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Heritage Day Parade, Festival and Chili Cook Off Scheduled for March 3

If it's the beginning of a new year, then it must also be time to start getting serious about one of the best attended and fun events in Parrish - the annual Heritage Day Parade, Festival and Chili Cook Off.

This year's event will be on Saturday March 3rd and the parade will start at 10:30 am from behind the Parrish Fire Station. It will continue down 121st Avenue ending at the Florida Railroad Museum which is the site of the festival and Chili Cook Off. You can park your car in the lot on 301, walk over to watch the parade, and be back in time for the gate opening at 11:00 am.

This will be the seventh year of the Festival and Chili Cook Off and the committee planning the event promises this will be the best ever. There will be live music, food trucks, lots of fun things for the children including a ride on the train, the Parrish Pioneering area with vendors showcasing life in early Parrish, the Budweiser truck and, of course, some great chili. Last year we had 28 teams competing for the coveted "Best chili in Parrish" trophy with the team from Conley Buick/GMC placing first and the Chili Chicks team sponsored by this newspaper a close second.

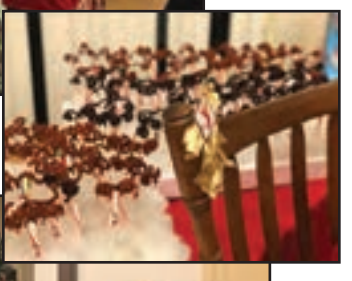
Parking is free and admission is just $10 with kids 12 and under getting in free. Your admission ticket gets you a free sample of each team's chili and a chance to vote for your favorite in the People's Choice Award. The team from FP&L won People's Choice last year and will be back again this year.

It's a great day and a fun event and the best part of all is that the proceeds go to The Parrish Foundation's Grant Fund which each year awards grants to charitable groups serving our Parrish community. Last year 19 organizations received grants totaling $40,000 making the total awarded in just six years almost $180,000 – all from the proceeds of the Festival and Chili Cook Off.

So come on out on March 3rd and have a great time while supporting our wonderful Parrish community. For more information on the event including how to enter a chili team or be a sponsor, visit www.parrishchili.com. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Parrish Y and the Parrish 7 Eleven.

30th Children's Christmas Party Brings Happiness

December 6th was the 30th year for the Children's Christmas Toy Party in Parrish, sponsored jointly by the YMCA and the Parrish Civic Association. The community of Parrish is a very special place to live with very special and giving people living here.



Each year a collection of toys from our community is put into Christmas decorated bags for the children by many volunteers. A Big Thank You for the YMCA folks, Jamie, Amy, Summer and many more; they are the team that makes this happen. As the children's names were called, they saw their big bag of toys. Their eyes lit up and the bags were so heavy they had to have help to carry them. There were at least 135 very happy children.

All of the toys were donated by many of our local residents, businesses and Toys for Tots. Veranda Springs MHP residents have collected toys all year for about 15 years. They also volunteer many hours to help on this event. Phil and Linda Courtright head this project up each year for Veranda Springs. What a great job they do! We also have Forest Creek residents supporting and collecting toys. Larry and Sandy Almond head up the toy collection; Larry makes wooden toy trucks, trailers and other wooden toys. He has been doing this for several years. The young children who receive them in their toy bags are very happy.

FPL Plant employees donate new bikes each year. This year they donated over 100 bikes and helmets, just for this event and for other children throughout the community. The River Wilderness Cookie Ladies, headed up by Karen Orlowski baked over 100 dozen cookies. They were so delicious and the children (and volunteers) loved them. Two ladies from Veranda Springs MHP, Ginny Storey and Barbara McEneny decorated candy canes with antlers and painted faces which Santa gave each child- adorable.

Santa wished everyone a very Merry Christmas, had photographs taken with each child and gave each child a decorated candy cane.

A wonderful time was had by all. This is a big THANK YOU to our Parrish community for their generosity again this year and for a job well done.

JANUARY CALENDAR

1/9 **PCA Board of Directors Meeting,** 6 - 7 pm (open to pub lic), 7 - 8 pm (closed session), Parrish United Methodist Church Youth Hall, Parrish. (If anyone would like to attend the closed session, please contact a board member of the Parrish Civic Association at director@pcafl.org prior to the meeting.)

1/23 **PCA General Membership Meeting** (Meet and Greet your members, 6 - 8 pm Social Mixer, 6:30 - 6:45 Membership Welcome, Premier Bank, Parrish.

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Parrish Community Member Spotlight

There are many people in Parrish who often go above and beyond to help our neighbors. We would like to take this opportunity to highlight a few who, for no other reason than to help others, recently stepped up as individuals to support the people in our community. Below are some of their recent initiatives:

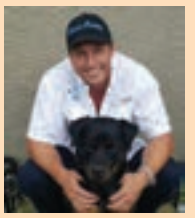
Fall Festival at Shake Station

Free Thanksgiving Dinners
The Parrish Thanksgiving Dinner event was a huge success. Many local businesses donated time and money and were able to feed over 200 people in the community.

Several Blood and Clothing Drives

We would like to offer a special thank you to these individuals.

David Prosser



David is a Native Floridian who served in the Air Force during the First Gulf War. He moved to Parrish in 2005 opening his business, a local painting company, Prosser Paints. He saw a need for a local painter offering great customer service, good quality work at an affordable price. David has been "blessed by this community, being one of the most recommended painters."

Clint Bailey

Clint is 3rd generation Farm Bureau Insurance agent. After 15 years in Law Enforcement he decided to start his own agency. He has been working with Farm Bureau Insurance for four years. Clint's largest clientele are the everyday people of the community who wish to protect their assets and families. "I am proud to serve the great communities of Parrish, Ellenton and Palmetto with the best service possible."

Alana Jeltema

Alana is a Parrish resident active in the Parrish community. She has children in the Parrish school system and local youth organizations. Alana loves to give back to her community by volunteering and donating to various charities. She has over 15 years of experience helping local buyers in her real estate business with Better Homes and Gardens Atchley Properties. She specializes in residential & new construction homes for both buyers and sellers in the Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Her clients have become some of her closest friends and most have worked with her multiple times as well as referring family and friends.

We would like to encourage more members of the Parrish community to join with us at the Parris Civic Association. Please see the Presidents message on the last page and follow Gretchen's suggestions if you know of anyone else from the community we should spotlight. As the saying goes, it takes a Village. Parrish and the PCA need your enthusiasm and involvement to turn our "Village Dream" into a reality for all residents.

The PCA needs more new members, including business professionals and residents who can volunteer their services to help make Parrish what we want it to be. The PCA is the voice of the community when it comes to working with Parrish residents, Manatee County Government, large real estate developers, businesses of all sizes and our neighbors in the surrounding, rapidly growing communities. It makes sure our voice is heard!

To join the PCA fill out the membership form below. Get involved!!

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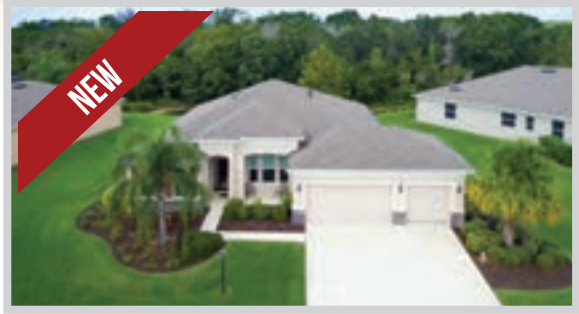

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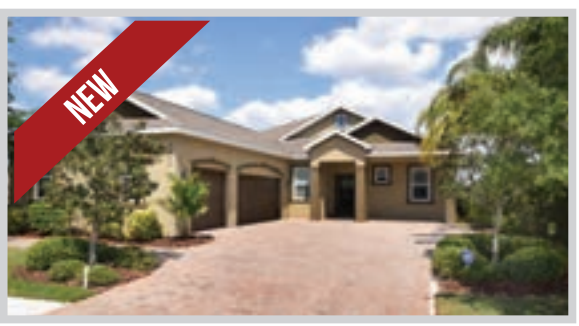

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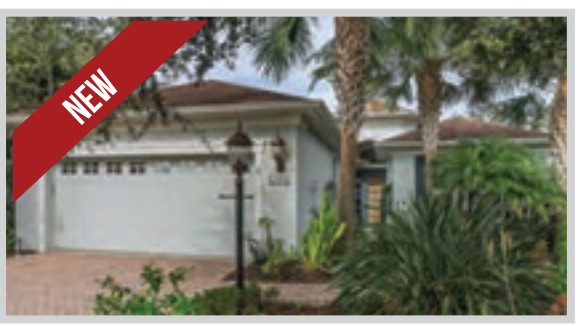

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It's Strawberry Season!

Living where we do - right in the heart of strawberry country - I thought some good strawberry recipes would be good for January. I bought strawberries last week and they were delicious!

Strawberry Trifle (pictured at right)

1 cup cold milk
1 cup sour cream
1 package instant vanilla pudding mix
1 tsp. grated orange peel
2 cups heavy whipping cream, whipped
8 cups cubed angel food cake
4 cups sliced fresh strawberries

In a large bowl, beat the milk, sour cream, pudding mix and orange peel on low speed until thickened. Fold in whipped cream. Place half of the cake cubes is a 3-quart glass bowl. Arrange a third of the strawberries around sides of the bowl and over cake; top with half of the pudding mixture. Repeat layers once. Top with remaining berries. Refrigerate for 2 hours before serving.

Yield: 8 - 10 servings.

Strawberry Daiquiri

6 cups ice
1/2 cup white sugar
4 ounces fresh strawberries, sliced
1/8 cup lime juice
1/2 cup lemon juice
3/4 cup run
1/4 cup lemon-lime flavored carbonated beverage

In a blender, combine ice, sugar and strawberries. Pour in lime juice, lemon juice, rum and lemon-lime soda. Blend until smooth. Pour into glasses and serve.

Yield: 4 servings.

Strawberry Pretzel Salad

1 1/2 cups crushed pretzels
4 1/2 Tbsp. white sugar
3/4 butter, melted
1 cup white sugar
2 (8-oz.) packages cream cheese
1 (8-oz.) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 (6-oz.) package strawberry flavored Jello
2 cups boiling water
16 oz. strawberries, sliced

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix together the pretzels, 4 1/2 tablespoons sugar and melted butter. Press into bottom on 9 x 13-inch baking dish. Bake to 10 minutes. Set aside to cool. In a medium bowl, beat the sugar and cream cheese until smooth. Fold in Whipped topping. Spread evenly over the cooled crust. Refrigerate until set, about 30 minutes. In a medium bowl, stir together the gelatin mix and boiling water. Mix in strawberries and stir. Pour over cream cheese mixture in dish. Refrigerate until completely chilled, at least 1 hour.

Yield: 6 servings.

Strawberry Spinach Salad

1 bunch spinach, rinsed
10 large strawberries, sliced
1/2 cup white sugar
1 tsp. salt
1/3 cup white vinegar
1 cup vegetable oil
1 Tbsp. poppy seeds

In a large bowl, mix the spinach and strawberries. In a blender, place the sugar, salt, vinegar and oil; blend until smooth. Stir in the poppy seeds. Pour over spinach and strawberries and toss to coat.

Yield: 4 servings.

Tangy Strawberry Barbecue Sauce

4 cups fresh strawberries, sliced
1/2 cup chili sauce
2 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar
2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/2 tsp. lemon zest
2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
1 large garlic clove, minced
1 Tbsp. light brown sugar
1/2 tsp. kosher salt
1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper

Process strawberries, chili sauce, vinegar, Worcstershire sauce, lemon zest, lemon juice, garlic, brown sugar, salt and cayenne pepper if a food processor until smooth.

Yield: 3 cups.

Bon appetit!

The British Isles (London)

Ralph Bellrose

A view of "The Tube" (underground railroad) in London.

Today's plan was to ride the London Underground, or "The Tube," from Tower Station to Oxford Circus Station, stroll down Carnaby Street in Soho, visit the National Portrait Gallery, and attend a choir recital at St. Martins in the Fields Church near Trafalgar Square: a busy day!

London had the world's first underground railway. The idea was proposed in the 1830's, but a test tunnel wasn't built until 1855 in the nearby town of Kibblesworth. In 1863 a line was opened between Paddington and Farrington utilizing gas lit carriages and steam locomotives. Can you imagine the soot and the smells? The modern, electrified railway currently has 270 stations and 250 miles of track, although only 45% percent of the system is actually underground. The "Tube" carries over one billion passengers a year and is the third longest in the world.

Our guide gave us an "Oyster Card," which is similar to an "Easy Pass". When you enter a station, you pass the card over a scanner and when you exit a station, you scan the card again. The system calculates the cost of the ride and debits the card. Don't forget the exit scan or you'll be charged the highest amount possible!

The Tower Station was crowded but the signage was very clear and we found our train without a problem. After a short ride, we exited at the Oxford Circus Station and began our walk down Carnaby Street.

Carnaby Street dates back to 1685. It's named after" Karnaby House," a nearby manor, for reasons unknown. Although it started with small houses, by the 1820's it had become a bustling market place for Londoners. A jazz club opened in 1934 called the "Florence Mills Social Club" and the three block area transitioned into a locale for fashion boutiques and pubs where patrons could enjoy contemporary music. In the 1960's, it became London's "Hippie Central" with bands like "The Who" and "The Rolling Stones" performing on a regular basis. Carnaby Street is very popular with tourists, has been immortalized in song, and was featured in the 1969 movie classic, "If It's Tuesday, This Must Be Belgium". The street was made a pedestrian mall in 1973, resulting in a 30% increase in visitors.

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The famous Carnaby Street in London.

Three More Awards Given to Local Organizations by The Parrish Foundation

Lions Foundation and Lions Sight Foundation

Above Herman Hempel President of the Ellenton-Parrish Lions Club and Vice President of the Manatee Sight Foundation accepts grant awards for the Lions Foundation and Lions Sight Foundation from Ben Jordan, Vice President of The Parrish Foundation. The Lions Foundation will use their award to purchase two-way radios for their various projects helping the Parrish-Ellenton community. The Manatee Sight Foundation will use their award for eye screening students from pre-school to high school and to help purchase glasses and treat eye-related problems for the needy.

Esther's School

Above and at right Esther Berry, Foundr/ President of Esther's School accepts a grant award from Ben Jordan, Vice President of The Parrish Foundation.

Esther's School will use their grant to fund a literacy program for their Manatee campus. Their school provides education for special needs children from the Parrish and surrounding areas.

The Parrish Foundation has provided grants totaling $180,000 since its beginning six years ago. The annual Parrish Heritage Day Festival and Chili Cook Off provide the funds for charitable organizations serving the residents of the Parrish community.

The 7th Annual Chili Cook Off will be held on Saturday, March 3 at the Florida Railroad Museum.

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Parrish Veteran Completes 471 Afghans for Veterans

Vern Needs More Yarn!

Vern Farnham is a Parrish resident who has made substantial contributions not only to his country but afterward - remembering the veterans who are at Bay Pines Veteran's Hospital in Pinellas County.

Since 2003, Vern has crocheted 471 afghans from 2,390 skeins of yarn and has spent 11,500 hours to make the afghans. It took over 9,241,000 crochet hooks to make the 471 afghans. Together end to end they would be the equivalent of 7 3/4 football fields!

The important thing is who these afghans are for - veterans hospitalized at Bay Pines Veteran's Hospital who are bedridden. The unique afghans are made to fit a hospital bed so that the patient can keep warm and be cheered up with the colorful afghans. The afghans are three feet wide by five feet long - just the correct size to fit a hospital bed. The colors are bright and cheery and provide the veteran with something that is his or hers to take home after the hospital stay.

Vern "thanks the Lord every day for letting him proceed with this project of giving the veterans a warm covering in the air conditioned hospital. Receiving one of his light and bright afghans changes the recipient's mind to think about his healing process and diminish distress and calm down."

Vern Farnham wants to give a big "Thank You" to all those in the Parrish community who contributed yarn and financial support to his Afghan Project for Veterans. Vern says, "The hospital takes care of the physical side of the veterans and I hope that these afghans help the veteran know that someone cares for the service each of them has provided."

Vern is 93 years old, a World War II veteran himself and says that the crocheting keeps his mind active, his hands busy and provides him with a great deal of pleasure to know that his work is appreciated by veterans.

Now, Vern needs more yarn. He needs bright colored yarns. The brand he prefers is Red Heart Supersaver from either Walmart or Hobby Lobby. If you can help Vern with his wonderful project, buy the yarn and deliver it to the Parrish Y. Vern is always there on Thursdays still playing bridge and can pick up the yarn you contribute. He is very appreciative and so are the veterans!

If you would rather make a financial contribution, you may give him a check made out to Vern Farnham and leave it at the Front Desk at the Y. They will give it to Vern.

Hats off to Vern Farnham for his wonderful contributions to remembering our veterans and keeping them in his heart. He provides a lovely memento for those hospitalized at Bay Pines and has created a life-long project for others!

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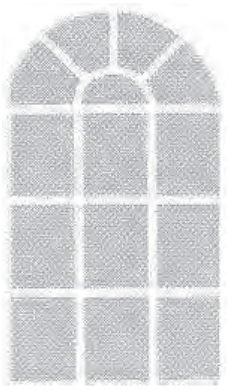

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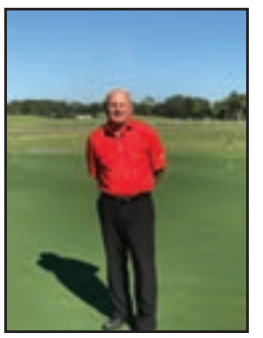

Knowing when to chip and when to pitch is critical to better scoring around the greens.

- A chip shot calls for a low shot that gets the ball on the ground quickly and rolls out to the hole.
- A pitch shot calls for a lofted shot that carries in the air for a while, lands softly and stops rather quickly.

A couple keys to remember when playing both shots:

- Chip shot is played off back foot, for a right hand golfer that means right foot: right for run
- Pitch shot is played towards the front foot, for a right hand golfer that means left foot: left for loft
- Chip shot is played with a square to closed clubface to keep the loft off the club, which gets the ball on the ground quickly
- Pitch shot is played with a slightly open face to add a little loft and utilize the bounce of the club to get the ball up quickly and stop it faster
- Chip shot is normally played with a lower lofted club
- Pitch shot is normally played with one of the wedges: Pitch, Gap, Sand, Lob
- Chip shot is a shorter, lower stroke with minimal wrist break
- Pitch shot is a longer, higher stroke utilizing wrist hinge
- The body will rotate through the finish on both shots
- The weight is usually forward for both shots at address and finish
- Hold the pose on both shots upon completion of the motion

I hope these little tips help you the next time you need to hit a chip or pitch. For more tips you can Youtube: Pat Walsh PGA Golf Professional Golf Tip or visit our club's website: www.riverwildernesscc.com. Golf lessons are also available at River Wilderness Golf and Country Club and may be booked by calling 941-776-2602 or email at pwalsh@riverwildernesscc.com.

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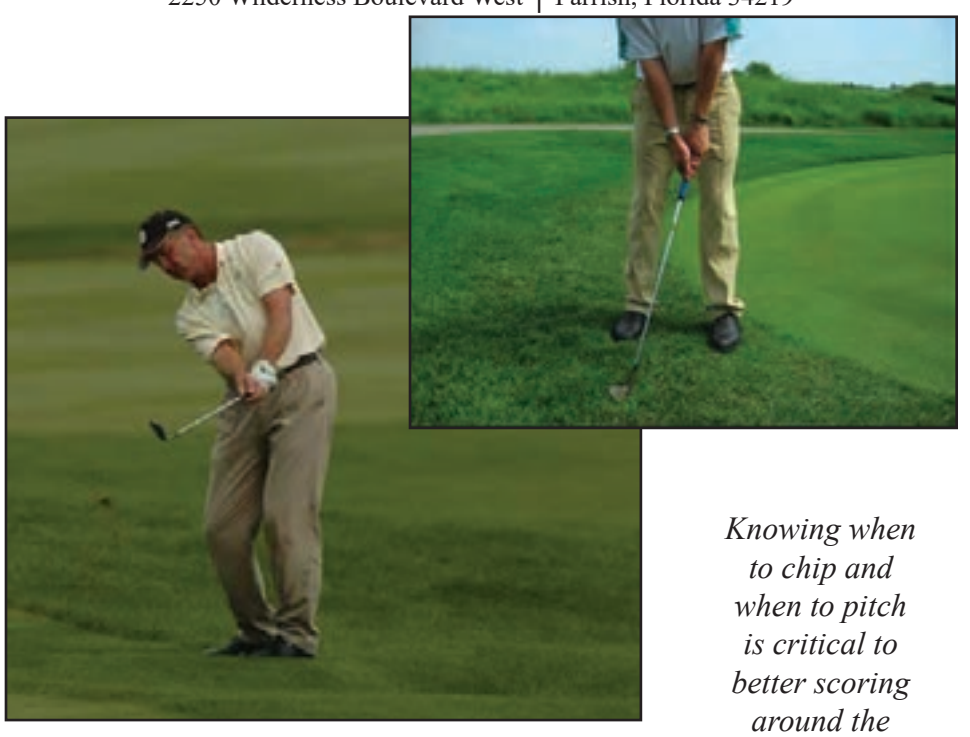

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A Clarion Claret to Ring in the New Year

Wine Guy Bob Monica

Everything about winter seems to demand a big, bold, emphatic red wine. Even here in Florida. Among my favorites are blends that are marketed in America as Claret.

Now the word Claret is actually a British term referring to red wine which follows the production guidelines of the Bordeaux blend, chiefly combining juice from Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot grapes. The use of the term "claret" dates back to 16th century England, and is a derivative of the French "clairet."

Bordeaux, of course, is a blended wine made in the Bordeaux region of France. Production standards, regulated by the national government, requires the blend be limited to one, some or all of the following grape varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot (occasionally Carménère).

But Claret is not recognized as an "official" wine category in the USA, where such blends are generally just referred to as Blended Wine dominated by either Cab or Merlot. There is also the American term Meritage, but that title is only appropriate when used by members of the Meritage Alliance to describe their Bordeaux blends. Confused yet? Completely understandable. So let's get back to Claret.

Today there are a number of winemakers who offer a product which they call Claret. Many are quite good and will appeal to those who enjoy a spicy red. Generally these wines are full-bodied and aromatic, with a nose of blueberries, cassis and cedar. Flavors of black currant, tobacco and spice are typical, intermixed with chocolate and providing a long, rich long finish.

One of the most well-known is Francis Coppola's Black Label Claret. This product is mass produced and readily available in most supermarkets for about $12 - $15. While I am a great admirer of Mr. Coppola as a filmmaker, my esteem regresses when it comes to his winemaking. This is a shame since he purchased the great old Inglenook winery which had a storied tradition of producing great wine. Dear Francis has turned it into a tourist attraction dedicated to the reverence of… Francis Coppola. He does make some excellent wine, but alas not in this price category.

One should also beware of a Claret made by Bonny Doon. Its winemaker, Randall Grahm is legendary. However, he distorts the recipe of the blend including Syrah, Tannat and Petit Sirah – none of which are traditionally allowed. The wine is interesting and worth a look. But should not be confused with traditional Claret.

If all this sounds interesting to you, here are a few suggestions:

- Newton California Claret… $20 - $25
- Ramey Napa Claret… $30 - $35
- St. Francis Sonoma Claret… $14 - $17
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Happy New Year!

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Be More Positive about Yourself

There is one person from whom you can never disengage. You must put up with their mood, personality, and conflicts. But, you get to share in their triumphs, successes and joys. It is about time you started to embrace the good and let the bad go because this person is you!

People generally focus on the negative in life and about themselves. Have you ever thought about how quickly the years have gone by? How many times have you wished you could exchange part of your life for someone else's?

It is human nature to want what others have, or to desire to be like someone else. Today, however is the day to begin to embrace the joy of being you.

First, dispose of the negative thoughts about yourself, and instead focus on what you do like. I have always liked the color of my eyes, for example. They are green and hold a special connection to my father and my son, who both have the exact same color eyes that I do. I like my capability to inspire others. I am happy with the ongoing success of my writing profession. I like the way I do not give up, when I really want something.

The laundry list of what I do not like about myself used to take up a whole page. From my unreasonable fears and insecurities, to wishing I were different in a myriad of ways. But, then I realized that all the negative energy spent on the things I dislike about myself was destructive. Instead, if I focus on what I do like, I create a positive energy in my life. Now, I cherish being me.

Embrace what you like about yourself. As soon as a negative self-criticism enters the picture, recognize it and change it. Or, look for the positive in it. I used to hate my thick thighs, until they became a powerful asset when I began practicing martial arts. My legs are the now the highlight in my kicking abilities and I no longer wish to have the long, slender legs that I once thought were so beautiful on other women.

Not every success is based on physical traits, for example. Think of some famous people in the world. They are not all beautiful in the typical sense. Some have elevated to fame and the love of others because of acting, inventing, or singing. They do not focus on their appearance, but on their gifts and talents, because those are their most positive attributes. You have countless positive attributes!

I love all aspects of martial arts, but a couple of years ago I began working more on flexibility and kicking because I thought it would be a good self-improvement project. Many days during the week I go outside and practice a few kicks. They always make me feel empowered, not because I can kick another person or even a bag, but because I can continually get better and stronger. My strong legs are part of me for a reason. We are all built the way that we are built because there is a reason and a purpose for it.

Andrea F. Harkins
Karate Teacher at Parrish YMCA,
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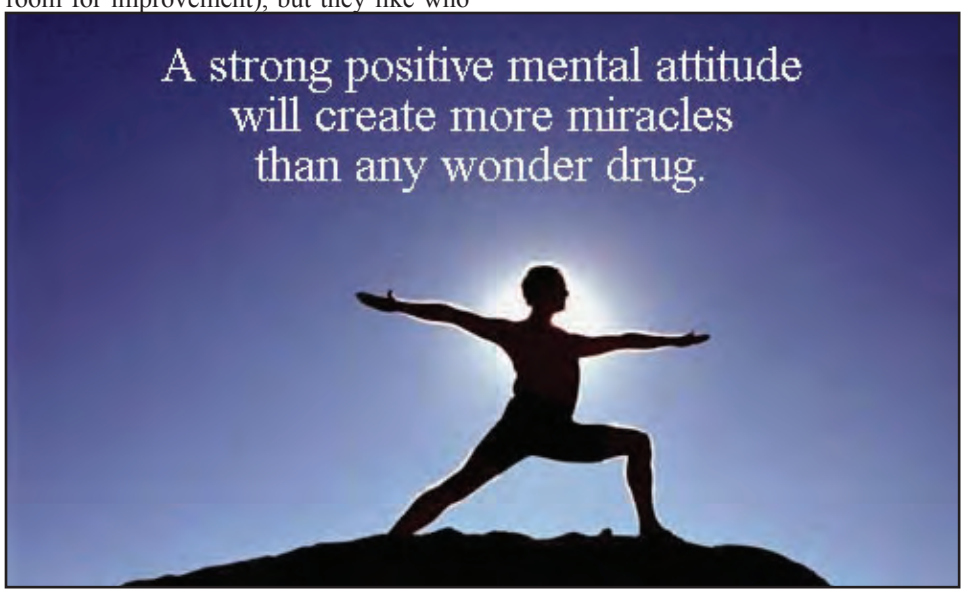
The most confident people in the world are happy with who they are. They try to improve weaknesses. They do not like everything about themselves (there is always room for improvement), but they like who they are, overall. They wake up in the morning positive, self-motivated, and ready for



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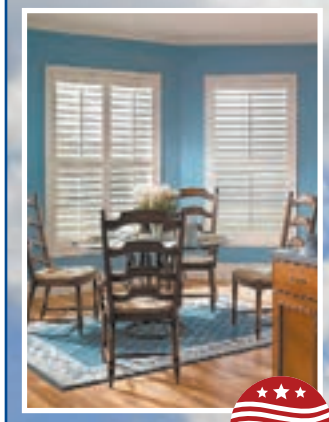
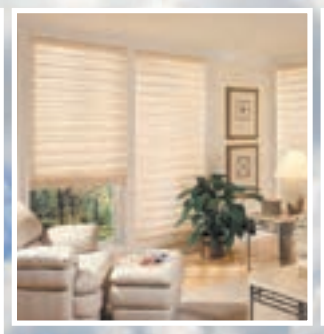
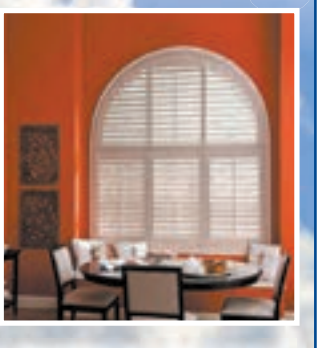

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January at Rocky Bluff Library

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Internet ABCs and Technical Help

If you need help negotiating the Internet and improving your online skills, you can come to Rocky Bluff Library. Technical help will be available on Saturdays from 10:00 to 12:00 noon on January 6 and January 20. Bring your iPad, E reader, cell phone or other electronic device and come to your library!

Play Chess, Mah Jongg or Board Games

On January 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, you can take advantage of playing board games, mah jongg or chess at the library. You will meet new people and take part in an activity you might like. Games like Monopoly, Scrabble and others are available. All ages and skill levels are welcome. The games are from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Mah Jongg is from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Come enjoy the fun and test your skills as a player.

Pre-School Story Time

Pre-School Story Time continues on Tuesdays in January 2nd, 9th,16th, 23rd and 30th at 10:15 am and on Fridays January January 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th at 10:30 am. Your pre-school aged child can interact with other children and the Children's Librarian to enjoy a really good time learning about reading.

Color Therapy for Adults

One of the newest activities really having a great deal of popularity is coloring different designs - ***for adults***! It's called Color Therapy and is offered on Thursdays in January on the 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th at 2:00 pm. This is a new craft opportunity testing adults' coloring skills with colored pencils, chalk, water colors or even acrylics. The designs are pre-done and all you have to do is decide what tools you will use to color the design - or you can bring your own project. Come on out to the library and test your skills. See if you can stay within the lines!

Trivia Time at the Library
Sponsored by the Friends

Since the Trivia Time started a couple of months ago, it has really gained popularity! There have been over 40 people attending the event and all seem to enjoy the friendly competition and opportunity to meet people while testing individual skills at little bits of knowledge. Come with friends or join one of the groups at the event. You can always find a group with whom to play. Prizes are awarded and there is no charge. Come test your knowledge and have a great time. The January Trivia is on Thursday, January 11 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

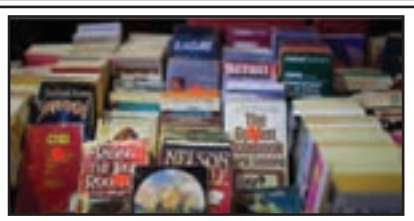
Film Series - "Victoria and Abdul"

On Wednesday, January 17 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm, the film *Victoria and Abdul* will be shown. This film starring Judy Dench is a biopic about the real-life friendship between Queen Victoria and an Indian Muslim servant. It is the second movie in 20 years in which Queen Victoria, played by Judi Dench, has a life-enhancing relationship with a man not of her station. It depicts the relationship beween the second-longest-reigning monarch of England and an Indian Muslim. The material is broad, and funny. The Queen is struck by Abdul's bearing and handsomeness, and soon enough is receiving him in private audiences and having him tutor her in Urdu. He becomes her "munshi" (teacher) and his presence in her life invigorates her.

Hours of Operation

The library is open Tuesday through Saturday. The hours of operation are as follows: Tuesday and Friday - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Wednesday and Thursday - 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm; and Saturday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. **The library is closed on Sundays and Mondays.**

See you at Rocky Bluff!



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Tis the Season

The temperature dropped and the rain poured, but that did not stop Manatee County 4-H youth from doing their part during the Season for Giving! Recently, 4-H members and club leaders volunteered their time to ring the bell for the Salvation Army. This is just one of the many service projects 4-H club members perform in the community.

Giving is fun! Home Grown Heritage 4-H club members and leaders take a break during the bell ringing at Publix's in Palmetto. At left (l to r) Mrs. Janie, Jackson, Abby, Cole, Aly, Mrs. Amy, and Jake.

Palmetto Pride 4-H club members Jalyn and James pose during the bell ringing at Publix's in Palmetto.

For more information on 4-H community service programs, please contact the Manatee County 4-H Office at 941.722.4524. 4-H programs are open to all youth (ages 5 and above) without regard to race, color, sex, handicap or national origin.

December Trivia

Jim Casey, Trivia & Game Show Host seen at 3 Keys Brewing Tuesdays at 6:30

Let's wrap up 2017 with a quick look back at a ridiculous year.

1. On January 20th, President Trump officially became the what number President of the United States?
2. What country says it has officially liberated itself from the Caliphate of Isis?
   a. Iran b. Iraq
   c. Syria d. Antarctica
3. Which Hurricane roared through Parrish with up to 80 mph winds?
4. What was the name of the concert festival in Las Vegas that was the scene of the worst ever mass casualty shooting?
   a. Route 66 b. Interstate 5
   c. Route 91 d. Highway 301
5. What is the name of the movement that was started when women started speaking up against sexual harassment?
6. At the Oscars, what film was mistakenly said to the be Best Picture Oscar winner?
   a. Moonlight b. La La Land
   c. Hidden Figures d. Hacksaw Ridge
7. Prince Harry and Meghan Markle announced their engagement. What show did she star in until this year?
   a. Chrisley Knows Best b. Mr. Robot
   c. Royal Pains d. Suits
8. What event enjoyed by millions in this country nearly blinded President Trump in August?
9. Our beloved Tampa Bay Buccaneers are going to be out of the playoffs yet again. How many wins did they have as of Christmas day?
   a. 2 b. 4 c. 6 d. 8
10. Ground was broken on the new high school to be located near the intersection of Erie Road and Martha Road. What is going to be the name of said high school?
    a. Parrish High
    b. North Manatee High
    c. North River High
    d. Erie High

Trivia Answers can be found on page 32.

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Some Interesting January Dates

January 1, 1863 - The Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves in the states rebelling against the Union.

January 1, 1959 - Fidel Castro seized power in Cuba after leading a revolution that drove out Dictator Fulgencio Batista. Castro then established a Communist dictatorship.

January 3, 1924 - British Egyptologist Howard Carter found the sarcophagus of Tutankhamen in the Valley of the Kings near Luxor after several years of searching.

January 5, 1972 - President Richard Nixon signed a bill approving $5.5 billion over six years to build and test the NASA space shuttle.

January 7, 1714 - A patent was issued for the first typewriter designed by British inventor Henry Mill "for the impressing or transcribing of letters singly or progressively one after another, as in writing."

January 10, 1861 - Florida became the third state to secede from the Union in events leading up to the American Civil War.

January 15, 1535 - Henry VIII became Supreme Head of the Church in England as a result of the Act of Supremacy following his break with Rome.

January 20, 1981 - Ronald Reagan became president of the United States at the age of 69, the oldest president to take office. During his inauguration celebrations, he announced that 52 American hostages that had been seized in the U.S. embassy in Tehran, Iran, were being released after 444 days in captivity.

January 21, 1954 - The USS Nautilus, the world's first nuclear powered submarine, was launched at Groton, Connecticut.

January 22, 1901 - Queen Victoria of England died after reigning for 64 years, the longest reign in British history, during which England had become the most powerful empire in the world.

January 23, 1968 - The American ship USS Pueblo was seized by North Koreans in the Sea of Japan amid claims the Navy ship was spying. The ship was confiscated and its crew held in captivity until December, with one fatality.

January 24, 1848 - The California gold rush began with the accidental discovery of the precious metal near Coloma during construction of a Sutter's sawmill. An announcement by President Polk later in the year caused a national sensation and resulted in a flood of "Forty-niners" seeking wealth.

January 25, 1959 - An American Airlines Boeing 707 made the first scheduled transcontinental U.S. flight, traveling from California to New York.

January 2018 Daily Holidays, Special and Wacky Days:

1 New Year's Day
2 Run up the Flagpole and See if Anyone Salutes Day
3 Fruitcake Toss Day
3 Humiliation Day
4 National Spaghetti Day
4 Trivia Day
5 National Bird Day
6 Bean Day
6 Cuddle Up Day
6 Feast of the Epiphany - Three Kings
7 Old Rock Day
8 Bubble Bath Day
8 Male Watcher's Day
9 Play God Day
10 Bittersweet Chocolate Day
10 Houseplant Appreciation Day
10 National Take the Stairs Day
10 Peculiar People Day
11 Step in a Puddle and Splash Your Friend's Day
12 Feast of Fabulous Wild Men Day
12 National Pharmacist Day
13 International Skeptics Day
13 Make Your Dream Come True Day
14 Dress Up Your Pet Day
15 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
15 National Hat Day
16 Appreciate a Dragon Day
16 National Nothing Day
17 Ditch New Years Resolutions Day
18 Thesaurus Day
18 Winnie the Pooh Day
19 National Popcorn Day
19 National Tin Can Day
20 National Buttercrunch Day
20 National Cheese Lover Day
20 Penguin Awareness Day
21 National Hugging Day
21 Squirrel Appreciation Day
22 National Blonde Brownie Day
23 National Pie Day
23 National Handwriting Day
23 Measure Your Feet Day
24 Beer Can Appreciation Day
24 Compliment Day
25 Opposite Day
26 Australia Day
26 Spouse's Day
27 Chocolate Cake Day
27 Punch the Clock Day
28 Data Privacy Day
28 Fun at Work Day
28 National Kazoo Day
29 Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day
29 National Puzzle Day
29 National Cornchip Day
30 National Inane Answering Message Day
31 Backward Day
31 Inspire Your Heart with Art Day

Florida Extension Classes and Activities for January

The Manatee County Agriculture and Extension Service is offering a variety of free educational classes during January 2018. The Extension Service is an educational program within county government which brings the resources of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) to Manatee County to solve local problems, provide educational opportunities, promote economic enhancement and development and improve the quality of life for our citizens.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS: Unless otherwise noted, all classes are free and are held at the Manatee County Agriculture and Extension Service, 1303 17th Street West, Palmetto, Florida 34221. Minimum workshop size is required; workshop size is limited. Please register in advance online via our website at http://manatee.ifas.ufl.edu (click on Calendar of Events located at center, bottom on website) or call 941-722-4524 for all workshops.

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Emerson Point Preserve: 2nd Saturday, January 13, 9-11 am, Emerson Point, Free - Stroll through Emerson Point Preserve to learn more about Florida's native plants and inhabitants of a coastal habitat. Suitable for all ages. Call the Extension Master Gardeners to register.

Stroll through Emerson Point Preserve.

Riverview Pointe Preserve/DeSoto National Memorial: 2nd Saturday, January 13, 9-11 am, Riverview Pointe, Free - Stroll through Riverview Pointe Preserve to learn more about Florida's native plants and inhabitants of a coastal habitat. Suitable for all ages. Call the Extension Master Gardeners to register.

Enjoy discovering Riverview Pointe Preserve.

Robinson Preserve: 3rd Sunday, January 21, 9-11 am, Robinson Preserve, Free - Stroll through the Robinson Preserve's salt marshes to learn more about Florida's native plants and inhabitants of a coastal habitat. Suitable for all ages. Trail consists of shell paths with little shade. Good walking shoes, drinking water, hat, and sunscreen are recommended. Call the Extension Master Gardeners to register.

Robinson Preserve.

Rye Preserve: 3rd Saturday, January 20, 9-11 am, Rye Preserve, FREE - Take a hike through upland habitats along Rye Branch and learn about Florida native plants, natural history, and early settlement of the area. Drinking water, sturdy shoes, and hiking sticks are recommended. Visitor Center open 9 am - noon and 1 - 4 pm. Call the Extension Master Gardeners to register.

Workshops and Classes Offered by Extension Agents and Master Gardeners

Ground Covers - Plants that Work: Wednesday, January 31, 1 - 3 pm, Rocky Bluff Library, Free - Join Valrie Massey, Horticulture Program Assistant, as she presents how landscaping with low-growing ground cover plants has become a popular trend in landscape practices because these plants need little or no water. Learn noteworthy plants, site considerations, and management of these plants. This class satisfies the landscape educational class requirement for the Manatee County Outdoor Water Conservation Rebate. Register on-line or call Joann. Library is located at 6750 US Highwayy 301 N, Ellenton.

Learn how to make ground covers work.

Taking the Mystery Out of Micri-Irrigation: Friday, February 2, 2:30 - 4:30 pm, Rocky Bluff Library, Free - Don Adkins, Irrigation Technician, will introduce you to micro-irrigation. Learn how to select, install and operate your own water-saving irrigation system, the pros and cons, parts and pieces, and how to put it all together. This class satisfies the irrigation educational class requirement for the Manatee County Outdoor Water Conservation Rebate Program. Register on-line or call Joann. Library is located at 6750 US Highway 301N, Ellenton.

Learn about Micri-Irrigation from experts.

Please see **Extension** CONTINUED ON PAGE 32

Manatee River Garden Club to Meet

The Manatee River Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 from 1:00 to – 2:00 pm at 3120 First Avenue West, Bradenton. The program topic will be "The Food in Our Forests: Native Edible Plants of Southwest Florida" presented by Kara Tyler-Julian. Her varied background includes pest management, crop advisor, studying manatee behavior and mosquito control. She will tell how native plants can be used for food and landscaping. There is no charge for attendance.

For more information, please contact Judy Boehm at (941) 870-2259 or judyboehm@gmail.com.

Veranda Springs to Hold Craft/Bake/ Carport Sale

Veranda Springs MHP will hold a Craft/Bake/Carport Sale on Saturday, February 24 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. There will be free coffee and food available. Veranda Springs is located at 9815 Highway 301 N in Parrish.

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Blake Medical Center, Medical Arts Building: 2010 59th St W, Bradenton.

h2U Ellenton Ongoing Activities for Members. Please call for more information.

Monday

9:00 am - Take Control with Exercise (Chair Exercise)
10:00 am - Senior Cardio & Strength Training
11:00 am - Hatha Yoga with Carol ($20/4 week sessions) bring a mat! Reservations Required.
12:00 pm - Ukulele: Beginner
1:00 pm - Rummikub

Tuesday

9:00 am - Hula Dancing Experience
10:00 am - Eldergym Series: Balance/Flex/Strength (Chair Exercise)
11:00 am - Tai Chi for Health with Tom ($36/6 week sessions). Reservations required.
12:30 pm - Canasta
1:00 pm - Bunco

Wednesday

9:00 am - Take Control with Exercise (Chair Exercise)
10:00 am - Senior Cardio & Strength Training (Bring hand weights)
11:00 am - Ukulele: Advanced
12:30 pm - Hand & Foot
1:00 pm - Mah Jongg

Thursday

9:00 am - Zumba Gold
10:00 am - Eldergym Series: Balance/Flex/Strength (Chair Exercise)
11:00 am - Tai Chi for Health: Beginners ($36/6 weeks). Reservations required.
11:00 am - Book Club (Every 4th Thursday)

Friday

9:00 am - Take Control with Exercise (Chair Exercise)
10:00 am - Senior Cardio & Strength Training (Bring hand weights)
10:00 am - Handicraft Social Club
12:30 pm - Art Class $40 (check for dates & upcoming

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Judge Orson & Sally Ann (Gay) Tison's/ Steven "Steve" Whidden Home

Iris Worth McClain

"This Old House" was built sometime between 1910 and 1915. The original builder is unknown. It was built as a farmhouse on 20 acres. The design of the home is a typical Florida Cracker house. It is wood frame with porches on front and back, a hallway straight down the middle of it and high ceilings for ventilation. Today some remodeling has been done, but the bones of the house are still intact.

In 1928, William Mason Tison purchased this home for his father and mother, Judge Orson and Sarah "Sally" Ann (Gay) Tison. They had nine children: Hutton Smith, William Mason, Cora, Campbell Dell, Vera M., Lewis, Lila Rea, Judge H., and Lola. Judge Orson passed away in 1957 and Sally in 1952.

Upon their deaths, their daughter Vera lived in the home place. In 1957, Vera married Karl Bernhardt. He passed away in 1958 and Vera remained in the home until the late 1980's.

Steve Whidden, Vera's nephew, acquired the home in 1989. He is very comfortable living in the home and when he sits on his front porch, he looks at an old oak tree that his Aunt Vera planted in a Maxwell House Coffee tin in 1928. The tree is majestic and shades the entire front porch.

Steve is an artist with a studio/office in his home. He has many of his art works on display. He is also a winemaker and has authored a wine recipe book. Steve's parents are Finis Elbert and Wilma Elizabeth (Matthews) Whidden, Jr.

Steve often tells the story about his mother Wilma, back in the early 1980's. Wilma worked in Whidden's Grocery Store as cashier. The store was located on the corner of Erie Road and US 301 in Parrish. In those days, there were many migrant workers that would come into their store to shop for their supplies. Wilma got to know them personally and she saw the need for help at Christmas for these families. All through the year, she would go to thrift stores colleting dolls and toys. She would bring the dolls home and wash all the clothes and re-dress them.

She passed the word to a few people in the community, from that point on, she and her helpers, Vivian Buice, Joann Rogers, Virginia Whisenant, Junior Whidden, Robin Simmons, Ola Mae Sims and others, would collect toys all year long. That was the way the Parrish Children's Christmas Party got started at least 30 years ago. Now it is sponsored by the Parrish Civic Association and the YMCA for a number of years and is still going strong.

I enjoyed visiting with Steve and seeing all of his works of art and his many collections.

Please let me know if you have an old home in Parrish that you would like featured in this article. You may contact me at irismcc@msn.com.

***Iris Worth McClain**, widow of Merle McClain, moved from Sarasota to Parrish in 1973 with two young sons, Kenneth (Kenny) and Larry. Her boys went to local schools, made lifelong friends, went fishing, hunting and raised cattle. After retiring from a career in banking, Iris became actively involved in the Parrish community with the Parrish Civic Association, The Parrish Foundation, the Parrish Chili Cook Off, the Parrish Arts Council and the Parrish Y. She coordinated the Children's Christmas Party for needy children in Parrish and loves to read and learn about Florida history. She wants to provide interesting stories of old homes and old buildings to preserve the history of Parrish and promote the vitalization of Parrish.*

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Kelly McConnell is originally from Strongsville, Ohio. She completed her undergraduate studies and was recruited to play division one soccer at St. John's University in New York. Dr. McConnell received her medical degree at Scholl College/Rosalind Franklin University in North Chicago, Illinois. She went on to complete her residency training in podiatric medicine and surgery at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, Michigan, where she served as Chief Resident. She is board qualified in foot, rearfoot and ankle reconstructive surgery.

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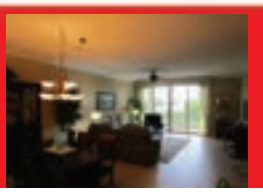

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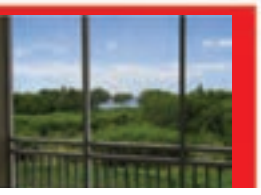

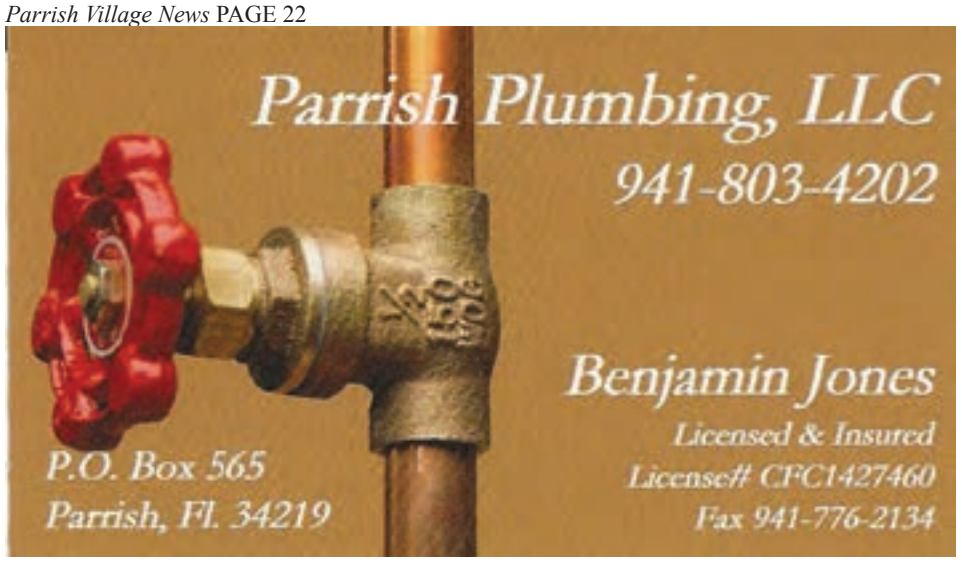

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A Good Beginning

John Phillips

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started."
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Happy New Year, readers. Once again, we find ourselves at that time of year when we make our annual resolutions. Some popular choices are to get one's finances in order, to lose weight, or maybe to take up something entirely new such as a hobby or musical instrument. For those who already play an instrument, they may resolve to enhance their skills by learning to read music, learning to improvise, or maybe improving their composition skills. Whatever the resolution may be, it is important that we get started in such a way that we not only get ahead, but that we also persevere and stick with it. I would like to suggest the following three tips to get the most out of your resolutions.

1) Obtain the proper instruction. This is the part where a lot of resolutions fail. People set out on their resolutions with the best of intentions, but they have no clear path for lasting success. A qualified trainer/instructor will ensure that the student not only trains in such a way as to maximize their results, but also will help the student avoid mistakes which would discourage them or hinder their progress. A good teacher will help you make a plan, set attainable goals, and see them through to completion.

2) Chart your progress. Take notes. Keep a journal. This is an easy way to see the progress which you are making, and to ensure that you are progressing steadily in all aspects of your training.

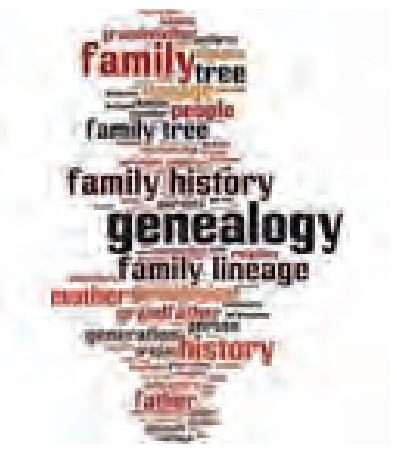
3) Enjoy the journey. It is important to enjoy what you are doing. Of course, there will be challenges. There will be obstacles. Find satisfaction in overcoming these obstacles and pressing on to achieve better things. A positive attitude and genuine enjoyment will go a long way to ensure your continued success.

In conclusion, following these three simple steps will provide a sure foundation upon which to build a successful strategy for achieving your goals. I wish you all the best in 2018.

If you have any questions regarding music or topics which you would like to see in future columns, contact John Phillips on his website at www.guitarlessonsmanatee.com. To inquire about guitar lessons or gift certificates, call 941-915-4694.

Manatee Genealogical Society to Meet January 6

The Manatee Genealogical Society meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm, at Manatee County Central Library located at 1301 Barcarrota Blvd. W. in Bradenton. The speaker will be Margaret (Peg) Kapustiak, genealogy consultant, lecturer and published author. Her topic will be "Eight Different Ways to Write or Compile Your Family History." Following the presentation there will be a Question and Answer period with the speaker and then a moderated open discussion.



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January Activities

The Enrichment Center at Renaissance On 9th is in partnership with Senior Advantage of Manatee Healthcare System. It has educational, recreational and social programs for the 50+. It is located at 1816 9th Street West, Bradenton, FL 34205, 941-749-0100, or www.renaissanceon9th.org.

*****Renaissance on 9th will be closed Monday, January 1*****

Paintings on the Wall

If you have noticed the awesome paintings hanging on the walls in the main hall way, they are: Bold Butterflies, Tropical Flowers and Ocean View paintings by: JOYCE. They are for sale. If interested, contact the front desk.

Special Events

Volunteer Meeting: Monday, January 8, 1:45 pm. Join the group to learn about opportunities to serve at The Enrichment Center on 9th.

Blood Drive: Monday, January 18 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Oneblood's Big Red Bus will be at Renaissance on 9th.

Ongoing Activities

Educational, Social & Recreational

Ballroom Dancing with the band "Just Friends": Discontinued at Renaissance on 9th.

Bingo: Canceled until further notice.

Book Club Meets: 2nd Thursday each month at 10:00 am. $2 (Free for members)

Bridge: Wednesdays, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. $2 (Free for members)

Chicken Foot Dominos: Fridays, 10:00 am. Play (or learn) Chicken Foot. Join the fun and make new friends. Free

Coffee Talk: Wednesdays, 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Socialize and get acquainted over coffee and pastries. $3 (Free for members)

Cribbage: Wednesdays, 10:00 am. $2 (Free for members)

French Class: Tuesdays, 10:30 am to 11:30 am. $5 (Free for members)

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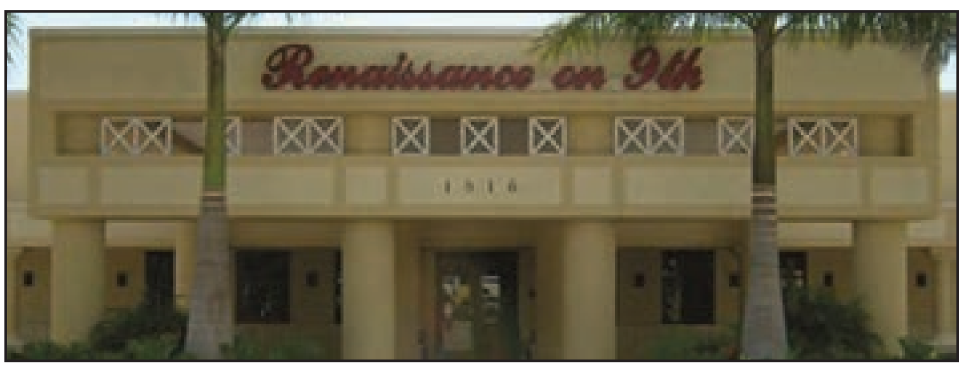

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Anticipation

Kathryn Newman

I remember the first time I asked my mom what the word, 'anticipation' meant. I had seen several ketchup commercials with a song that contained that word and since I was just a kid, I wasn't quite sure of the point the commercial was trying to make. The ketchup was pouring slowly on a burger or fries or whatever and the song, 'Anticipation,' was playing while the commercial's cast of characters waited for the ketchup to fully cover the food. I knew I had heard the song before (written and made famous by its performer, Carly Simon, from her 1971 album of the same name), but not quite understanding the meaning of the word, the correlation between ketchup and the word itself wasn't completing a picture in my young mind.

"It means when you're looking forward to something," my mom explained, "like when your birthday is coming up or Christmas. You're anticipating your birthday - like waiting for it to come." I must have made a deer-in-the-headlights face because she followed up with how the word related to the Heinz ketchup commercial. "The people are excited about the ketchup covering their food. It's taking a long time because the ketchup is thick." Again, being only a kid, I just didn't see the connection between being excited about something to come and the thickness of ketchup covering some random food.

In retrospect, I totally see the brilliance in connecting the song, 'Anticipation' to the brand of ketchup. It was smart advertising, because it made Heinz a very recognizable brand and I'm sure the royalties helped Carly a bit in her career too. What's brilliant, though, in a mishap sort of way, is that my mom's definition of 'anticipation' was a tad inaccurate, but an inaccuracy that lent itself to my advantage in the long run.

According to Wikipedia, *Anticipation is an emotion involving pleasure, excitement, or anxiety in considering an expected event*. As a kid, I always attributed 'anticipation' to a positive thing or event - like something coming up that was going to be fun or exciting. I consciously 'anticipated' good things on the horizon or good events to come. I'd visualize myself doing something helpful to aid humanity or picture myself achieving some personal goal. I created dreams for myself. I created happy, positive mental pictures of some future event to help me get through boredom, emotional pain, disappointment, anger, frustrations and anything else that was a challenge in my life.

As I grew older, I quickly learned that 'anticipation' could also have a negative connotation as well. 'Anticipation' didn't just apply to looking forward to a future event, but also applied to dreading or being anxious about a future event. This negative 'anticipation' was realized when I was about nine years old and I had to have allergy tests to determine whether I needed to take allergy shots. Out of the many needle prick test samples the allergy specialist carved into my forearms and back, almost all of them had an immediate reaction. Allergy shots were a definite part of my future.

The allergy specialist determined that it would be best if I started taking four shots a week - one in each arm, two days weekly. Tuesdays and Thursdays were the determined days and after school would be the determined time. Like most kids at that age, I was terrified of shots and the thought of four of them a week had me in a panic leading up to my first appointment scheduled for three weeks out.

My usual 'anticipation' meaning of excitement towards a future event turned dramatically negative as I anticipated those shots with total fear and anxiety. My typically optimistic mental pictures of a future event became atypically pessimistic as I imagined the utter sting of those needles being thrust into my skinny arms as torturous throbbing ached throughout my entire body. I imagined I would be so stiff with terror that the needles would break off into my skin as I passed out on the floor unable to breathe. Would they have to hold me down? Would I throw up all over the nurse? Would other kids see me acting like a total stupid-headed baby and laugh at me for being a scaredy-cat? The inevitable possibilities seemed endless. I was doomed.

After three agonizing weeks of waiting for my first two shots, the dreaded day finally arrived. I campaigned to stay home from school that day, debating with my parents that being able to focus on school work would be next to impossible. My mom, almost always siding with her children, joined the campaign trail with me to gain my dad's vote. My dad, almost never siding with his children, rebutted that school would be a good distraction for me and made me catch the bus. Needless to say, that particular school day seemed the longest of my primary education.

I had jammed my pinky finger during recess that day. Having never been very athletic, playing kickball was more like capital punishment instead of a fun break from sitting in a classroom desk. I would have much rather been reading or drawing or going to music class instead of having my classmates expect me to kick a ball further than one foot away as I attempted to run from one base to the next or catch a ball thrown to me to get someone out, which is exactly how I jammed my finger.

The school nurse had put my finger in a metal splint and told me to be careful for the next week or so and given my mom instructions to keep some ice on it. When I got home from school that day, I deferred from having my usual after school snack, toasted peanut butter and jelly sandwich, for fear that my 'anticipation' of the next hour's allergy shots might

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Baby Boomers – The Job Seekers that Keep on Giving

Deb Sutton

There is good news for the Baby Boomer generation in regards to the employment situation. I believe now more than ever before Boomers have a great chance to compete in the job arena. Many of them felt the pangs of being discriminated against by employers who have hired younger less expensive workers. One popular theory is that boomers can successfully compete with the millennials and the other generations in all areas of the world of work. They are in many cases more educated, smarter, more customer service oriented and have a plethora of experience which millennials and other generations cannot match. Their work ethic is strong, they do not call in sick at every little ache and pain and they are loyal, almost to a fault. Additionally, they give their employers the best work quality out there today. Parents of boomers, who in most cases were from the World War II generation, taught them the value of working hard to make an honest wage.

According to Holly Wells (Human Resources Manager for Vastec in Tampa Bay) she will occasionally get a call from a business leader who's in a near-panic.

"So-and-so's getting ready to retire," she says, summarizing their state of mind. "They've been with me for 40 years, and now I've got to replace that person. What am I going to do?"

As baby boomers begin to retire, similar scenes will be playing out more frequently on phone calls and in board rooms nationwide. Boomers who account for the largest generation and are aged between 52- and 70-years-old have a lot of knowledge, skills and good work ethic not often found in younger workers. Holly says, "Boomers can be used in more non-traditional job roles today like: remote – work from home workers and temporary employees."

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) a national organization of HR professionals recently polled its members about what their organizations were doing to prepare for the aging workforce. They were not certain that the younger generations were going to be able to keep pace with the current generations that were quickly exiting

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Frequent Eye Exams Are Crucial for Diabetics

Dr. Douglas K. Black

Diabetes is the number one preventable cause of blindness in the United States. As a result, diabetics are a group of patients that we must see on a very frequent basis in our office. The underlying issue with diabetes is the fact that there is too high of a concentration of glucose (sugar) in a person's blood circulation. This can lead to specific issues that can affect vision.

Dr. Douglas K. Black, O.D. is a Doctor of Optometry at Eye Center, Inc.

A common symptom that we see in our office that can be related to diabetes is the onset of **sudden large changes in vision**. The natural lens in the eye controls its overall focusing ability. The level of glucose in a person's system has a direct impact on this focusing mechanism. As a result, if the level of glucose in the bloodstream is fluctuating, so will that person's focusing. It is very difficult to determine a reliable stable eyeglass prescription for a person with fluctuating blood sugar levels. If a patient has had a sudden large change in their vision, we often refer them for blood testing to determine if there is an issue with their glucose levels.

Another ocular symptom that can be related to diabetes is a recent development of double vision. **Diabetic neuropathy** is a condition where nerves are damaged from being exposed to overly high blood glucose levels. Nerves can also be damaged by an interruption of blood nourishment, again because of too high of a blood glucose level. The alignment and movements of the eyes are controlled by specific nerves. If damage occurs to any of these nerves, it can cause a loss of control of eye movements, which can lead to the eyes being misaligned. This causes double vision.

Diabetics also tend to develop **cataracts** at an earlier age than the general population. Persistent high levels of blood glucose leads to a clouding of the lens in the eye. Studies have shown that diabetics are 60% more likely to develop cataracts than are non-diabetics.

The potentially most dangerous ocular complication related to diabetes is the development of **diabetic retinopathy**. This is a condition where the blood vessels of the retina become damaged, which can lead to significant hemorrhaging and swelling. The retina contains the light-sensitive tissues and receptors that are responsible for sight. Unfortunately, damage to these tissues can cause a permanent loss of vision.

It is critical for all people with diabetes to have their eyes fully examined on a frequent basis so that any complications can be caught at a very early stage. This provides the opportunity for treatment to be done to prevent any further deterioration and to preserve clear vision.

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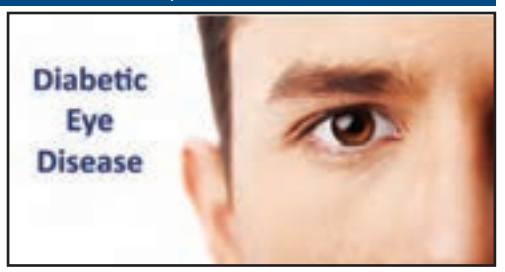

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Ponderings from Parrish

Julie Ann Cacianti

2017 proved to be a tumultuous year. The upending of American politics and political unrest have seemingly brought our political system both to its knees and nearly to a halt at the expense of the American people. Logic, teamwork, effective negotiating and a commitment to the needs and best interests of society have been replaced by leaders seeking to serve themselves. Campaign promises designed to win elections fell short of any action to produce needed change. A credibility gap with inaccurate media reporting has created trust issues and frustration in the search for truth. The Brennan Center for Justice, New York University School of Law recently reported that "Government dysfunction, in every dimension, has created a system that has failed to find pragmatic solutions or respond to fundamental public needs. Our broken politics now stands as a principal obstacle to economic progress. Further environmental and social challenges loom. To meet them, no task is more urgent than to fix broken government, restore trust, and rebuild the promise of American democracy."

Indeed, 2017 political issues dominated our lives. Media relentlessly flogged Americans with truth and fiction relating to the status of domestic issues, healthcare, foreign policy, economic, environmental and national security concerns. Issues pertinent to our safety and well-being bounced back and forth like ping pong balls and were used as ammunition between opposing political parties. Personal gain seemed valued over sound decision making. Ego's seemed to snuff out agenda's and responsibility.

According to the November 2017 American Psychological Association survey, nearly two-thirds of Americans (63 percent) say the future of the nation is a very or somewhat significant source of stress, and more than half of Americans (59 percent) said they consider this the lowest point in U.S. history that they can remember - a figure spanning every generation, including those who lived

through World War II and Vietnam, the Cuban Missile Crisis and the September 11 terrorist attacks.

America is a nation in fear; no wonder. When the leadership we depend on to keep us safe and strong as a nation fails us, to whom do we turn? Who can we trust when those we rely upon for information are caught in their own political battles and are proven non trust worthy? How can we manage the deluge of confusing, suffocating and often negative media reporting?

2018 is upon us. The arrival of each New Year brings with it "hope." A new year affords a "clean slate" and endless opportunities to enhance our lives and our world. We make resolutions to improve our health, our marriages, our finances and our careers. There is no shortage of ways to put "hope" in our lives and implement positive change, but "Hope" requires a plan.

There are pragmatic steps we can take to lessen the burden of the political stressors that are saturating our lives. Taking the following active approach will help to restore equilibrium in our lives:

1. **Limit exposure to political rhetoric.** Social and news media. e-mail and Facebook are bombarding our lives with varying positions on identical issues. Stay informed but set specific limits (and stick to them.) Ensure personal and family needs are not compromised.

2. **Stay Objective.** Be open to consider opposing political views and opinions. Doing so will reduce personal bias and eliminate confusion as we form our own perspectives.

3. **Limit negativity.** Choose consciously what you read and watch.

4. **Be positive and surround yourself with like people.** We become most like the people we surround ourselves with. Be the light that inspires others to shift attitudes.

5. **BE Grateful—For Everything!** Wake up each morning and identify five things you are thankful for. Gratefulness shifts our attitude from selfishness to appreciation filling our lives and the lives of others with abundance.

6. **Keep the Faith.** *"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible."* — Thomas Aquinas

As I traveled in my car to University Town Center over the Thanksgiving holiday, I saw a couple of sporadically placed signs (a few miles apart) on the side of the road that simply said, "I Thank God For…." Perhaps you saw them, too. The signs contained no other information - not a hint of who may have placed them rather haphazardly in bare fields. Those signs though, caused me to immediately reflect on the very many blessings in my life. Perhaps we still need such small reminders to elevate our focus from the worries of our days to the abundance in our lives. Our lives, after all, are carefully orchestrated; no need to worry!

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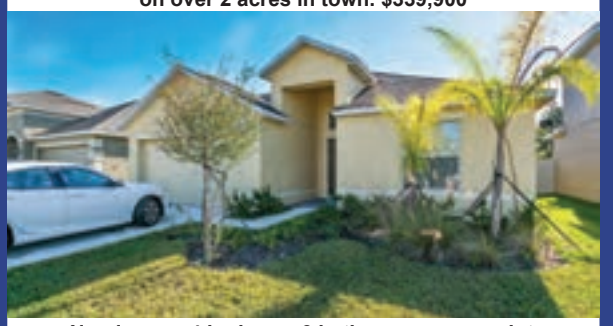

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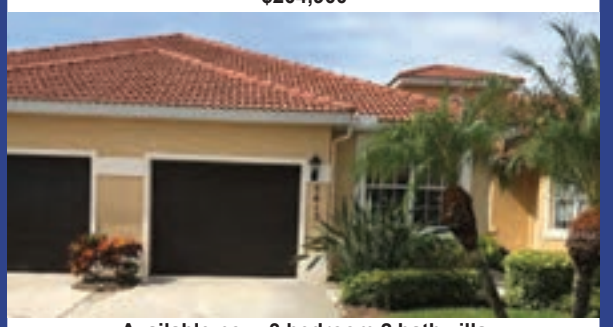

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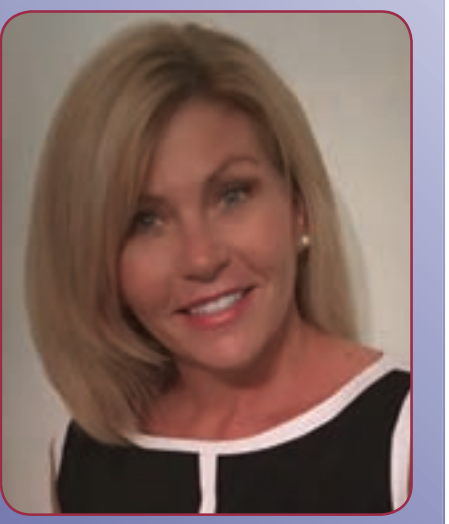

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The British Isles CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

We were early, the sun was shining, and the crowds were light. There was only enough time for "window shopping" but some of the ladies vowed to return with credit cards in hand. Our small expedition headed for Trafalgar Square and the National Portrait Gallery.

The idea for a National Portrait Gallery to honor famous British people was first proposed by Philip Stanhope (4th Earl Stanhope) in 1846. Queen Victoria approved the project in 1856. The collection started with 57 items and grew rapidly requiring several physical relocations. The current building, near Trafalgar Square was opened in 1896 and has been expanded twice. It contains almost 200,000 pieces of art. The museum is unique because the focus is not on the artists, but, on the people represented in the portraits and sculptures. Most notable is the "Chandros Portrait" of William Shakespeare, the first painting donated. Whether or not it is a true picture of the playwright and poet is uncertain. Other items include a portrait of the Bronte sisters (Anne, Emily and Charlotte) and a sculpture of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert in medieval costumes. Portraits of living people were not accepted until 1969.

We took a tour, but, there were so many people with us that we could barely hear the guide. We wandered off on our own and saw a lot of pictures of people we didn't recognize. I guess you have to be British to really enjoy the display. We cut short our visit and walked to the nearby St. Martins in the Fields Church to wait for the concert.

St. Martins in the Fields is one of the most famous churches in London and the parish church of the Royal Family. The site dates back to 1222 and derives its name from the fact that it was "in the fields" between the medieval cities of London and Westminster. The current church was completed in 1724 by the architect James Gibbs. The familiar classic exterior design has been copied many times, especially in the United States. It is a bright, beautiful church with arcades, Corinthian columns and a barrel vaulted ceiling over the nave. The choir was in good voice and provided a delightful end to a pleasant day.

Above the exterior of St. Martins in the Field church.

Above a photograph of the interior of St. Martins in the Field church.

At right the picture of William Shakespeare in the National Portrait Galley.

Above a photograph of the National Portrait Gallery.

Time for New Year's Financial Resolutions

James F. Morrison, Financial Advisor

We've reached the end of another year – which means it's just about time for some New Year's resolutions. Would you like to study a new language, take up a musical instrument or visit the gym more often? All these are worthy goals, of course, but why not also add some financial resolutions?

Here are some ideas to think about:

- **Increase contributions to your employer-sponsored retirement plan.** For 2018, you can contribute up to $18,500 (or $24,500 if you're 50 or older) to your 401(k) or similar plan, such as a 403(b), for employees of public schools and some nonprofit groups, or a 457(b) plan, for employees of local governments. It's usually a good idea to contribute as much as you can afford to your employer's plan, as your contributions may lower your taxable income, while your earnings can grow taxdeferred. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered.
- **Try to "max out" on your IRA.** Even if you have a 401(k) or similar plan, you can probably still invest in an IRA. For 2018, you can contribute up to $5,500 to a traditional or Roth IRA, or $6,500 if you're 50 or older. (Income restrictions apply to Roth IRAs.) Contributions to a traditional IRA may be tax-deductible, depending on your income, and your earnings can grow tax-deferred. Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but earnings can grow tax-free, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you are 59½ and you've have had your account at least five years. You can put virtually any investment in an IRA, so it can expand your options beyond those offered in your 401(k) or similar plan.
- **Build an emergency fund.** Try to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money held in a low-risk, liquid account. This fund can help you avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as a new furnace or a major car repair.
- **Control your debts.** It's never easy, but do what you can to keep your debts under control. The less you have to spend on debt payments, the more you can invest for your future.
- **Don't overreact to changes in the financial markets.** We've had a long run of rising stock prices – but it won't last forever. If we experience a sharp market downturn in 2018, don't overreact by taking a "time out" from investing. Market drops are a normal feature of the investment landscape, and you may ultimately gain an advantage by buying new shares when their prices are down.
- **Review your goals and risk tolerance.** At least once in 2018, take some time to review your short- and long term financial goals and try to determine, possibly with the help of a financial professional, if your investment portfolio is still appropriate for these goals. At the same time, you'll want to re-evaluate your risk tolerance to ensure you're not taking too much risk – or possibly too little risk – with your investments.

Do your best to stick with these resolutions throughout the coming year. At a minimum, they can help you improve your investment habits – and they may improve your financial picture far beyond 2018.

Do your best to stick with these resolutions throughout the coming year.

Parrish Heritage Day Festival & Chili Cook Off Circle Saturday, March 3, 2018 on your calendar and plan to attend. Parade, children's activities, music, food, beverages and sampling lots of good chili!

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December Events at Williams Elementary

Williams Celebrates School Spirit Day

Each month, Williams' students are invited to participate in a monthly School Spirit Day.
On Thursday, November 30th, students were invited to wear their craziest hairdos. Great job Wolves!!!

Williams' Students Partipate in County TSA Competition

Williams Elementary's 5th Grade TSA (Technology Student Association) students participated in the Manatee County District TSA competition on Saturday, December 2nd, held at Braden River High against 17 other elementary TSA chapters from across the district. There were a total of 175 students in teams of 3-4 each who designed, built, and tested a working catapult from a bag of every day materials. Students were scored on both accuracy to a target, as well as, distance their catapult was able to launch their projectile. Each of our 3-person teams did an awesome job working together to problem solve how to use the materials they were given to design the working catapult.

Coaches Bring Lacrosse to Williams

Cheers to Coach Cleveland and Coach Johnson for receiving the US Lacrosse Soft Stick Equipment Grant bringing the sport Lacrosse "the fastest game on two feet" to our school! The grant provides 30 soft lacrosse sticks, 30 soft lacrosse balls, the US Lacrosse PE Curriculum Guide and Teaching Soft-Stick Lacrosse DVD. This is great opportunity to introduce our students to the game of Lacrosse. Way to go Coach Cleveland and Coach Johnson!

Williams' Students Raise Money for Hurricane Harvey Relief

Williams Elementary proudly recognizes Savannah White, and three of her 3rd grade friends, who raised over $500 for the American Red Cross to be donated towards Hurricane Harvey Relief. We celebrate and appreciate this generous and kind act on behalf of these students.

PTO Holds Winter Wonderland

Williams PTO held its annual Winter Wonderland on Saturday, December 9th. Families enjoyed shopping at local vendor displays and Santa's Workshop, making crafts, snow tubing and visiting Santa and Mrs. Claus. Thank you to everyone who attended. We appreciate your support of Williams Elementary.

Beta Club Holds Toy Drive

Williams Elementary's Beta Club sponsored a Holiday Fluffy Friends Drive as a service project by collecting new or gently used stuffed animals from our students and staff. Beta Club members wrapped and donated the toys to students at Daughtrey Elementary. Way to go Beta Wolves! Thank you for your generosity and community outreach.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In addition to the workshops identified above, several other opportunities are offered to receive free gardening information:

1. The Manatee County Master Gardener monthly E-newsletter, The Master Gardening Bench, is available to download at http://bit.ly/ManateeMGnewsletter -- look for The Master Gardening Bench on the right of the page and click on "Monthly E-newsletter."
2. Can't make it to the Manatee County Agriculture and Extension Service office to get advice or to solve your gardening problems? E-mail us at manateemg@gmail.com. Be sure to include as much information as you can in your e-mail and include your telephone number in case additional information is needed. Attach photos if possible. Remember, a photo can be worth a thousand words!
3. Get FYI from FFL (Florida-Friendly LandscapingTM Program). Visit the Manatee County Florida-Friendly LandscapingTM Program page on Facebook and "like" us to stay current on workshops and classes, events, publications, tips for your landscape, plant information, and more.
4. Ask an Extension Master Gardener! - Every 2nd Saturday (10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.), Visit the Extension Master Gardener information table and get answers to your gardening questions. Location: South Manatee Library, 6081 26th Street West, Bradenton.
5. Ask an Extension Master Gardener! – Every 2nd and 4th Saturday (10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.), Visit the Extension Master Gardener information table and get answers to your gardening questions. Location: Rocky Bluff Library, 6750 U.S. Highway 301N, Ellenton.
6. Interested in having a beautiful landscape while saving water? The Manatee County Agriculture and Extension Service offers a Mobile Irrigation Lab with a FREE evaluation of your landscape and irrigation system. Call 941-722-4524 today to schedule your free evaluation.

Be More Positive CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

success. They smile. They take a moment to be grateful. They have friends and families they adore. There is nothing better than being around them because they are full of energy and positivity. They are the role models for finding joy within.

Do not allow yourself to get caught up in negative opinions of yourself. What you consider flaws are probably far less noticeable by others than you realize. Instead, embrace your many gifts and talents, and allow them to become your focal point. Rest assured that you will appreciate yourself more when you focus on the positive instead of the negative. You will no longer feel the need to be so critical.

Today, the joy of being you is ready to emerge. The fastest and simplest way to this joy is to turn your negativity around the moment you see it rear its ugly head. It is as effective as a magic wand! Wave the negative self-criticisms away, and be the joyous person you are meant to be. It is time to be more positive about yourself.

Andrea has just finished publishing her second book, *Martial Art Inspirations for Everyone.* It can be found on Amazon, along with her first book, *The Martial Arts Woman*, or here: www.themartialartswoman.storenvy.com.

Answers to January Trivia

1. 45
2. b. Iraq
3. Irma
4. c. Route 91
5. Me Too
6. b. La La Land
7. d. Suits
8. Solar Exlipse
9. b. 4
10. c. North River High

About the Author: Jim Casey is a Parrish-based Game Show Host and has entertained thousands in the Bradenton and Sarasota areas since 2010. He invites you to email your question suggestions to jim@floridagameshow.com.

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end up as a nasty, regurgitated compote on the floor beneath my feet.

As a distraction from the brutal waiting for the next hour to pass, I decided to go see my friend, Brenda, who lived two doors down. My older sister, Lynne, went with me. Brenda and her sister, Charlotte, were practicing cartwheels on the concrete basement floor. Cartwheels were my jam, so I gave pointers to the girls to help them perfect the art of the cartwheel.

My sister joined in with them as I prevailed as judge in rating their wheels. Charlotte received the highest score for her pointy feet during a cartwheel while Brenda came in a close second. My sister, Lynne, disagreed with my righteous judgement that she was the worst cart wheeler in the bunch and insisted I do one better than she. Feeling confident I could definitely do a better one than my sister, I took my stance on the cold, concrete floor.

With both arms poised high above my head and my right foot pointed gracefully on the floor below, I plunged myself in a forward bend to plant my steady hands on the floor in order for my short little legs to fly above me in an arc. As my tiny palms met the surface of the hard floor, I felt the shiny metal splint on my left pinky finger slide like a skate on ice across the smooth concrete and a strange, never felt before, twinge of discomfort run through my hand and up into my left arm. My legs followed my face in a loud "kurthunk" heaping me in an awkward-looking lump on the surface. I let out a squealing scream.

On the way to the allergy doctor's office that day, it was decided that I should first have an x-ray to determine the degree of break in my tiny pinky finger. It was obvious that a bone must have broken in that finger since the end of it was pretty much bent backwards. The pain from that little bitty tip was unlike any I'd ever experienced before, but I was still so overwhelmed with the 'anticipation' of my first allergy shot, that I kept using the ice pack, intended for the massive swelling in my hand, on my arms in an attempt to possibly numb them enough so that I'd never even feel the needles.

The x-ray showed a complete break in the distal phalanx and the doctor would set it first then wrap it and place it in a more fixed splint. I heard what the doctor said, but of course, my every thought was focused on those darn allergy shots. The doctor started asking me what subjects I liked in school. Really? I thought to myself. This guy's going to small talk me while I'm thinking about needles piercing my flesh? I remember trying to figure out why he felt the need to ask me about which subjects I liked in school and while attempting to answer his stupid, irrelevant question, out of nowhere, this crazy man yanks on the tip of my tiny broken finger to straighten it out.

Stunned from the sudden finger jerk, I sat motionless while a splint was applied, and a stretch material was wrapped around my bony pinky finger. My face was red, and my eyes swollen from crying as a sort of numbing weariness came over my body. The drive over to the allergy doctor's office was quiet as the last of the lingering tears on my cheeks dried up and the weight of my eyelids longed only to close for a very deep sleep. I had exhausted all my unrealized fear and pent-up anxiety like steam released from a boiling kettle and now I just wanted this very long, horrible day to be over.

My name was called right away, and my mother and I made our way back to the nurse's station in silence. There were two syringes filled with fluid lying on a tray topped with long straight pointy needles alongside a single cotton ball containing the familiar smell of rubbing alcohol. My stomach had a distinct feeling of sickness like the kind I would get after I'd eaten too much chocolate. The nice nurse lady said something ridiculous like, "This won't hurt that much…" then something like, "look in the other direction and count with me to three…"

I wanted to tense up and bury my head in my mother's side, but I was too fatigued to make the effort. I stared at a poster on the wall about how to wash your hands properly and faintly heard the nurse begin her count to three. Her hands were ice cold on my arm and as quickly as it began, the first shot ordeal was over. I remember never even feeling the needle puncture my skin, but felt the sting of the liquid being injected as the true cause for pain. The nurse lady rubbed my arm, congratulated me on my fine performance and proceeded to repeat her process on my second arm. Day one of eight years of allergy shots concluded.

Over the years, I've thought about the allergy shot affliction many times and how tormented I had been about the 'anticipation' of going through the trial. I'd spent weeks imagining how horrible that event would be and created unfounded realities in my mind as to its ability to cause me great suffering and trauma. To this day, reminiscing about the weeks leading up to the dreaded occasion still conjure up all the actual feelings I encountered surrounding the incident, although much less intense.

The truth of the allergy shot conundrum, though, was that it was much worse in thought than it was in reality. I had 'anticipated' or looked forward to the whole challenge with false certainties fashioned from a belief of worry and trepidation instead of being able to realize the truth that it wouldn't be that bad. My imaginations of the event were misguided conceptions of speculation only - incorrect, unfounded assumptions conceived out of pure fear and panic.

We've all heard the famous quote from FDR's campaign speech of 1933, "The only thing we have to fear, is fear itself," but there's actually strong truth in the statement. Our minds will always follow suit to whatever core belief we have about something and create thoughts and imaginations (what I call, 'mind pictures') to validate our core belief. If we have a core belief that everything in life is difficult and we will always have to fight and claw our way to succeed, for example, then our 'mind pictures' will always create worrisome, self-defeating thoughts to line up with that core belief in our hearts.

A new year is an opportunity to 'anticipate' good things or bad things. We can choose to 'anticipate' the best in ourselves, our lives and in others, or we can choose to 'anticipate' the worst in ourselves, our lives and in others. A new year is an opportunity to reflect on past experiences and gain whatever good we can from them and learn how to avoid the negative. A new year is our chance to find out what our true core beliefs are about ourselves or any subject in our life that produces defeat and make the necessary changes so that we are not living out of a wrong belief.

For me, the only thing that has ever brought true, evidently accurate and lasting change to my wrong heart beliefs is the Word of God. If I've experienced worry, fear, anxiety, depression, sickness or lack in any way, I ask myself, "What do I truly believe about this situation and what does God's word say about it?" I then replace my wrong belief or confession with His true reality and confession and begin to "think on these things." Though it may not happen instantly or overnight, I begin to see change in my perception and belief of it first and then results occur in my life.

You may have another way of dealing with negative core beliefs. Whatever works for you, be sure to take this opportunity of a new year and choose to make 2018 the start of a better, more enjoyable life!

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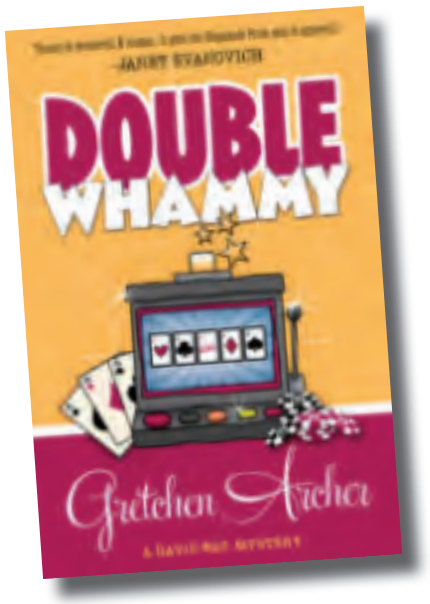
Ticket cost is $15.00 per person. For more information contact Anna Petryniec at 727-510-3390.

Must Reads before the Author Cocktail Party & Luncheon

"Double Whammy" by Gretchen Archer



Oh my goodness, y'all. This book – this heroine – is so delightful and quirky! Davis is an endearingly flawed heroine whose first person narrative voice adds a whole other level of snark and hilarity to the story. I knew I loved her when she dubbed the two beefy security guys "Teeth" and "No Hair", highlighting their dominant physical features. I completely embraced her when she developed a serious crush on the guy whose condo she's subletting, based solely on his pictures and his clothing.

Davis Way thinks she's hit the jackpot when she lands a job as the fifth wheel on an elite security team at the fabulous Bellissimo Resort and Casino in Biloxi, Mississippi. But once there, she runs straight into her ex-ex husband, a rigged slot machine, her evil twin, and a trail of dead bodies. Davis learns the truth and it does not set her free — in fact, it lands her in the pokey.

Humor, snark, a little romance and a lot of fun are the hallmarks of this unique cozy mystery! Davis is a mix of Stephanie Plum (from Janet Evanovich's series) and Sandra Bullock in *Miss Congeniality*, and you'll often find yourself just wanting to hug her, while chuckling at the quirkiness that makes her distinctly "Davis".

Gretchen Archer.

"Lowcountry Boil" by Susan M. Boyer

"What do you get when you cross a Southern mystery, a ghost of a warning, a love triangle and a savvy protagonist who will stop at nothing? Easy, you get a page turning read –"Lowcountry Boil."

Private Investigator Liz Talbot is a modern Southern belle: she blesses hearts and takes names. She carries her Sig 9 in her Kate Spade handbag, and her golden retriever, Rhett, rides shotgun in her hybrid Escape. When her grandmother is murdered, Liz high-tails it back to her South Carolina island home to find the killer. She's fit to be tied when her police-chief brother shuts her out of the investigation, so she opens her own. Then her long-dead best friend pops in and things really get complicated. When more folks start turning up dead in this small seaside town, Liz must use more than just her wits and charm to keep her family safe, chase down clues from the hereafter, and catch a psychopath before he catches her.

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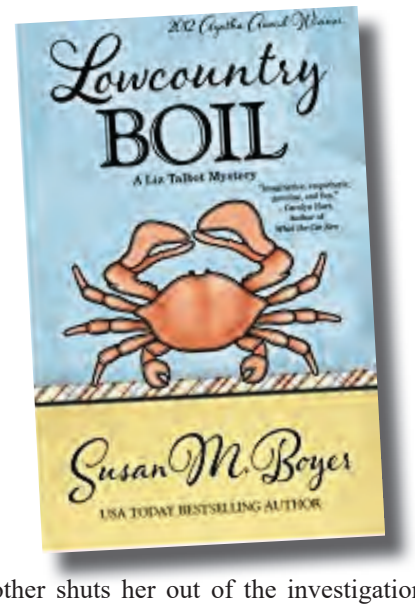

There are plenty of secrets, long-simmering feuds, and greedy ventures. It's witty, droll, clever - and just a tad quirky! It pulls the reader in like the draw of a riptide with a keeps-you-guessing mystery full of romance, family intrigue, and the smell of salt marsh on the Charleston coast.

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Home Aquariums For Beginners

There are many popular movies and shows featuring wildlife found in our oceans and seas. If *Finding Nemo* (or Dory!) has inspired you to have a fish tank in your own home, here are some hints to help you be successful.

Best Fish For Beginners

When visiting the fish area at Pets Plus, ask which fish make the best pets for beginners. The answers will depend on the size of tank you are thinking of, where you plan to keep the tank in your home, how much time you have to care for the fish, and the hardiness of the specific types of fish you are considering. Betta fish, goldfish, tetras, guppies, mollies and platys are just some of the fish that are suitable for beginners.

Bettas are one of the easiest fish to own. With minimal care and set up, your betta can happily live on your kitchen counter or office desk. You'll enjoy watching this colorful and peaceful fish as you go about your day. They love warmth, so they are a good choice all-around for our Florida environment.

Choose Pets Wisely!

Home aquariums are a great way to learn about animals and connect with nature. Saltwater aquariums are a little complex as a starter tank, so consider a freshwater tropical or goldfish aquarium if you are a first-time owner. When selecting fish, pick commercially raised fish from stores like ours. Never take fish from ponds or streams or release fish into the wild.

Remember that all pets, including fish, require much care and attention as well as an investment of time and money. You must take time to learn about the animal and its care prior to bringing them home. Ask our friendly associates here at Pets Plus for help choosing a pet fish, and the aquarium and supplies you will need. We are more than happy to help you choose the right home for your new friends, and help you learn how to care for them.

Become an Ocean Expert!

To expand your knowledge of wildlife in the world around you, visit the ocean or your local aquarium or zoo. You can also learn more about ocean animals like sharks, rays, coral reefs and sea turtles by visiting DisneyAnimals.com.

Visit our aquatics section at Pets Plus with any questions you may have about adding an aquarium to your home. You will notice that we have recently added a self-serve pet wash to our store and have consolidated our aquatics section to feature our most popular scaly friends. We also are now offering special ordering of salt and fresh water fish (and more), which allows us to extend much lower prices and a wider selection to our more advanced hobbyists.

January 2018 Events at Pets Plus
Jan 1st - New Years Day Hours - 11a-5p
Jan 5th - Doggy Dental 9a-3p (by appointment)
Jan 6th - Mobile Pet Hospital 1-3p
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Jan 20th - Mobile Pet Hospital 1-3p

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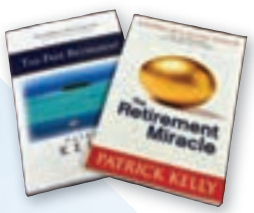

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A new business concept comes to Parrish… wine party catering!

America has fallen in love with wine and with it wine tasting. So what could be better than having a wine tasting dinner or party, complete with your own wine expert, right in your home or office?

The name of the new Parrish-based company is Wine Guy Bob, and its owner and resident wine expert is none other than our *Parrish Village News* wine columnist Bob Monica.

In a market segment that can only be described as "niche," Wine Guy Bob meets with each client to select a theme upon which the event will be based. He then helps the client organize and prepare for the party, providing tips on glassware, serving methods, proper temperatures and, of course, the ideal selection of wines. He can also recommend food pairing and bring in a local food caterer if desired.

Bob helps to host each event, introducing the various vintages, providing general information and background. He will answer questions about the selected wines and wine in general, creating an authentic, informative event while maintaining a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere.

"There's a trick to hosting a great wine tasting," says this wine guy. "It's obviously important to present and serve the wine properly. People want to know more about wine and always have lots of questions. But," he continues with a grin, "the trick is to provide all of that in a lighthearted, unpretentious way that keeps the event entertaining and fun. Nobody needs a stuffy old wine guy. People are there for social interaction, not a three-credit course on viniculture and wine chemistry."

Before moving to Florida, Bob enjoyed a career in the hotel business as general manager of large, first-class hotels in locales such as Washington, DC, Scottsdale, AZ and Somerset, NJ (New York City area). In this capacity he played host to two U.S. Presidents, and scores of celebrity actors, entertainers, athletes, politicians and high-ranking corporate executives.

But Bob's great passion is wine. And in 1998 his entrepreneurial spirit motivated him to retire from the hotel industry to open his own boutique wine store. He soon expanded that to include a wine bar and bistro. Later he purchased a landmark fine dining restaurant that featured a much-heralded wine program.

Bob has created wine lists that have been recognized with multiple national awards and has served as a wine writer, speaker and teacher. He currently serves as a contractor representing more than 1,000 wineries, importers and national distributors presenting their products at Total Wine & More, Whole Foods and Fresh Market locations around the Bay area.

"I love wine and I love talking about it with folks," says Bob. "Earlier this year I hosted a wine tasting with Tim Boydell of Angove Winery of Australia. We only had forty-five guests, but they were so impressed and had so much fun we ended up selling over $7,000 in wine. Of course, that was a very high-profile event."

However, Bob stresses that he does not sell wine nor does he receive any commissions from any wines tasted. "There are companies out there that claim to provide you with a "free" wine tasting party in your home," he says. "They pre-select all the wines and send in their "expert".

These companies are in the retail wine selling business and the event is actually an enticement to get you to buy wines that are exclusively available through them. Like a Tupperware party... but for wine."

Wine Guy Bob does not sell wine. He imparts valuable knowledge and recommends wines that each customer considers most appropriate – which are readily available at local retailers. This provides an enormous selection from which to choose.

Wine Guy Bob is currently taking reservations for 2018 parties and dinners. "Wine tastings are a great addition to any gathering of friends and family," he says. "Whether a large or small event, from beginners to connoisseurs, a tasting is a terrific tool and a unique way to help get your holiday party kicked off with a bang."

Parrish Village News readers never fear – you will continue to enjoy Bob's wine articles in during 2018. And if you're are interested in finding out more about the services provided by Wine Guy Bob, go online to www.wineguybob.com.

Wine Guy Bob

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Tuesday, January 9, 2018: Country Lakes Village, 5700 Bayshore Rd, Palmetto, 8:30 am - 11:30 am
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Saturday, January 20, 2018: Imperial Lakes, 8565 Crowns Ct, Palmetto, 8:30 am - 11:00 am
Saturday, January 20, 2018: American Legion Post #325, 3420 US Highway 301 N, Ellenton, 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Monday, January 22, 2018: Terra Ceia Manor, 5619 Bayshore Rd, Palmetto, 8:30 am - 11:00 am
Monday, January 22, 2018: Palm View Elementary School, 6025 Bayshore Rd, Palmetto, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Tuesday, January 23, 2018: City of Palmetto, 516 8th Ave W, Palmetto, 9:00 am - 11:30 am
Tuesday, January 23, 2018: Florida Power and Light, 1253 12th Avenue East, Palmetto, 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Thursday, January 25, 2018: The Coach House Mobile Home Park, 4907 28th Ave East, Palmetto, 8:00 am - 11:30 am
Thursday, January 25, 2018: Veranda Springs, 9286 Sucia Circle 3, Parrish, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Thursday, January 25, 2018: Annie Lucy Williams Elementary, 3404 Fort Hammer Rd, Parrish, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
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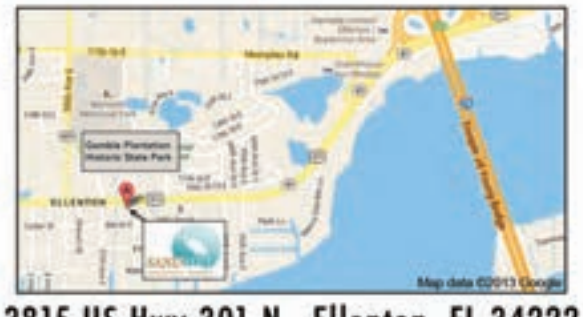

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The Grumpy Old Geezer

To Tweet or Not To Tweet

A column for seniors who find their views of today's American marketplace of ideas more than a little bit bizarre.

Do you tweet? I don't.

I decided long ago when tweeting was still considered cool that sending out messages to the entire universe of not more than 140 characters was a bad idea. Actually, I found the word itself offensive. What self-respecting grownup would do anything labeled as frivolously as a "tweet." No sir. Not for me.

Time has proven my decision to have been pretty prudent. Have you ever heard of anybody being complimented on the basis of a thoughtful, profound, inspiring tweet? On the contrary lots of folks get into trouble, big, big trouble receiving mountains of criticism for unkind, inept and angry tweets. Especially mister "you know who."

But are our voices being muted for failing to tweet?

I used to be a fan of the recently defunct ESPN show Mike & Mike. Those guys spent hours discussing sporting issues that I found interesting. Every once in a while I was tempted to join in on the conversation. But the only way they received feedback that was read on the air was through Twitter. The same holds true for most radio talk shows that solicit audience opinion.

You'll hear them make comments like, "Brad in Poughkeepsie has this to say on Twitter," or maybe, "We just received a tweet from Doris in Montreal who writes…" While I don't begrudge either Brad or Doris their opinion, I feel left out of the conversation because – well, I don't tweet.

Now here is where this scenario may get a bit nefarious.

Every generation is familiar with the technology of its youth. My dad was cool with televisions and radios and could pretty much handle the heating and air conditioning controls on the dashboard of his car. I was immediately comfortable with stereos and microwave ovens and gravitated into being pretty handy with a personal computer. Most of us senior citizens have learned how to use a smart phone, including emailing and texting. But how many of us over the age of 65 know how to tweet?

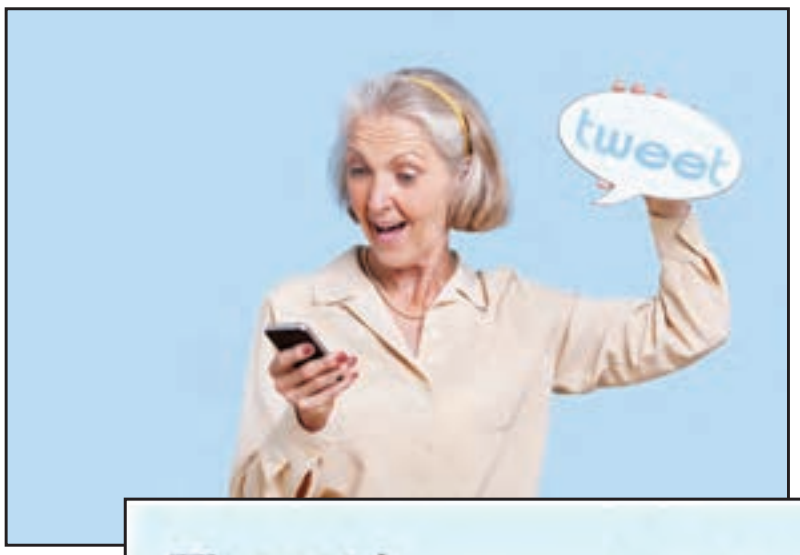
From my observation… not many.

Now there may be some of you seniors out there who tweet like wildfire. Good for you. But I think that you are in the minority among your Baby Boomer buddies. Most of us simple don't know how, or want to know how, to tweet.

Which in turn means that the local and national media have tuned us out. If you're not tweeting they're not listening. Want to weigh in on the debate about tax reform? You better tweet. Have an opinion about Climate Change? Sorry, tweets only please. Do you think they should build a big wall along the U.S. Southwest border? Get your twitter line warmed up, Sparky!

I'm not suggesting that all of us should immediately sign up for a Twitter account (heaven forbid) and ask our grandkids for a few quick lessons. Oh no. No way. But, I must admit that it irks me more than a little that the voices of a generation, OUR GENERATION, may simply not heard because the media has moved on to a new communication platform, leaving us behind. That folks, "really burns my biscuits!"

Perhaps this will pass. Maybe it's part of the new world order that the elder generation loses its voice. Maybe. But I don't like it.



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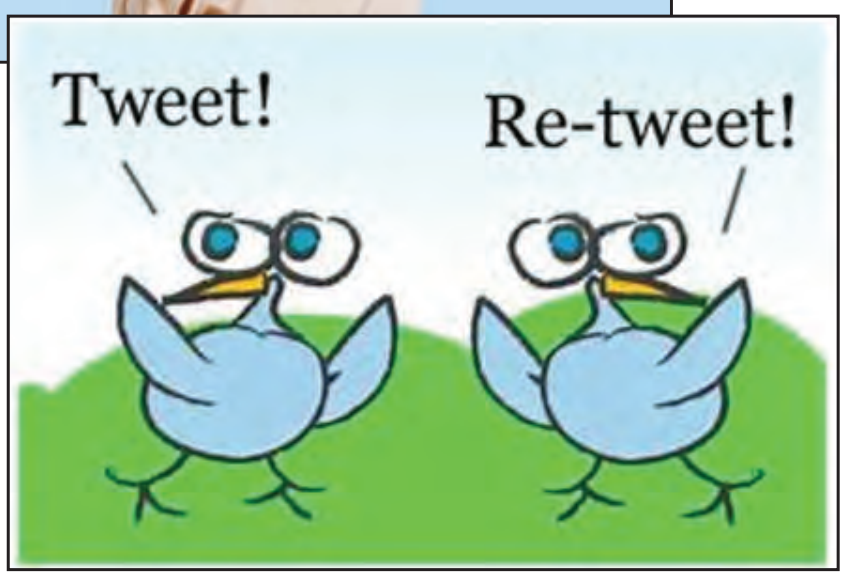

I was raised to believe (still do) that while you may not get any smarter as you get older you sure as hell are the beneficiary of all of the experiences of your life. Those experiences give you something that the young often find difficult to muster… wisdom. And at a time when history, and all that has happened already, seems to not mean very much – there appears to be no place, or method, to infuse our voice of reason based on that experience.

Well anyway, I'm still not going to tweet. Keeps me out of trouble. Keeps me off the phone and gives me more time for the really important things in life… like sitting in the sun with my bare toes in the green grass contemplating - what's for dinner.

Buffalo Creek Little League Launches Spring Season

Now with the Holidays behind them, Little League Baseball is getting into high gear. Danny O'Brien, a baseball enthusiast from Pittsburgh can't wait for baseball to begin. "Not being able to play baseball up North due to weather provides Florida Players with a rare and special opportunity", O'Brien goes on to say. It may be cold up North, but Little League Baseball and Parrish, Florida are heating up.

Buffalo Creek Little League is launching its 2018 Spring Season on February 24. Opening day runs from 9:00 to – 2:00 pm and is filled with baseball games, bounce houses, food, games and lots of fun. Buffalo Creek Opening Day is open for players and non-players; everyone is welcome. In addition to baseball and fun, there will be booth vendors, silent auctions and tremendous support from our local business partners.

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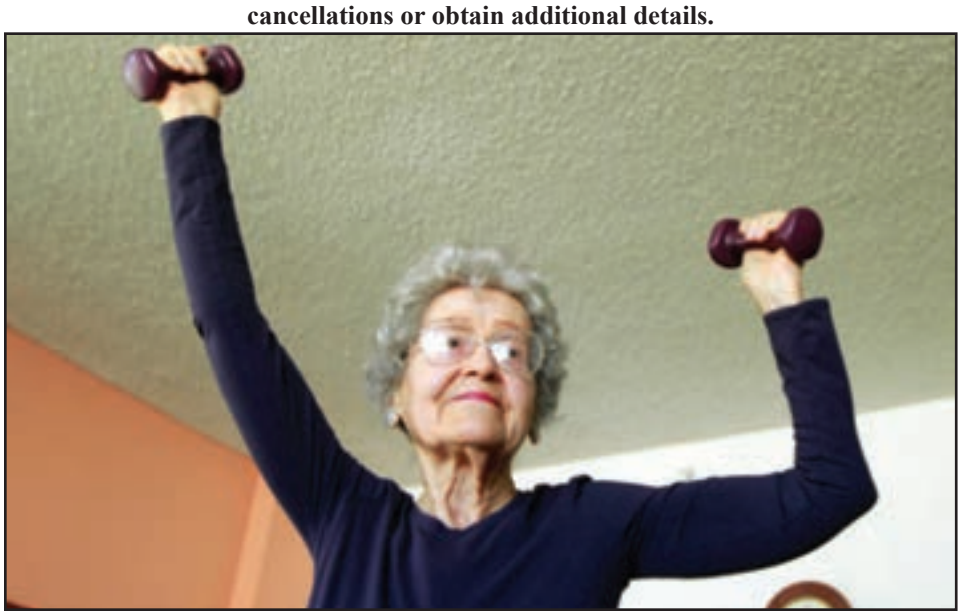
Tai Chi (Wu-style): Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00 am. Movements are slow, soft and circular. $5 ($3 for members).

Tai Chi (Yang Style - Most popular style): Tuesdays, 11:30 am - Beginners. Thursdays, 11:30 am - Intermediate. Movements are slow, soft and circular. $5 ($3 for members).

Yoga for Cancer Survivors: Thursdays, 10:00 am. Sponsored by JFCS. Call 941-366-2224 for more details. Free

Qi Gong Meditation: Thursdays, 10 am – 10:30 am. Experience the many benefits of meditation. $5 (Free for members).

All activities take place at the Enrichment Center at Renaissance on 9th unless otherwise noted. Call 941-749-0100, ext. 2100 for reservations, to check on cancellations or obtain additional details.



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projects)
2:00 pm - Alzheimer/Caregiver Support Group (Every 3rd Friday)

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11:30 am - Tai Chi with Tom ($36/ 6week session). Reservations required.

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1/8/18: Your Lung Health. Ellenton Center. 1 pm
1/9/18: Pain in Your Hip, Your Back, or Both! Bayshore Center. 2 pm
1/16/18: The Science of Aging. Cortez Center. 2 pm
1/23/18: Your Lung Health. Bayshore Center. 2 pm
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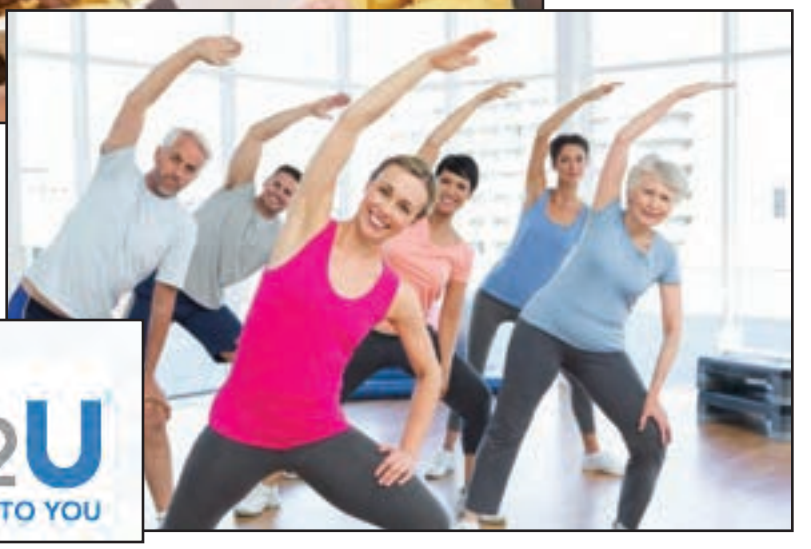

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the workplace in retirement.

In fact, 13% of the polled companies said they weren't even aware of the issue, which is rather strange considering all the media attention on the subject. Many organizations don't worry about the demographic shift until they actually start losing their key people.

The Recession of 2007 put a damper on the "war for talent" and ate into many older workers' retirement savings, causing them to stay in the workforce longer than they'd planned and allowing some companies to put off facing the inevitable. Still, more than one-third of respondents to the SHRM survey are examining their policies and practices to prepare for the projected increase in the proportion of older workers, defined as those 55 or older.

The interesting phenomena that I now see happening is that Baby Boomers are feeling the pain of living on Social Security and maybe a small 401-K or pension. Many of them are living healthy lifestyles and are seemingly bored after a year or two in retirement and are eager to re-enter the workforce.

"Hopefully more and more employers will see the value of these older workers like I do" says Machelle Thompson, an Independent HR Consultant. "For the most part, their work ethic, skills level, knowledge and education makes them ideal workers. Boomers that decide to re-enter the work force can add value to the bottom line and can even mentor the younger work force as to those great work values. This is a win-win scenario and fits with our current climate of "making America great again."

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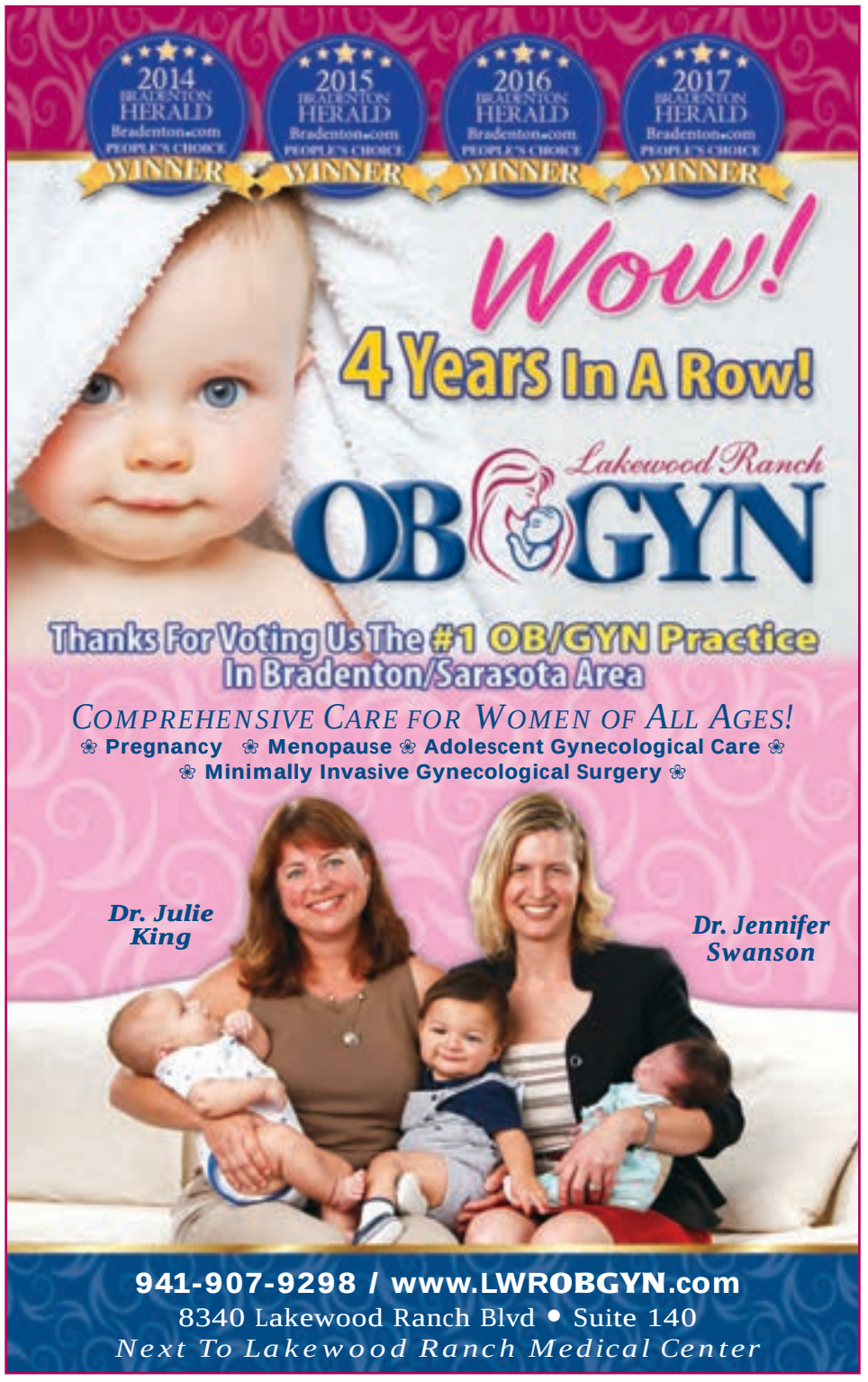

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Starting the Year off Safe and Sound

I hope you had a FABULOUS Holiday season filled with family, friends and most of all lots of love surrounding you and your loved ones.

It's time to take down those decorations and store everything away for next year. With all the holiday shopping and celebrating behind us it is also a good time to take a look around your home to see what you can do to make your home a bit safer.

Do you have motion detectors in front and in the back of your home? They are a great way to discourage someone who wants to break in.

The start of the New Year is a great time to ensure your fire alarm systems are ready for an emergency. Whether you have a wired in system or the separate smoke detectors or both – it is a good time to change the batteries. The batteries should be changed at least once a year. We will be changing ours out over the weekend before the Holiday or possibly on New Years' Day. I always mark the month and year we change out the batteries on the side of the battery so this year I will write 12/2017 or 1/2018 on the side of the battery depending on the day we change them.

Most of the alarm systems require 9 Volt batteries so be sure you have new batteries ready to go and keep extras around just in case one of the batteries goes bad.

Do you have tall ceilings? I know it can be scary to climb up on that ladder. If you are not able to climb a ladder, or if it is too frightening to climb the ladder, then ask a friend or neighbor to help you. Before you climb the ladder think through what you might need up there. I always keep a screwdriver or small plastic prying device and the new batteries in my pocket. I use one pocket for the good batteries (left side) and one for the old batteries (right side). Just in case I have a "senior moment" and put a battery in the wrong pocket I can still figure out which batteries are old or new with the date I write on the side. I use the screwdriver/prying device if I have to pry something open or it can help to get the battery out if it is stuck.

Another reason for changing those batteries on a regular basis is that once the battery starts to run down – the system will start beeping to let you know the battery needs to be changed. While it might seem to be reasonable to wait until the beeping starts – there is nothing more aggravating than the beeping that starts in the middle of the night. Don't you wonder why it is always in the middle of the night and not during the day? But the good news is that the batteries you remove often have lots of life remaining in them so you can use them for other things around the house.

And…if you have a fire extinguisher in the house now is a good time to pick it up, check the gauge on the unit and make sure it is still pointed to the green showing it is still good. Then shake the unit. Turn it upside down a couple of times and listen to see if you can hear the powder moving in it. You want the powder inside the extinguisher to be loose so checking it a couple of times a year is always a good idea. If you cannot hear the powder moving, it's time to buy another extinguisher or two.

Now's the time to take a look around your home to see what you can do to make your home a bit safer.

Whether you have a service that monitors your home for you or you have the individual smoke detectors at home – take some time to make sure your systems are ready for the New Year just as you are. Just as we refresh ourselves going into the New Year – be sure you refresh your alarm system with new, fresh batteries. That short amount of time could be the difference between your peace of mind or frustration knowing it was one of those things left on your "To Do" list that just never got done. Hopefully, you never actually need them but if you do you will be thankful you took that time to ensure the batteries are up to date.

And one more thing. For those of you who park your cars in the driveway or outside of a garage – be sure to empty your car and lock it before you go in the house. There have been lots of car burglaries and leaving your car unlocked or leaving items in the car is exactly what they are looking for. If you lock the car, that will help deter them but if you leave stuff in the car the burglars will try even harder to get in. Most likely that means breaking a window. So be sure to empty the car, remove your belongings and be sure you don't leave change in the console or your laptop sitting on the seat. The Sheriff's Department puts out a 9:00 pm notice every night on "Nextdoor" to remind all of us to lock the cars. Take their advice because it may save you lots of trouble later.

I wish you all a healthy, SAFE and very Happy New Year!

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January Is Great for Gator Trout and Sheep Head

Capt. Jason Prieto

Now that all the holidays are behind us and most try to get back to our normal routines with regular work weeks ahead and most in other areas are shoveling snow and stuck inside the sunshine state provides some great fishing this month. Trout takes center stage as the big Gator Trout invade the Grass flats. You will also find a variety of fish on the reefs from Sheep Head to Grunts; it's a good time to fish in the bay.

Trout fishing is great this time of year as the Gator Trout invades the flats. You can expect to find some awesome Trout fishing on the South Shore of Tampa Bay. Finding the big girls is not all that hard, just find the healthy turtle grass with good tidal flow or deeper areas with oyster bottom and the big Trout will not be far behind. As for tackle I love throwing artificial baits this time of year. One of my favorite Trout baits has to be the Zman Pearl white Minnowz rigged with a 1/8 ounce Jig head. This bait is relatively easy to use and will produce a ton of fish.

Sheep Head is another great option and is commonly over looked by most anglers. They are one of the best fighting fish around and during the months of January and February they show up around the artificial reefs to spawn. Sheep Head are somewhat different in both their appearance and what they eat. They like to eat barnacles from pilings which are a little hard to find as bait. I like to use small shrimp with a Daiichii #1 circle hook. Add the adequate amount of weight to get your baits to the bottom. Sheep Head have a VERY soft bite so you will go through a bunch of bait until you find the perfect hook set. Trust me it will take a little practice. Areas to target will be any type of structure or reef. Artificial reefs are great starting points and numbers are on the internet. These same areas are typically fished hard by others so you probably won't find the big fish here. Finding your own secret ledge that holds fish will be the key to catching BIG Sheep Head. Best of all unless you give someone the numbers, it's all yours to fish by yourself. Once you have figured out how to fish Sheep Head, you will soon be hooked on catching the Zebra looking great tasting fish.

Redfish are also plentiful this time of year. I typically find great success around the residential docks, creeks, and deeper oyster bars this time of year. Shrimp is my favorite bait when targeting Reds in the winter. Using a free lined or split shot for added weight will be the best technique for Redfish. Keep in mind Redfish love crustaceans and pick up on the scent so soaking alive or dead shrimp on the bottom will work great. This is also very effective when water temperatures are low on the colder days. You will catch a lot of smaller fish this time of year but with patience you will find the bigger ones move through as well.

Tight Lines!

Captain Jason Prieto is a native resident of Tampa and has fished Tampa Bay and its surrounding waters for the past 20 years. He is owner and operator of Steady Action Fishing Charters which is based out of lower Tampa Bay. To book a charter, you can reach him at 813-727-9890 or www.steadyactionfishingcharters.com. If you would like to catch him on the Internet, tune into *Tampa Fishing Outfitters Fishing Show* on Facebook live and You Tube from 6 to 7 pm every Wednesday evening. Come join him in the fun.

Jason is Regional Director of Florida Guides Association and Co Host on Tampa Fishing Outfitters Radio, 1040 Tampa Bay NBC Sports airing every Sunday Morning from 8 to 9 am. He is an outdoor writer for the *Tampa Times*, *Onshore/Offshore Magazine* and the *Parrish Village News*.

For charter information contact Capt. Jason at 813-727-9890 or www.steadyactionfishingcharters.com.

Harrison Ranch Art Guild Hosts Creativity Extravaganza

For the first time, outside artists have been invited to participate in the Harrison Ranch Arts Guild Creativity Extravaganza that will be held on January 27, 2018, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, at 5755 Harrison Ranch Boulevard in Parrish, Florida. Be sure to attend this event! This event is open to the public, family friendly and free to attendees. It is a unique artistic event as it offers participants the ability to either show artwork, demonstrate what they do, have educational displays on different forms of art, sell their artwork, or have activities for the public to participate in. The purpose of the event is to have a platform where the public comes together and is inspired by the wide range of creativity that is in our community.

Attendees will see acrylic, oil, and watercolor paintings, book illustrations, photography, ceramic sculptures, pottery, jewelry, cigar box guitars, stained glass work, handmade cards, miniature scenes in baskets, rock painting, caricature drawings, graphic design and much more! All the artwork is handmade. There will even be a musician that creates music for films. There will be free crafts for children to enjoy, and frozen hot chocolate for attendees to purchase. Some of the participants are members of the Parrish Arts Council, Harrison Ranch Arts Guild, Art Center Manatee, Anna Maria Island Art League, Colony Cove Art Club, Parrish Rocks, and other local creative groups.

This event is hosted by the Harrison Ranch Arts Guild: a collection of creative residents that enjoy doing social activities together and hosting events that enrich and inspire the community. The members of the arts guild are those that volunteer to teach the free art classes for kids at the library, so if your children have enjoyed those classes, be sure to go to this event and check out what the artists create on their own time.

Save the date; attend this event; invite everyone you know to experience the amazing creativity that comes from people who live in Parrish and the surrounding community! For more information visitwww.HarrisonRanchArtsGuild.com or call Chi Kulig at 860-983-3767.

Take a Cup O'Kindness

Leslie Wells.

So, it's January! Time to remove the last of the Christmas decorations from the house and begin preparing for the New Year. Perhaps I'll add an updated entry mat or commandeer a power wash for the driveway. Inside things are bustling, too. Ornaments are packed; carpets are cleaned; and windows are opened. Maybe I'll touch up a wall or two with some fresh paint.

Ah, the New Year. It's all about new beginnings and new goals. January is, of course, the time we make lots of promises with the full intention of completing each and every one. From joining a gym, lifestyle changes, better eating habits to better work habits, spending more time away from the computer etc.; we all vow to change something or add something that allows for positive growth.

As I enter year number 42 as a local real estate broker, I find myself challenged more than usual. What can I do in 2018 to keep me inspired both personally and professionally? It's no secret that technology continues to change the face of real estate at such a rapid pace. Keeping up with the "latest and greatest" can be overwhelming. To combat the challenge, I've already started surrounding myself with those who truly understand all technology can offer our sellers and buyers. I know I have that covered, but there's so much more I can do.

Maybe it's time to take a cue from that ever-familiar Scottish song…

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And auld lang syne!

With so much rapid change, so much technological opportunity, professional opportunities are bountiful. Yet, those relationships (new and old) can sometimes suffer. While it's now entirely possible to make a transaction without ever picking up the phone, is it the best way? Text messaging and emails have become an important part of our business and we shouldn't ignore it, but sometimes we miss out on meeting and learning about truly fascinating people because the relationship element is left out of the deal. It isn't unusual for a deal to close with only a few words ever spoken.

This new world of "progress" can be kind of sad when you think about it. There are so many missed opportunities for new friendships and maybe even future business. The communication change isn't isolated to just business either. Old times and old friends are so easily forgotten as we race to the finish line. It's easier to text a "hello" or update a status on Facebook than it is just to kick back and share a cup of kindness.

Statistically, resolutions are short lived. By February most of us are back on the couch eating chips, watching TV and glued to our laptops! I want to break that statistic in 2018 and I invite you to share in my resolution: Continue to embrace the future through technological advances, communication alternatives and all the advantages they offer while giving much more focus to personal communications. I'm going to call it my Relationship Promise. Let's go for more walks, meet our neighbors, and make time for the things that make us the happiest.

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Sue LaMastro Receives Department of Elder Affairs SHINE Volunteer of the Year Award

The Florida Department of Elder Affairs' SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) Program announced Sue LaMastro, a Manatee County volunteer, as the award winner for the Arnie Abrams Volunteer of the Year award. The award determination was announced at the end of the October 2017 SHINE Leadership Meeting. The statewide Program Director, Anne Chansler, presented the award to Ms. LaMastro on Saturday, December 16, 2017, in the presence of her peers.

Sue serves as a SHINE volunteer counselor for Manatee county, and she often serves in additional roles at Senior Connection Center, Inc., the Area Agency in Aging for the Tampa area. Over the last 13 years with SHINE, Sue has saved Medicare beneficiaries thousands of dollars on prescription drugs by helping them to identify cost savings programs for which they did not previously know they were eligible.

This award is named for long-time SHINE volunteer, Arnie Abrams, and recognizes volunteers for their dedication to clients and the program, reliability, compassion for clients and local community, and persistence with resolving each SHINE client's needs. Nominations can be submitted from anyone associated with the SHINE Program.

The qualities of Arnie Abrams, considered for the award named in his honor, include the following:

- Consideration of time spent as a SHINE counselor and experience in serving Florida's beneficiaries;
- Dedication to both clients and the SHINE Program; and
- Demonstrated history of taking on difficult client cases or complex client issues.

To inquire about volunteer opportunities or to request SHINE services in your community, contact the Elder Helpline at 1-800-96-ELDER (1-800-963-5337) or visit us online at www.floridashine.org.

Above (l to r) Anne Chansler, Statewide Program Director of SHINE, Sue LaMastro and Kyrie-Leigh Chambliss, Volunteer Manager / SHINE Liaison for PSA 6.

At right above Bob and Sue LaMastro.

At right the SHINE Volunteer Team for Manatee County.

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As many churches in the area have come and gone, Passion Church is here for the long haul, looking to serve families and the community for years to come.

The Kick Off service is Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Parrish YMCA located at 12214 US Highway 301 N in Parrish.

Passion Church is a church devoted to developing each and every person to be the best they can be in their walk with God. Their foundation and core beliefs all come from the Bible. They believe in the entire Word of God. Whatever your age, gender or race, there is a special place for you at their Church. They offer members a chance to become part of something greater, to grow their love for God and for one another in this beautiful community.

The pastor is Brian Royer. Brian Royer is the founding Pastor of City Life Church in Bradenton. During the 20 years as the Pastor at City Life Church, he and his wife Paula have felt a calling to plant another church in Parrish, FL. Pastor Brian has a Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Theology and is an Ordained Minister in the Assemblies of God.

He has been married for over 35 years and has three daughters and nine grandchildren. They have moved to Parrish.

Since starting City Life, Brian and Paula have planted three churches and help support 60 missionaries. They plan on doing the same thing, and even greater in Parrish!

His mottois "His purpose is our passion!"

Get in touch today or swing by for a visit. You can contact Pastor Brian at pastorbrianroyer@aol.com.

Parrish FPL Plant Employees and Contractors Donate Bikes to Parrish Children

Over 100 bicycles and helmets were donated to needy children in the Parrish area for Christmas.

For the past two years FPL employees look forward to Christmastime when the plant can come together to help our community. This year, the plant personnel donated over 100 brand new bicycles - from those with training wheels to bikes with gears. Each year, FPL has a lot of inspiring stories of families going out together for bikes, bringing their own families closer. This pays it forward for the next generation to help in community. One of their employees was dealing with an illness in his family at the time; he told others the story of how uplifting it was for the family member to be part of selecting the bikes with the rest of their family.

Ken Nusche, Plant Manager, said, "This has been a great year for charitable giving from our generous employees! We have collected around 100 +++ bikes this year for the children of the Parrish area. The bikes were all donated by employees and friends."

In addressing his employees, Nusche said, "Team, you guys are absolutely amazing! Our contractors also helped out tremendously again this year to achieve this amazing performance for a great, great cause."

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Humane Society of Manatee County Plans "Paws in Motion" Fund Raiser

The Humane Society of Manatee County is proud to present the 12th annual Paws in Motion Walk-a-Thon fundraiser, on Saturday, March 3rd 2018. This year Paws in Motion is returning to the Riverwalk in Bradenton, with the start point and end site at Caddys at the Pointe, located at 801 Riverside Drive E.

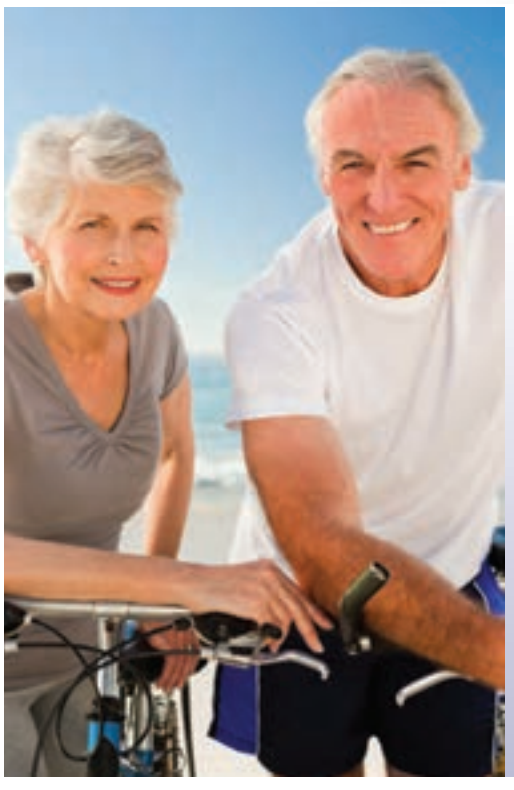
Registration will begin at 9:00 am with the leisurely one mile walk along the Manatee River beginning at 10:00 am. The registration fee of $25.00 includes an event t-shirt and a loaded goody bag.

Paws in Motion Walk-a-Thon is the Humane Society of Manatee County's largest fundraiser of the year and all proceeds benefit the animals in the Second Chance Adoption Shelter located at 2515 14th Street W. To register your fundraising team visit the events page at www.humanemanatee.org. There will be contests, games, prizes, fantastic vendors and live music following the walk.

Caddys at the Pointe is Bradenton's new dining and entertainment destination located on the beautiful Manatee River and the proud host of this year's Paws in Motion Walk-a-Thon. After the walk participants can stroll through the expanded vendor village, visit Caddys at the Pointe dog park and enjoy a fantastic waterfront dining experience.

The Humane Society of Manatee County is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that relies on donations and support from the community to fund their mission of saving lives four paws at a time. The Humane Society of Manatee County Veterinary Clinic located at 2415 14th Street W. is Manatee County's high volume spay and neuter clinic, and the clinic is open to the public offering low-to-moderate cost veterinary services.

Organize a team, register and come out and participate in the 2018 event. You'll have a great time and can see a lot of great dogs!



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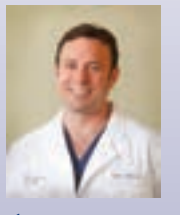

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After all these years, the Parrish Civic Association is still working hard for the common good of the community: organizing the Parrish Heritage Day Festival including the parade and Chili Cook Off, helping with the Parrish Children's Christmas Party for needy children and families, helping to get the Y established in Parrish, developing Overlays to the Manatee County Comprehensive Plan and the Village, hosting the Christmas Tree Lighting, bringing important programs to PCA meetings during the year, and currently working with the Parrish Arts Council on cleaning up the corridor along 301 from CR 675 to Moccasin Wallow Road. We still have work to do.

Help us out in this effort by joining the Parrish Civic Association in 2017. A form is on page 55. Clip it out, complete it, enclose a check and mail it in today! Help your community continue the efforts!

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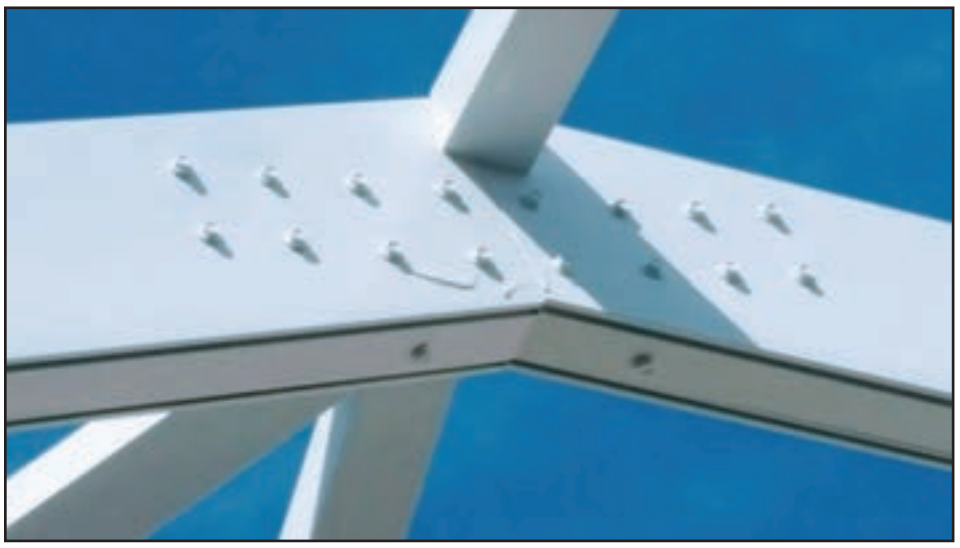

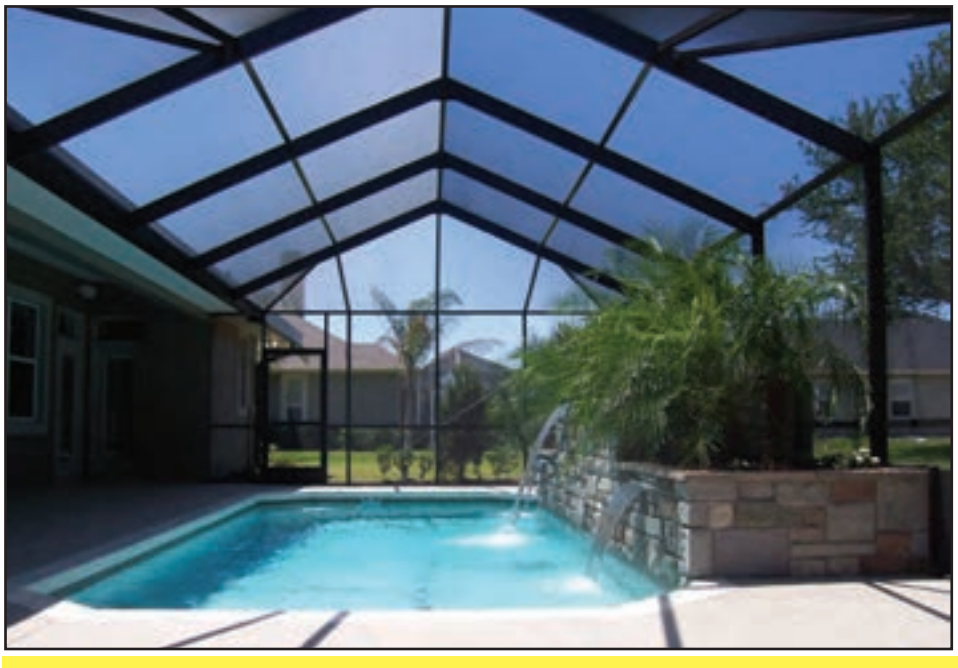

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There also will be a monthly, weekday evening opportunity to discuss Poetry as Prayer. This once-a-month discussion group will explore the hope, peace and beauty of prayer as expressed thru poetry. The first gathering is Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the home of Barbara McIlwain.

On Sunday morning three Adult Education courses, (Lively Learning) will be offered from 9:45 to 10:45 am. These five session units will run January 7, 14, 21 and February 4, 11. (There will be no Lively Learning on January 28 due to the annual Congregational Meeting.)

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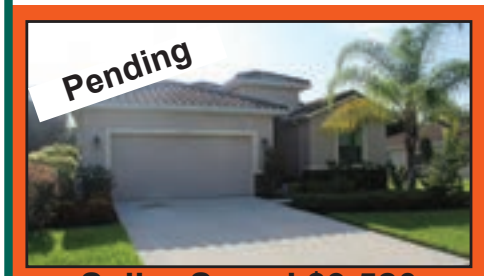

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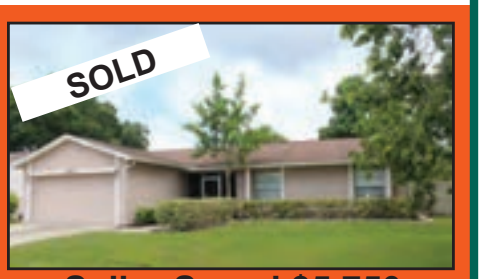

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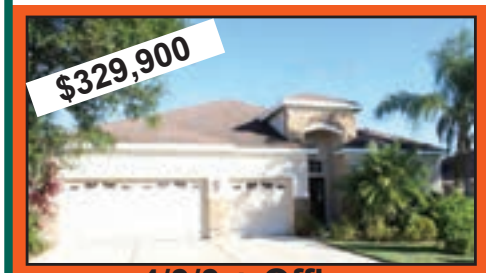

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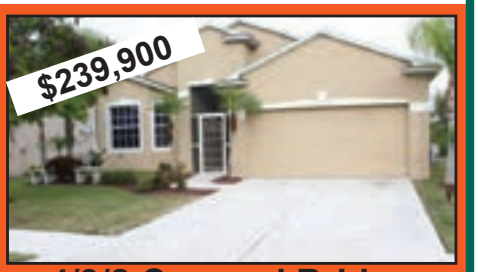

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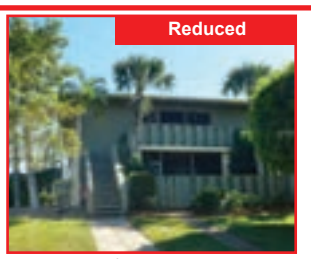

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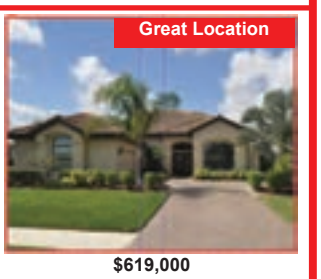

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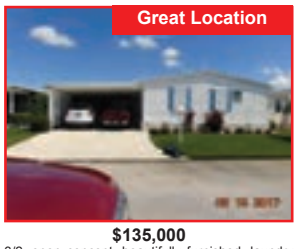

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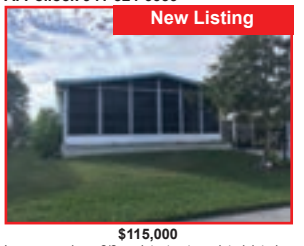

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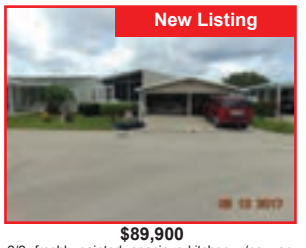

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The Parrish Arts Council News

Jerri Phillips

Happy New Year! Thank you to all members who attended our holiday social! Special Thanks to Chi Kulig and Jill Evans for organizing the event, Troy Douglas for providing guest caricatures and Karen Euga for playing! It was a lovely evening where we were able discuss our art. Thank you for all those who showed their support of us and contributed decorations at the Parrish Christmas Tree Lighting.

Visit the Rocky Bluff Library Art Exhibit in the foyer featuring original paintings by members Nancy Kingston and Jerri Phillips as well as pottery by Wilma Kroese.

Save the Date! February 17, 2018, 6:30 – 8:00 pm Winter Paintaround fundraiser at Keeton's in downtown Bradenton. This fun event raises funds by raffling five artist collective paintings in a timed event and artist gift basket drawings.

Are you ready to hone your art skills? Please visit our website at www.parrishartscouncil.org to see our list of teachers or visit our Facebook to keep up-to-date.

Our mission is to utilize the arts as a tool to re-establish the identity of the Parrish Community, to preserve its history and to jumpstart the revitalization of its economy. Now is the time to get involved!

Jerri Phillips is a local artist and the current President of The Parrish Arts Council. Learn more about the Parrish Arts Council on www.parrishartscouncil.org or call (941) 809-5059 for more information. See Jerri's art on www.artisticflorida.com.

At left: Troy Douglas creates caricatures of Chi Kulig and her daughter, Kaia.

Join the Parrish Arts Council today!

Membership runs with the calendar year. If you join between January 1st and October 31st, your membership will be due the following January. If you join at the end of the year, November 1st to December 31st, your membership will include the end of the year and the whole following year. See our Membership page.

ART CENTER?

We are actively pursuing the possibility creating community art center! We are looking into a rail car and other possibilities. Are you wanting to help out? Have experience in fundraising, restoring rail cars or creating art and history programs? Contact Us!

MURALS?

We are actively working to expand our mural projects in the Parrish area! We have an exciting project at the Florida Railroad Museum for artists expert on painting rail subjects. Please let us know how you would like to help!

Parrish Civic Association Corner

Message from the PCA President

January 2018

Thank You Parrish

2017 was great start for the PCA's newly elected officers, board of directors and committee members ready to promote social welfare for the common good and general welfare of our community. Thank you to all the new members and volunteers who were catalysts for the PCA and its initiatives. We are here for you and truly appreciate our community of Parrish and North River. A special thank you to our Vice President and Membership Chair, Norma Kennedy for organizing the Parrish Hometown Christmas and Premier Community Bank for hosting. We have a remarkable group of individuals, businesses and organizations that make Parrish a great place to live grow and play. Learn more about a few of them on Page 2.

Happy New Year!

I am excited to start 2018 with the Parrish Civic Association and all that we have planned for the Parrish and North River community. As President of this membership organization, I am dedicated to being transparent with all the activities of the PCA. We represent you, the residents and businesses and will strive to keep you updated and involved with what the PCA is doing for you and on your behalf. Our Board of Director meetings are every first Tuesday of the month (with some exceptions). Dates and location will be posted in the *Parrish Village News*, on our website (www.parrishcivicassociation.org) and on our FB page (see below). The meetings will now include an open forum from 6-7 pm for the public to attend followed by the closed session 7-8 pm. If you would like to attend the closed session, contact one of your PCA board members at director@pcafla.org.

*The January 2018 meeting will be the second Tuesday January 9th at the Parrish United Methodist Church Youth Hall.

You don't have to be a member to participate in the activities of the PCA, although membership in our organization is what affords us an opportunity to provide these events and front these projects. Without our membership and volunteers, these events could not happen. We have many opportunities for you to help us grow our community through committees, events and projects in 2018.

Follow us on our Facebook page/www.facebook.com/ParrishCivicAssociation or become a member of our Facebook group www.facebook.com/groups/561666437328021 to learn more!

Membership Committee: Membership drive, general meetings and meet and greets

Rural Development Committee: Parrish initiatives to assist with planning for the impending growth of Parrish and North River and a Parrish Central Park location

Marketing Committee: Website design, events and incentives

Business Alliance: Parrish based businesses working together for the community

Events: Clean up/painting, Heritage Day Festival and Chili Cook Off, Boat Parade (committee forming), Food Truck Rally (TBD), Christmas Tree Lighting and other Parrish community gatherings and??? It's up to you.

Annual Meeting: May 2018 committee reports and BOD/Officer elections

Parrish Community Member Spotlight: If you know of an individual or business that has gone above and beyond for the Parrish and North River community, nominate them for a spotlight at director@pcafla.org or directly to me at my personal email address below.

Join us in becoming one voice to shape the future of Parrish and North River.

#PCAOneVoice
Gretchen Fowler
President, Parrish Civic Association
gmfowler68@yahoo.com
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WE WISH YOU THE VERY BEST FOR 2018 FROM THE PARRISH CIVIC ASSOCIATION!

As we begin 2018, our Membership Drive kicks off! For those who are members, you will be receiving your renewal notices in the mail. MEMBERSHIP MATTERS! You dues enable us to have more family events. I hope you will continue to support us as we begin the New Year as we have lots of activities in the planning stage for your families. If you have not become a member, we ask you to consider taking that step! There are different levels that you can choose (see membership slip below).

2017 was exciting because of the new High School Construction starting, the planning of the Fort Hamer Extension, and the installation of the Sewer line that is becoming a reality. We expect that the Lift Station will begin in the next few months as the bid was awarded to a contractor the last part of the year. 2017 brought the opening of Fort Hamer Bridge and I think you all find that it helps us to get to our destinations a little better. As you know, Parrish is continuing to grow and we would like you all to be a part of the discussion through the Rural Development Committee and Parrish Civic Association.

We took on a lot last year and we really need members/volunteers to continue making Parrish the Hometown you are proud of! Your membership dues are the vehicle that is used to make projects come to life!

The Christmas "Hometown" Tree Lighting Event was bigger and better this year. We hope you all enjoyed seeing the trees lit up at night during the season. We are already planning for the event next year. **We are looking for a HUGE Artificial Tree for the town Christmas tree.** If you know of anyone who has one that they would like to donate, or sponsor such a tree, please let us know. To be a volunteer in this project, we would welcome you!

Winners of the Christmas tree Decorating Contest were:
Girl Scout Troops #115 & #561- 1st Place
North River Community Church – 2nd Place
Hometown Heritage 4-H Group – 3rd Place
CONGRATULATIONS!

Norma Kennedy
Membership Chair

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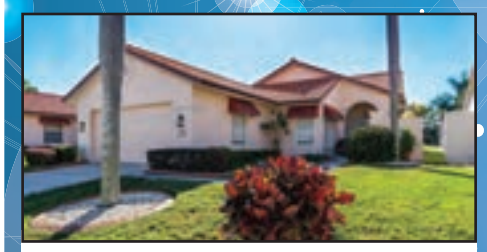
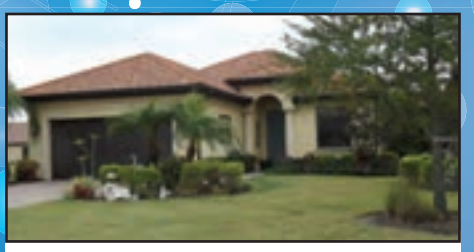
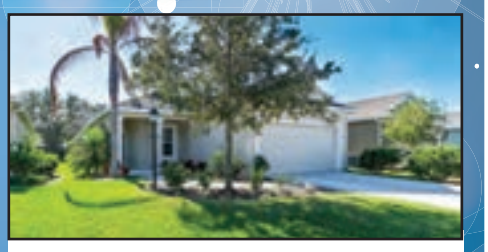


Soak up the Florida sun in this 3 bedroom 2 bath pool home that overlooks the golf course in Peridia Golf and Country Club. MLS #A4203403 **$264,900**

This updated 4 BR/2 BA pool home with vaulted ceilings and endless upgrades throughout make it look and feel like the home of your dreams! MLS #A4197459 **$294,500**



Mediterranean style home with upgrades galore in a gated community You can enjoy the tranquil lake view from several rooms in this lovely home. MLS #A4203448 **$289,000**

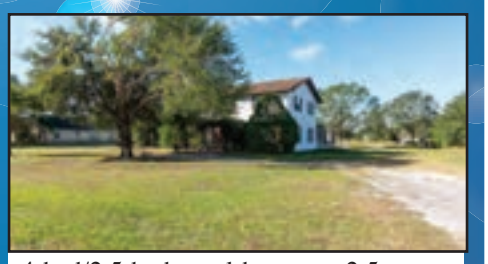


This beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath open floor plan in the gated community of Forest Creek has many extras. MLS #A4188743 **$239,900**

No Deed Restrictions, 4 Br/2 Bath on 2 + Acres, fenced. Improved pasture for horses with mature oaks scattered throughout the rear of the property. MLS #A4202902 **$239,000**

2018

Happy New Year



4 bed/2.5 bath pool home on 2.5 acres. Bring your boat, RV or other toys - no HOA, no deed restrictions and zoned for horses! MLS #A4202681 **$339,900**

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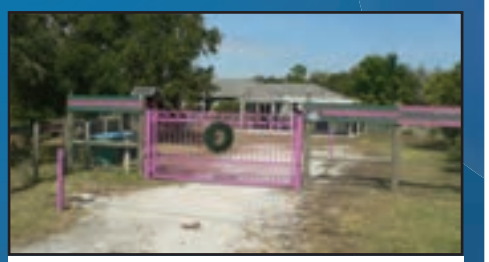

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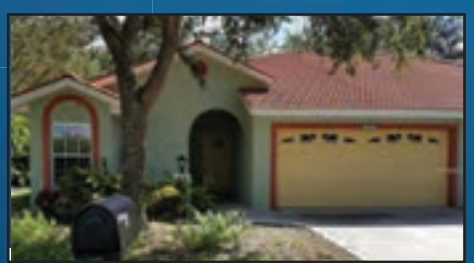

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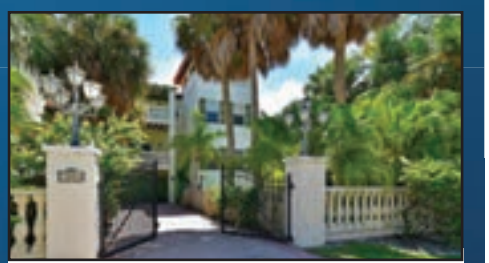

This gorgeous Mediterranean inspired gated pool home is located within 1 block of our famous white sandy beaches and the Gulf of Mexico. MLS #A4195152 **$888,000**

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