fax your document(s) with a cost of \$1.50 for the first page and \$.50 for each additional page. Please notify the Office if you will be receiving a fax. Incoming faxes are \$.15 per page. Copies are \$.15 per page for black and white. We will not make color copies.
- ☺ **Fitness Center** The Fitness Center is located on the Boardwalk. You must be 18-years-old or older to use the center. The entry code is with your arrival documents.
- ☺ **Garbage and Recycling Center** The garbage compactor and recycling containers are located at the back of the Clubhouse. We recycle cardboard, newspaper, plastic jugs and clear plastic bottles and glass. Plastic bags do not go into the recycling containers. Please break down all boxes and follow posted directions for the disposal of trash. *This area is only for trash; not furniture, appliances, tires, batteries, etc.* For large items, etc. you can take them directly to the Sarasota County Landfill. It is located at 4000 Knights Trail Rd., Nokomis 34275. Call for their daily hours 941-861-1573.
- ☺ **Ice** It is available at the Office during business hours for the cost of \$2 for a 10-pound bag.
- ☺ **Internet Café** Located on the Boardwalk. A computer is available to use or bring your laptop for complimentary Wi-Fi. Entry codes are in your welcome packet.
- ☺ **Mailroom** Please verify that your site # is on your incoming mail to prevent any delays. Also, please make sure that your name is listed on the mail; if a package/letter is addressed to Grandma/Grandpa/Pet's name/Etc., your mail may not be delivered. As a courtesy, we do our very best to deliver the mail promptly. Should you desire to obtain your mail at the local post office, the information needed is: **Nokomis Post Office
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- ☺ **Pavilion** The pavilion is a large covered area that is available for picnics, parties, etc. for big groups of our guests. Electricity is available. Sign up on the Blue ONE-TIME ACTIVITIES sheet in the Lounge and give it to the Activities Director.
- ☺ **Paws Park** Pets are welcome, but ALL cats and dogs must be leashed at all times when outside of the Paws Park. Owners MUST pick up after their pets. No pets should be left unattended or tied up outside. No fences or playpens allowed. Pets are not permitted in activity buildings (i.e. Clubhouse, Rec Hall, etc.) pool area or in the bathrooms/showers. Paws Park is open from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. daily and is located behind the car wash. Pets should not be an annoyance – i.e. "Excessive barking" and unleashed.
- ☺ **Sports Equipment** Basketballs, volleyballs, golf clubs, etc. are available at the Office.
- ☺ **Wood Shop** The Wood Shop is located near the Maintenance Building at the back of the resort. Skill is required. Contact Gil Field at 941-928-6136 (NEW NUMBER!!) for more information.



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Expo season is upon us. We have already been in the Chamber Expo, which hosts local businesses. Then we were part of the Sun Fiesta. We have upcoming events in some of the homeowner community events.

When Karen has attended events, she has heard the husbands say, "I hear fine." And Karen always responds, "You don't get a vote, your wife does." Then she turns to the wife and, more often than not, the wife says, "He needs to come in and see you."

At these events, people approach us and tend to ask similar questions. Sometimes people who ask me, "What's new in hearing aids?" just aren't sure what other questions they could ask. They might have a hearing loss, or someone they love does, and they might not be ready to proceed.

This is a difficult conversation to have.

The real question Karen discovered while having lunch downtown with a new acquaintance is, "are you just gonna sell me hearing aids or try to help my hearing loss?"

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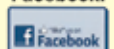
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RCR SENIOR GAMES 2017 – WRAP UP

Written by Chuck Genrich

During the last two weeks in February the 17th Annual Royal Coachman Resort Senior Games took place. I do not know that when Hal Scott started the first RCR Senior Games he believed that it would still be in existence, but it is going strong. We had some interference from Mother Nature who decided it needed to rain on two occasions. That weather shortened miniature golf and caused the long jump, basketball 3-point and free throw and golf ring shot to be cancelled but overall the weather was great.

There were about 15 fewer registered participants this season but of the 350 plus that did register there were 50 new participants. Bocce remains the most popular event with 106 men and women registered. However, many other events such as those golf-related plus Saturday's ever popular activity round have very strong participation. Pickleball is gaining popularity and went to a three night event with men's, women's and mixed events watched by a decent crowd of spectators. Two additional Pickleball courts may be available next season. Most other events have maintained their registered numbers and popularity over the years. Once again Rod Poppe's trivia questions made our brains hurt trying to remember those facts. The games concluded with the Bocce Grand Championship games between the men's and women's winning teams with the men's team emerging victorious for a second year. A special note for Jack Cowan. In 2015 Jack won the Ben Green award and he spent last season recovering from a medical situation. This year Jack entered 30 events and won a ribbon in 13 of them. Welcome back Jack!



Photos from Top to Bottom:

Closest to Pin, Darts, Frisbee Golf, Women's Bocce Winners, Shuffleboard Doubles, Shuffleboard and Men's Bocce

Senior Games 2017 Continued

Photos Provided by Sharon Wright Guswiler (Tennis) & Amanda (Frisbee Golf)

Everyone needs to remember that every aspect of the games is dependent upon volunteers. The overall direction of the games, administration, leaders and assistants of the events are all volunteers. Each year we need to replace one or two leaders for those who are no longer with us, have left the park or are physically unable to participate. If you participate in an event, consider leading that event. Previously, someone did it for you.





THE E.A.T. REPORT

By Jazz Compton ~ jazzcompton@icloud.com ~ Photos pulled from Pub 32 Facebook Page.



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Pub 32 provides a unique opportunity to visit Ireland without ever leaving Sarasota. The food is wonderful,



the Sunday evening music rousing, the setting just right for a pub while comfortable for non-bar goers, and a perfect place for lunch after tennis or a round of golf. Sunday night's Irish music jam sessions, which include park residents Holly and Tim, provide a lively evening's entertainment: attendees sing along to well known songs and sway in unison to others. Reservations are crucial for Sunday; there isn't an empty seat in the place. Large parties are accommodated with ease. If you're a "two-top" or a party of four, request a seat near the music; be specific if you don't want a room-like booth (blocks view of music) or to be seated behind a wall. Make reservations as far in advance as you can to guarantee a good table.

The menu is varied, one can enjoy a sandwich or a gourmet meal; I don't think you can go wrong in your meal choice. Many appetizers are made to be shared: freshly cut potato chips with Lager and Dubliner Irish cheddar dip, an Irish inspired O'Poutine which consists of crispy corned beef, Super Gravy (beef gravy supplemented with beef reduction), and Irish Cheddar cheese over homemade chips (not French fries). Other appetizers to share include crunchy, crisp curried chickpeas, and a "Pickle Plate" of assorted house made pickles, Irish oat bread and Irish butter. While the Pub offers two salads, let's face it, who goes to a pub for a salad? Bubble & Squeak, Smoked Marrow Bones with bitter greens, Bushmills Liver Pate, and Garlic Cheddar soup are among the other choices.

The "All Day" menu has more casual choices: sandwiches, stews, and other more Irish homey dishes. The Reuben is hand sliced Guinness corned beef, still crunchy red cabbage that provided a balance of textures, grilled with Swiss cheese on rye bread; not one scintilla of soggy mess make this an elevated deli classic. Fish and Chips is pub perfection on a plate: a crunchy, light batter keeps the fish moist and lightly cooked inside, hand cut fries, curry tartar sauce, and outrageously good slaw. The Cheeseburger is eight ounces of ground chuck & short rib meat, rich with flavor, and so far, I've not seen anyone finish a whole one. Squash Coconut Curry (Wait 'till you try the Potato Farl Bread, an addictive, dense flatbread), and Oat & Goat Cheese Cakes are both unique, flavorful vegetarian choices.



One of our weekly specials:
Beef Wellington- USDA certified Angus tenderloin with a shallot and mushroom duxelles wrapped in a puff pastry. Served with sweet and savory butter glazed yams.



Chocolate, chocolate brownie stuffed crepes with sour cherry compote

Entrees are served after 4; Scottish salmon is grilled, served with roasted fennel and potatoes, bursted (sp) tomatoes and mushrooms and comes with a celery root puree. Dublin Coddle, a crisp chicken thigh over bacon broth, roast potatoes, Bangers and winter herbs is a great cool weather dish. Traditional Irish Chicken Pot Pie is full of chicken and fresh vegetables in a Supreme Sauce (chicken stock reduced with cream) is served with champ (cheesy mashed potatoes with green onions); Shepherd's Pie is made with tender, braised beef, root vegetables, and topped with champ & Irish cheddar cheese.

This is Pub food elevated to new heights, and any time is a good time to visit Pub 32. For a rollicking good time visit on a Sunday evening. *Eirinn go Brach! Ireland until eternity!*



BETTY'S CORNER – THE GREAT BLUE HERON

Article and Photography by Betty Baird

Common near the shores of open water and in wetlands over most of North America and Central America you will find the Great Blue Heron, a large wading bird in the heron family. It is the largest North American heron with a wingspan of 66 - 79 inches. Great Blue Herons are about twice as heavy as Great Egrets. The males' average weight is 5.5 lbs with females' slightly less at 4.7 lbs.



Graceful on land

and in air, their appearance is striking. Notable features include slate gray with a slight azure blue tint flight feathers, red-brown thighs, and a paired red-brown and black stripe up the flanks; the neck is rusty-gray, with black and white streaking down the front; the head is paler, with nearly white face, and a pair of black or slate neck plumes run from just above the eye to the

back of the head. The feathers on the lower neck are long and plume-like; it also has plumes on the lower back at the start of breeding season.

Interesting Facts Include:

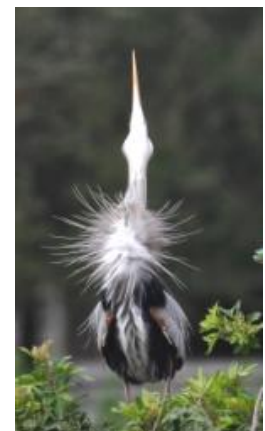
- Primary food is small fish though occasionally known to eat shrimp, crabs, aquatic insects, rodents and other small mammals, reptiles and birds
- Usually forage while standing in water - they are large wading birds which can feed in deeper water giving them an advantage over other wading birds but they prefer the shallow water



- Usually breed in colonies and are usually only monogamous for one season
- Both females and males incubate the eggs and both feed chicks by regurgitating food
- In Florida, young herons take their first flight at about 80 days and return to the nest to be fed for about another 3 weeks
- Predators of eggs and nestlings include turkey vultures, common ravens, crows, hawks, black bear, raccoons; larger avian predators such as eagles are the only known predator to attack great blue herons at every stage of their lifecycle.



John and I had the privilege of watching and photographing the ritual of the male courting his chosen female by showing her the nest and dancing with the beautiful mating plumes along his lower back extended. When you see a great blue heron, be sure to take some time to watch the patience displayed during the hunt and the lovely takeoff and flight when they decide to head for their nest. What a blessing to have the opportunity to observe these creatures up close and personal.





The Woodshop Dinner Dance was a Success!

We want to thank all the members, volunteers and residents that participated in the Dinner Dance. Our manager and activity director were so supportive. The Dance ran so smooth. **Thank You from the chairs Rich and Noreen Brezowski**



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CELEBRATE Many celebrants, friends, and neighbors enjoyed cake and beverages in the Rec Hall on March 14th for the February & August Birthday/Anniversary Party. You are invited to attend and to celebrate your birthday or anniversary OR to celebrate with your friends and neighbors as they celebrate theirs. The Birthday and Anniversary Party happens on a Tuesday, from November through April.



Celebrating Anniversaries: left to right- Maddy Trimby & Bob Walter, Kathy & Tom Marshall, Pat & Don Stoecker



Celebrating their Birthday: Front row: left to right-Priscilla hayden, Donna Gonnam, Maureen Connors. Back Row left to right: Randy Hayden, Jim Chiste, Al Santini, Carol Santini, Kathy Marshall, Janet Grace, Mary Ann Kusler, John Gajar

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Maureen Connors
- 2 Linda Gaudet
- 2 Lori Lilly
- 2 Kathy Snowball
- 2 Sona Moore
- 4 Priscilla Hayden
- 6 Blair Cessna
- 6 Elaine Rubin
- 8 Mary Ann Kusler
- 12 Brian Cain
- 16 Joyce Blackney
- 16 Bill Eldred
- 17 Wayne Jennings
- 21 Jeri Long
- 22 John Gajar
- 22 Carol Santini
- 24 Sally Frechette
- 28 Jim Chiste
- 30 Rosemary Cessna
- 30 Janet Grace
- 31 Bob Jordan
- 31 Kathy Robinson
- 31 Al Santini



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 Nancy & Brian Cain
- 23 Don & Elaine Rubin
- 30 Coletta & Alan Stape

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mary Sands
- 2 Linda Gaudet
- 2 Don Stoecker
- 4 Grace Parker
- 7 Dale Wilcher
- 9 Kay Bach
- 12 Frank Gawkowski
- 13 Bob McDonald
- 15 Bert Prinzen
- 21 Kathy Marshall
- 26 Gonnam Donna
- 27 Judy Wilcher
- 29 Janet Crich



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SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Tom & Kathy Marshall
- 3 Jackie & Bob Sherburne
- 12 Don & Pat Stoecker
- 12 Maddie Trimby & Bob Walter



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- Please supply the office with your FPL account number as soon as you have it to prevent incorrect billing.
- For guests that are not utilizing FPL and are with us for one month or longer, we will have your electric fee at the office.
- For those of you with FPL, please be sure to discontinue your service with them on your departure date and inform the office when you do so.

Comcast

- For internet service: auto-pay and eco billing must be utilized to receive the \$19.99 monthly rate. You must go to the Venice Comcast office directly to receive this special rate.
- If additional cable is needed, Royal Coachman will run it, thus saving you a \$50 install fee.

Wi-Fi

Complimentary wireless Wi-Fi service is available:

- Lounge/Internet Café/Pool: cdgroup, cdgroup 2.4 and cdgroup 5
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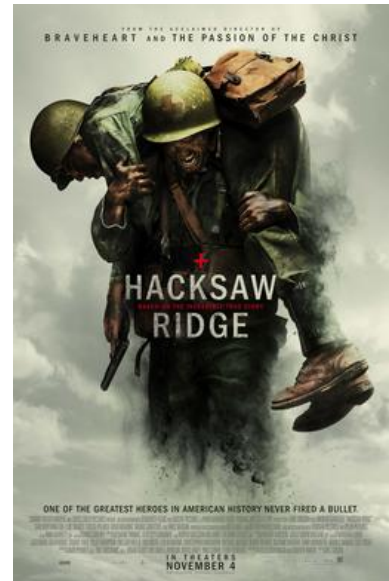
Propane

Gapps Propane began deliveries on Monday, October 31st around 9 a.m. and continues every Monday throughout the season. A sign-up sheet will be in the Lounge. Remember to remove your tank and put it out by the road. Payment is YOUR responsibility.

April Dinner & A Movie

Tickets are available! Join us on Saturday, April 8th for dinner served at 6 p.m. in the Rec Hall. *This month's meal catered by Buffalo Bill's.* **Dinner Menu:** Marinated & Grilled ¼ Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Southern style green beans, corn bread and dessert.

The free movie starts at 7 p.m. Hacksaw Ridge: The extraordinary true story of conscientious objector Desmond T. Doss who saved 75 men in Okinawa, during the bloodiest battle of WWII, without firing a single shot. Believing that the war was just but killing was nevertheless wrong, he was the only American soldier in WWII to fight on the front lines without a weapon. As an army medic Doss single-handedly evacuated the wounded near enemy lines - braving enemy fire and putting his own life on the line. He was the first conscientious objector to ever win the Congressional Medal of Honor. ***You don't have to join us for dinner to see the free movie.***



VISITORS

All guests that have visitors coming in for the day to use the facilities/amenities must register them with the office and pay a \$5 per guest fee. During their time at RCR all visitors must be accompanied by their registered guest. Anyone having visitors staying over 15 consecutive days *may* be required to pay \$5/per day, per visitor.

If you have a guest that stays longer than 30 days then that guest must submit a background screening application for residency. Please contact the resort office in writing if you have a special circumstance.





Music Under the Stars

We had a beautiful full moon as time sprang forward this year! Fortunately for us we also had music under the stars with guest Steve Reeser. Thank you to everyone who came out and socialized. Let's do it again!



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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Look and see what Carol Gerisch has done with her talent and generosity! These quilts were made as gifts of friendship. The quilts started with a fishing quilt given to Cleve Crossman (not pictured), a fishing quilt for Patti Hicks, a car themed quilt for Bill Hicks and a wonderful happy quilt for our photographer Cathy Reyka. All the quilts were surprises and loved by all. Many thanks go to Carol for sharing her special talent. By **Evie Vrakas**



2017 Fashion Show

Ann LeGray & Joy Lightcap hosted this year's fashion show on February 15th with fashions by Krystyna's and a yummy spumoni dessert catered by Bentley's Ice Cream. What a great time had by all!





MY OTHER WORLD

BY Sally York



Back home, in 'my other world,' there live responsibilities, commitments, snowblowers, shovels and all those things that don't live here. What is it about this life on the West Coast of Florida, in our little haven of RCR, which makes us so much younger, so much more relaxed?

I love riding around on my bike seeing all the college flags flying; Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, Connecticut... What fun to root for the college team of our home state! Probably many of our children and grandchildren have attended or are attending these schools.

Riding past a motor coach on the big circle, I spotted a sign above their front bumper, "The Lower The Latitude The Better The Attitude." How true this is, as neighbor talks with neighbor; strangers yesterday and friends today.

Somehow the achy bones leave us as we don our dancing shoes and head for the Rec Hall. If our kids could see us now! YMCA, Chubby Checkers Twist, a little Chicken Dance... Age has got nothing on us!

The time does come though, only too soon, when we have to head back to "our other world". In the meantime... sit back, relax, take a look to the North and SMILE.

To the Tune of *Thanks for the Memories...*

Thanks for the magazines!
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Volunteers – One of the greatest resources of RCR.

Pat Lang, Volunteer Coordinator, Site 544 ~ 941.412.8882 or 603.731.8273 ~ rpm2g4@aol.com
The Volunteer Meeting is the 2nd Wed. monthly October – April at 1pm in the Clubhouse. *Everyone invited.*

What a great “season” this has been!

Once again, **VOLUNTEERS** have continued to make this Resort a great place to be. We have been busy, busy, busy – with daily or weekly activities, monthly events, one-time only events, on-going activities - however they are classified. Exercises, hobbies, crafts, entertainment, sports, computer classes, discussion groups, informational speakers, dances, dinners . . . the list goes on and on.

A few statistics about the collection of volunteer data recorded from the information submitted to me from Lead Volunteers this “season” (beginning in October and ending in March.)

- ✓ 1,890 total entries were reported (*many guests volunteer for more than one activity*)
- ✓ 525 volunteers were reported in the daily/weekly activities (basically the front of your calendar) (*many guests lead more than one activity here also*)
- ✓ 1,365 volunteers reported in monthly events, one-time events (basically (the front side of your calendar) plus, ticket sales, Citizens Patrol, Set Up Committee, Library, etc. (*many guests lead more than one activity here also*))
- ✓ 360 volunteers assisted in 3 or more events.



Attendance at the monthly Volunteer Meeting has been very good this season. I, personally, thank everyone who attended. Your input is very important. I sincerely hope the meetings have been helpful.

New volunteers are always welcome. There is a half-sheet form a purple folder in the baskets by the coffee pot in the Lounge for you to fill out and then return to me at Site 544. Once I have the information I will forward it to the Lead Volunteer of any activities/events in which an interest was shown. I will also contact you when a request for a volunteer is given to me. The information is kept from year-to-year. Once I have your information, you do not need to register again.

Many “standing committees” have been created. If you are a member of one, it is important that you let the Lead Person know that you are still interested or that you will no longer be a part of that committee. If you cannot be at an event that your committee is hosting, please let the Lead Person know ahead of time so that a substitute can be found to fill your place.

As the 2016-2017 season ends, let’s take time to reflect on our activities. Some have changed a little; some have changed a lot; some are new; some are old. But all have been offered with YOU, the guests in mind. I thank our new manager, Bev, and our new Activity Director, Amanda, for providing us with the resources to carry on with these activities. AND I especially give a great big

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

THANK YOU to all of **you** who have
volunteered this season.

Be happy, be healthy, be safe, and enjoy your
months away from RCR.

I’ll be looking for you in the 2017-2018 seasons.



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