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 At the meetings, you have the right to make motions from the floor and to vote on the proposals before the group.



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Hospitality
 Are you a new resident at CCM? Your Hospitality Greeter is Valerie Helms. The duties of the Greeter is to connect with you, order your Name Tags, fill out an information sheet, provide you with an info package about CCM which includes the various activities, and answer any questions you may have. You will also receive a small gift from CCM.
 Please call Valerie at: (518) 524-7272

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR CCM EMAILS ?
 If you want to see the monthly Osprey full color edition, be sure that the CCM office has your email address. Amy (in the office) sends out the color edition to everyone for whom she has an email address. If you are enjoying the monthly Osprey, you will surely like it even better in full color.
 Of course, being on the email list will have many more benefits. You will learn quickly ... such things as ... if there is a bear in the park, if water is being cut off, or other news that effects and possibly affects us residents.
 Are you receiving occasional CCM emails? If not, please contact Amy and let her know you would like to be on the list.



Let Teri VanHise or Becky Neilson know if a resident in the park is in the hospital, needs cheering up or perhaps has deceased. They will then send Get Well Cards or Condolence cards on behalf of CCM residents. If deceased, the Memorial wreath will be put up outside the Clubhouse main entrance. Announcements will also be made during the weekly Saturday Coffee Socials.
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How to frighten the new generation:
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A doctor that had been seeing an 80-year-old woman for most of her life finally retired. At her next checkup, the new doctor told her to bring a list of all the medicines that had been prescribed for her. As the doctor was looking through these his eyes grew wide as he realized Grandma had a prescription for birth control pills.

"Mrs. Smith, do you realize these are birth control pills?"

"Yes, they help me sleep at night."

"Mrs. Smith, I assure you there is absolutely nothing in these that could possibly help you sleep!"

She reached out and patted the young doctor's knee and said, "Yes, dear, I know that. But every morning, I grind one up and mix it in the glass of orange juice that my 16-year-old Granddaughter drinks. And believe me it definitely helps me sleep at night."

You gotta love Grandmas!



Mothers' Day is not just for humans...
Animals also have Mamas!



LETTER TO OUR READERS:

Dear *Osprey* Readers:

May days are here and the migration of our Snowbirds has begun.



For those residents preparing to leave for the summer, be sure you have given your email address to the office so that you can receive a digital version of the *Osprey* each month and other Country Club Manor (CCM) notices. The online *Osprey* is in full-color and is also posted on our CCM website.

While there will be fewer social activities at CCM until the return of the *birds*, many thanks in advance to Sunni for taking over summer activities planning as well as there could be a few surprises from the Men’s Club. These volunteers plan to keep things interesting for the ‘YearRounders.’

This month’s *Osprey* includes updated demographic numbers about our community, our Board President’s Report, an article about a day trip to Micanopy, a spotlight article on resident, Bob Michael and Andy Nazzaro’s *Computer Humor in CCM*. Enjoy the Mothers’ Day quotes and tributes, and if you may be feeling overwhelmed by the sheer number of unsolicited charitable mail you receive, there is an article entitled *How to Stop Unwanted Charity Junk Mail*.

Cheers and Happy Trails to All!

Cheryl Watts
Editor



Barry Wyatt, a CCM resident since 2000 has been a frequent contributor to The Osprey.

This work of Art from his collection of Cartoons first appeared in the April 2004 edition.

Thank you, Barry, for your amusing and prolific contributions to The Osprey!

Apologies to Jacqueline Senecal, SAC Secretary, for not including her name on the Social Activities Council 2024-2025 listing in the April Osprey.



MEMORIAL DAY TRIVIA

A national moment of remembrance is observed every year on Memorial Day.

Memorial Day marks the unofficial start of summer for Americans.

Nearly 40 million Americans travel at least 50 miles from home on Memorial Day weekend.

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COUNTRY CLUB MANOR
DEMOGRAPHICS

A Pat Nazzaro and Cheryl Watts Collaboration

In the Country Club Manor Directory (as of April 11, 2024), **283 Homes** are listed of which **240** are homes with Shares and **43** are homes without shares.

This represents a ratio of **85% Shareholders** and **15% Non-Shareholders.**

It is estimated there are **192 Year-round Resident owned homes** and **91 Winter Resident Owned Homes (Snowbirds).** This represents a ratio of **68% Year-round Resident owned homes** and **32% Winter Resident owned homes.**

Joint Owners = **140 or 49%**
Single Male Owners = **67 or 24%**
Single Female Owners = **76 or 27%**

How these numbers were derived:

Year-round Residents *Determined by No alternate address listed in Directory

Winter Residents (Snowbirds) *Determined by 2 addresses listed in Directory

In conclusion, **423 individuals** are listed in the **Directory**, of which **272** individuals are **Year-rounders** and **142** are **Winter residents**, also fondly called Snowbirds.

Individuals who own more than one home and are therefore listed more than once in the Directory were not doubly represented in any demographic.

31 homes changed ownership in 2023 and we welcomed **48 new residents.**

According to Park Manager, Amy Atterberry, there is **only 1 vacant LOT for sale – 11A.**

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AT CCM:

It is estimated that 1/3 of our Residents attend activities. Therefore, **2/3rd** (or perhaps 70%) are missing out on Fun Events and Good Times. The most popular and best attended social activities at CCM are as follows:

- Saturday Coffee Hour*
- Monthly Pot Luck
- Dances
- (Halloween, New Year's Eve, Valentine's, St. Patty's)*
- Spaghetti Dinners
- E/O Tuesday Ice Cream Social
- Weekly BINGO
- Monthly Movie Night
- Cards

- Bridge
- Wednesday Music Jammers*
- Thursday Happy Hour*
- Year-round activities are indicated by an asterisk*.

Men's Club:

As of January 2024, the Men's Club reported a core/active membership of 28 of which 11 are year-round members.

Women's Club:

As of January 2024, the Women's Club reported a core/active membership of 29 of which 28 are year-round members.



**Yvonne Gold (left)
and Joanne Furman
(right)
Photo by Lois
McCormick**

BONEHEAD MARBLE TOURNAMENT

Our Marble Board players, fondly known as the



CCM Boneheads, gathered on March 24th to hold a Marbles Tournament. There were 20 participants and 10 teams.

The team of is Yvonne Gold and

Joanne Furman (pictured) came in 1st place and were declared the *2024 CCM Bonehead Champions.*



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The Country Club Manor Facebook page currently has 168 Resident/Members.

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To sign up: Go to Facebook and in the search bar, go to groups and Type in Country Club Manor Residents. All residents are Welcomed!



*Left to right: Sue Anderson; Sue Frost; Mary Ann Sparnon; Kath Morgan; Becky Neilson; Teri VanHise; Rhonda Daniels
Photo by Lois McCormick*

The Women's Club held their annual Spring luncheon on April 8th. The catered lunch was enjoyed by all. It is perhaps symbolic that the induction of Officers was held during the luncheon on the same date as the *Total Solar Eclipse*. May this be a good omen of things to come!



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COUNTRY CLUB MANOR
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PRESIDENT’S REPORT
APRIL 18, 2024

Spring is here, the weather is getting warmer and warmer, and the Snowbirds have either left, are about to leave, or will be leaving in May. Just a reminder for those who will be leaving soon, TURN OFF YOUR WATER when you leave. This could prevent a major disaster while you are gone. Another thing to do is to put away or secure all things outside that could become projectiles in a storm.

The 2024 hurricane season is predicted to be an active one, and we have already noticed a change in the intensity of our hurricanes, tropical storms, and almost daily summer thunderstorms in Florida. Last summer (2023) I walked around the park and took notice of things that were large and loose and notified the owners to secure them. I will do the same this summer. If you notice a neighbor who is leaving or who has already left that has loose objects that might fly in a heavy wind, please remind them that everything must be storm proofed and secure. We have experienced hurricane force winds here in Lake County the past 4 summers and I don’t hear anything to indicate that it will change.

There have also been some thefts of valuable items (golf carts, electric bicycles). We are working with the Eustis Police Department to try to determine who is doing it. It is happening all over Lake County, not just Country Club Manor. Chains and locks for bicycles, wheel locks for golf carts, and

blocking in golf carts with parked cars can help to slow down the thefts. Another thing that is effective, inexpensive, and fairly easy to do is to install motion-activated security lights. It will not only help you find your keys in the dark, but it will also let neighbors know that somebody is at your carport/ front door/ etc. While nothing will stop a determined thief, locking things up will slow the thieves down and perhaps send them to easier pickings elsewhere. We are also looking into putting in cameras in strategic locations so that we can hopefully see who is doing the thefts.

We have had some major expenses like tractor repairs (\$3,162.00) and bids for storm water drainage issues and major plumbing upgrades and repairs are coming in. This happens at a time when we are still struggling to get our financial information back from our former manager who moved everything financial to his company and is still delaying and resisting returning our information to us. I don’t understand what the problem is, but he moved the information without asking us or even telling us about it. We found out when our banking, deposits, and daily financial things started developing weird problems. We have notified him and his company to transfer back the information, but only some of that has happened and there is no explanation for why the rest has not.

That’s it for now. I will be resisting any major non-emergency expenses until we know the true condition of our finances. And be vigilant for your own and your neighbors’ protection.

Michael Smith

COMPUTER HUMOR IN CCM

(Issue #3) By Andy Nazzaro



This narrative is about phone calls I received from residents in CCM regarding computer issues they were having. Please remember that none of these residents are still living in CCM, which is OK since I do not name them anyway.

CALLER #1: I have a huge problem. A friend of mine put a beautiful screen saver on my computer, and I just love it, but every time I move my mouse ... it disappears.

CALLER #2: I’m writing my first email, and I am having a problem that I cannot figure out.

ME: OK, tell me what the problem is and I will see if I can answer it over the phone.

CALLER #2: Well, I have the letter “a” in the address, but how do I get the circle around it?

CALLER #3: I’m having a problem printing in red ink.

ME: Do you have a color printer?

CALLER #3: Ah.....thank you.

CALLER #4: How can I find out if I have a certain program on my computer?

ME: Click on the “My Computer” icon on the left side of the screen.

CALLER #4: Your left or my left? 😊



*Andy Nazzaro hails from Frewsburg, New York - near Jamestown. He taught every Saturday for 10 years at CCM’s Computer Club, as well as being a long-time contributor of computer articles on various topics in the Osprey. He and his wife, Pat have been Winter residents of Country Club Manor since 2001. Be sure to look for future articles from Andy, as he has more humor to share.

EXCURSIONS
A VISIT TO SIMPLER TIMES —
MICANOPY, FLORIDA

Contributed by Cheryl Watts

The Town of Micanopy (pronounced mick a no pee) is in Alachua County Florida, located south of Gainesville. The census population recorded in 2020 is 648. Micanopy is the oldest continuously inhabited community in the interior of Florida. [Wikipedia](#)

On a recent and perfect 74-degree Spring day, a trip to Micanopy was in order. Just fifty miles and an hour and a half from Country Club Manor is this peaceful, laid-back tiny town; which seems to be just the things visitors and townspeople love about it.

The main attraction of the town is Main Street, with its antique and boutique shops, historic museum, and signature cafe. A vintage small town with vintage shops, friendly people, and unique Old Florida charm, it's the ambience that makes Micanopy a treasure.

Main Street takes you back to *Simpler Times*. Shop owners do not keep specific hours, rather you may simply find a sign on the door **Open** or **Closed**. Even the Historical Society Museum hung out a **Closed** sign. None of the shops have public restrooms; instead, you are directed to **The Café**, well known for its inviting wrap around front porch.

Many of the shop owners are long-timers. **The Shop**, for example, owned by Marlene Oberst, recently celebrated its 44th anniversary. It started out as an antique store, yet over the years evolved into a medley of enchanting collectibles, gifts, crafts, and antiques. There are rooms for all seasons with something to look at in every corner showcasing Christmas, Halloween, Valentines, St. Paddy's, and other festive days. *Many of our readers are familiar with Peddlers Wagon in downtown Eustis. This shop is reminiscent of it on a smaller, more countrified scale.

Dakota Mercantile, owned by Sharon Conchiglio, has offered a unique shopping experience for 26 years. The merchandise offered here is all about classy and gracious living that reflects a medley of vintage and luxurious home décor goods and Southern charm.

Micanopy has its claims to fame. Doc Holliday was filmed here, and here too stands the Historic Herlong Mansion Bed and Breakfast. Country music artist John Anderson's mentions Micanopy by name in his famous song "Seminole Wind" released in 1992. The song peaked at number two on the *United States Billboard Hot Country*

Singles & Tracks and laments the destruction of the environment by humans for economic gain.

Micanopy is that unspoiled town where **Progress** never came and *simpler times* exist. If you want to discover Old Florida, you can't go wrong with a visit to Micanopy. Allow a couple of hours to look around and ***Feel that Small Town Friendliness***.

It's easy to include a visit to **Devil's Millhopper Geological State Park** in nearby Gainesville. Along with nature trails, is a wooden staircase with handrails down to a final platform where you can view the sink hole that formed when -limestone underneath it collapsed. There are twelve springs which feed the pond that lay at the bottom of the sinkhole. **The return trip to Eustis is under two hours.**

SEMINOLE WIND (LYRICS)

Ever since the days of old
Men would search for wealth untold
They'd dig for silver and for gold
And leave the empty holes
And way down south in the Everglades
Where the black water rolls and the saw grass waves
The eagles fly and the otters play in the land of the Seminole
So blow, blow Seminole wind
Blow like you're never gonna blow again
I'm calling to you like a long-lost friend
But I know who you are
And blow, blow from the Okeechobee
All the way up to Micanopy
Blow across the home of the Seminole
The alligators and the gar
And progress came and took its toll
And in the name of flood control
They made their plans and they drained the land
Now the glades are going dry
And the last time I walked in the swamp
I sat upon a Cypress stump
I listened close and I heard the ghost of Osceola cry
So blow, blow Seminole wind
Blow like you're never gonna blow again
I'm calling to you like a long-lost friend
But I know who you are
And blow, blow from the Okeechobee
All the way up to Micanopy
Blow across the home of the Seminole
The alligators and the gar.

Songwriter: John David Anderson

HOW TO STOP UNWANTED CHARITY JUNK MAIL

Contributed by Cheryl Watts

Please Note: This article regarding unwanted mail pertains only to the postal mail which we receive in our physical mail boxes; it does not pertain to computer emails which can be successfully eliminated by sending to the spam folder, which in turn blocks future emails from those senders.

We are all familiar with receiving unwanted, unrequested solicitations in our mail boxes. My friend (who asked to remain nameless) discussed with me the excessive amount of charitable marketing communications that she receives on a daily and weekly basis and how disheartening it is to be constantly barraged with graphics that focus on the worst of humanity, including abject poverty, deformities, and sick children with cancer.

She is bombarded by correspondences that include address labels, note pads, pens, greeting cards, coins, and other unsolicited gifts from charities. Many of the companies waste additional marketing dollars by affixing pre-paid postage to their return donation envelopes. We discussed how there seems to be no simple answer for getting removed from these mailing lists and what a huge amount of marketing dollars and materials are wasted.

Since February 26th, we have been tracking her incoming charitable mail pieces. In this six-week timeframe, 75 separate charitable organizations have sent a solicitation and 25 of these organizations have sent multiple solicitations. That is an average of 12.5 new charitable solicitations per week or a math potential of 650 new charitable companies contacting you per year.

It seems that a major reason for the huge increase in charitable mail is that prior to 2017, you used to be able to declare charities as a taxable deduction. When the tax rules changed, less people were donating, because of not getting a tax deduction and alternative and aggressive marketing tactics progressed to the extreme of annoying.

In the battle to help her declutter her junk charity mail, we created a separate and exclusive Gmail account for communicating with them. Some charities include an email address and/or a website in their correspondences and some provide neither. If we can locate an email address, (as time permits) we are writing them directly. Other charities have a Contact Us on their website and/or a special form to request removal from their mailing lists.

Through April 15th, we have contacted 33 charities requesting that they remove her name from their database. 19 of these 33 companies have responded that they would remove her contact information. So far, A typical response from these charities is: “Your details have been added to our Do Not Mail list. Due to relatively long production lead times for printed mailings, we ask that you allow approximately 90 days for all mailings to cease.” In addition, a few charities (Salvation Army included) wrote: “Several large data brokers make available people’s names, addresses, and buying habits to organizations that send direct mail solicitations—including charities. To stop your name from continuing to be sold we recommend that you contact the major list sellers of contact information, and advise them NOT TO SELL YOUR CONTACT INFO.”

In the *Battle against receiving Unwanted Charitable Junk Mail*, there is a double edge sword, as to be truly effective, the individual charities need to be contacted and advised to remove your contact information, as well as the list sellers. (Ouch!)

Here are links for opting out of some of the largest consumer databases, which should reduce the amount of both non-profit and commercial marketing materials received:

- Acxiom offers an online form to opt out: [isapps.acxiom.com/optout/optout.aspx](https://www.acxiom.com/optout/optout.aspx)
- Wiland also offers an online form to opt out: <https://www.wiland.com/privacy-choices/> (scroll down to “How to Submit Your Privacy Choices”).
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- DMAchoice.org Direct Marketing Association is one of the largest do-not-solicit lists in the U.S. and can help reduce unsolicited mail from all types of marketers. Charity Navigator advises that when you tell the Direct Marketing Association you don’t want to receive unsolicited mail, you should specify that includes mail from both charitable and commercial organizations. Otherwise, the DMA will just put you on its for-profit list only.

This battle to stop the barrage of these solicitations is a project in progress. Stay tuned in for a future progress report.

SPOTLIGHT ON BOB MICHAEL**WHAT ABOUT BOB?***Contributed by Cheryl Watts*

Bob was born at home in Ashland, Kentucky. At the very tender age of one and a half, his dad abandoned the family and remained an absent figure throughout his life. His mother, for whom he has the highest regard, left for Ann Arbor, Michigan, because job opportunities there were better and she had six children to support. She was a very talented lady who began her employment as a Short Order Cook, then she became an Airplane Mechanic, and subsequently a Registered Nurse. He and his brothers and sisters stayed in Ashland with their grandmother. The family did not have much but they had a lot of love.



A favorite Childhood memory: Their house had a 14-foot living room ceiling, and every year the family went out to get their very own Christmas tree. The only thing store-bought on the tree were lights as they crafted their own decorations. After all the children put their decorations on the tree, it was so full of ornaments that you could not see the branches. Everything they did was homemade.

Bob remembers when he was a kid getting a set of jacks one Christmas and he and his mother would sit on the floor for hours playing jacks. Growing up, the family played all kinds of card games. He fondly remembers playing Canasta with his mother, all weekend long – just the two of them.

He missed his mother so much, that when he was twelve years old he left Granny's house and was hitchhiking to Michigan. Lucky for him, his Aunt Irene and Uncle Bud saw the young boy, and not only picked him up, but drove him the six hundred and fifty miles to Ann Arbor.

His mother passed away from MS in 2000. In Bob's own words, "Mother was very special. She treated all the children equally and never never whooped any of them. Instead of whooping them, she would look at us eyeball to eyeball and say **you know better than that!**" This was enough to keep the children in line. Of course, children

will be children, and as soon as she left the room, they would be at it again. Granny, on the other hand, was a different story; when they deserved a whooping, Granny would say "Go get the switch."

Bob has been married for 45 ½ years, not to the same person(s). He has two sons, Robbie, 49 and Buddy, 47.

He retired in 2007 from Ford Motor Company after a 37 ½ year career. He held various positions there including Stock Handler, Machine Operator, and was a Machine Setter making housings for alternators for his final eight years before retirement.

Bored, not the type to sit around and do nothing, he went to work at Ann Arbor News, handling shipping and receiving, and as a Truck Driver making deliveries. What began as a part time job became a 22 to 48-hour work week. He stayed with Ann Arbor News nine years until 2016 when the newspaper closed.

His hobbies include golf, fishing, karaoke, and he loves Country Music. His favorite Karaoke songs are "Sold (The Grundy County Auction Incident)" by John Michael Montgomery, "Your Man" by Josh Turner and George Strait's "Write This Down."

What brought Bob to Florida is his brother, Ken, a CCM resident. After Bob had visited Ken several times in Florida and ultimately on Ken's coaxing, in April, 2023 Bob became a CCM Homeowner. When Ken began introducing Bob around to the folks at CCM, he would say: "I'd like you to meet my Brother, Bob." And that is how he is known by many at CCM, as *Brother Bob*. 😊

Bob is known for his great sense of humor and for pulling pranks. In fact, he has one of those contagious smiles on his face all the time, (the kind the Writer calls an Annual Grin because it goes from ear to ear) that make people think or say 'What are you up to?' Bob enjoys getting up every day to see what kind of mischief he can instigate. A final tidbit about Bob, is that many are amazed at how spontaneously handy he is, which has earned him a second nickname of 'MacGyver Junior.'

Despite or perhaps because of adversities, Bob enjoys his life and is thankful and joyful. He is an upbeat and Welcome addition to our community.



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THINGS
MY
MOTHER
TAUGHT ME

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE. “If you’re going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning.”
2. My mother taught me RELIGION. “You better pray that will come out of the carpet.”
3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL. “If you don’t straighten up, I’m going to knock you into the middle of next week.”
4. My mother taught me LOGIC. “Because I said so, that’s why.”
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC. “If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you’re not going to the store with me.”
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT. “Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you’re in an accident.”
7. My mother taught me IRONY. “Keep crying, and I’ll give you something to cry about.”
8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. Shut your mouth and eat your supper.”
9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM. “Will you look at the dirt on the back of your neck!”
10. My mother taught me about STAMINA. “You’ll sit there until all that spinach is gone.”

IN PRAISE OF MOTHER-IN-LAWS

“This beautiful woman gave life to the guy I’ve spent 30+ years with. I knew she was a special soul after the first ‘meet the parents’ event when the hubs and I were dating. We celebrated her 81st birthday last week.

As a young 23-year-old standing on the altar, I had no clue how vital a role my mother-in-law would have in our life as a married couple and ultimately a family of five. To this day, she remains a light post of love and generosity and wins the prize for being our biggest cheerleader and prayer warrior.

But it’s who she is to me personally that moves me to tears. From day one, she scooped me up and loved me like her own. Even when I stood by her son’s side during our engagement and had to tell her I was, um, pregnant and the wedding was still five weeks away. Ouch!

Although I can’t remember what she said, I remember like yesterday how she made me feel: unconditionally loved and accepted. Her non-judgment and kind embrace immediately snuffed out all the anxiety screaming through my veins.

After giving birth to all 3 of our kiddos, she showed up and showered me with grace in the form of selfless service, doing laundry, cooking meals, cleaning up, and of course, loving on her grandbabies with abundance. Never once did she question my parenting. Never once did she insert herself in our marriage. She’s always been a beautiful presence and source of encouragement and inspiration. These qualities stem from her desire to listen and empathize.

When my guy accepts me for who I am and loves me unconditionally, that’s his mom’s influence.

When my guy chooses to forgive, that’s his mom’s influence.

When my guy selflessly helps others at the drop of a hat, that’s his mom’s influence.

When my guy loves on our kids and shows up in their lives, that’s his mom’s influence.

When my guy prays his heart out for our family, that’s his mom’s influence. And on and on and on...


I married one man and received the gift of his upbringing. What a blessing. I’m pretty certain I hit the jackpot with my mother-in-law, which explains why I hit the jackpot with my spouse. That kind of love runs deep. Thanks Mom, I love you.”

Credit Shelby Spear, Writer



CCM MAY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

**Be sure to check out the May CCM Calendar for complete list of activities.*



Ice Cream Social

TUESDAY, MAY 7th
at 6:30pm
Join us at the Clubhouse

Music Jam
CALLING ALL CCM MUSICIANS!



JOIN US AT THE CLUBHOUSE
EVERY WEDNESDAY
3PM - 5PM

**Saturday 9am
Coffee Hour**



Join us at the clubhouse
and bring your own mug



CHEERS TO CCM
HAPPY HOUR



Every Thursday
Clubhouse Patio @ 4:30pm
BYOB - APPETIZERS APPRECIATED .BUT NOT
NECESSARY TO ATTEND.

Save the Date!

CINCO DE MAYO PARTY



Sunday May 5th
Starting @ 3pm
Join us for a fun afternoon
at the Clubhouse!

The list of ingredients needed
for the walking tacos bar will
be on the slant board.

WE APPRECIATE ANY INGREDIENTS
THAT YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE!

CCM MEN'S CLUB



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Potluck for May is Tuesday, May 14th at 5:30pm.

This is our last one for the season, so mark your calendar and plan to join us **at the Clubhouse** for a fun evening and good eating.

Don't forget to sign up at the Slant Board inside the Clubhouse. See you there!

Thank you in advance, Becky Neilson and Helpers for hosting this popular CCM event!

LOCAL HAPPENINGS: THEATRE

OTHER LOCAL HAPPENINGS



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QUOTES THAT CELEBRATE MOTHERS

"A baby is something you carry inside you for nine months, in your arms for three years and in your heart till the day you die."

—Mary Mason

"There are places in the heart you don't even know exist until you love a child."

—Anne Lamott

"It's hard to feel like much is wrong in the world when you're looking into the eyes of a happy baby."

—Lisa Wingate

"Babies are amazing. They begin each day all warm and sleepy and smelling of promise."

—Julia Roberts

"It's a good thing babies don't give you a lot of time to think. You fall in love with them and when you realize how much they love you back, life is very simple."

—Anita Diamant

"You hear that having a baby is hard. You hear the horror stories. Yes, having a baby is hard. Nothing so beautiful could come from something that's easy."

—Brenda Kosciuk



Wishing all our CCM moms a Beautiful day!

MAY 2024 OSPREY
GRACEFUL AGEING

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LIVE AND LEARN SERIES (PART 15)

A Collection of Comments (Mostly Anonymous) Regarding life-altering, game changing lessons that elicit positive differences in one's life and said in just a few words.



I have learned: KISS – Continue to practice ‘Keep it Simple Silly’ Or stupid. There is a great deal of Happiness in living a simple life.

I have learned: If others do not understand your Journey, they don't need to; It is not their journey.

I have learned: It will all be ok in the end – If it is not ok – Then it is not the end.

I have learned: No matter what you are facing, if you face it with a positive attitude, you will always be a Winner.

I have learned: Walk away from arguments that lead to anger or no resolution. You can agree to disagree with someone and let it be.

I have learned: The truth will set you free.

Stay tuned in for next month's Graceful Ageing column.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

WOMEN WORKING

LOVE YOU MAMA
What I'd give, if I could say
HELLO MAMA in the same
old way. To hear your voice
and see you smile, to sit
with you and chat for
awhile.

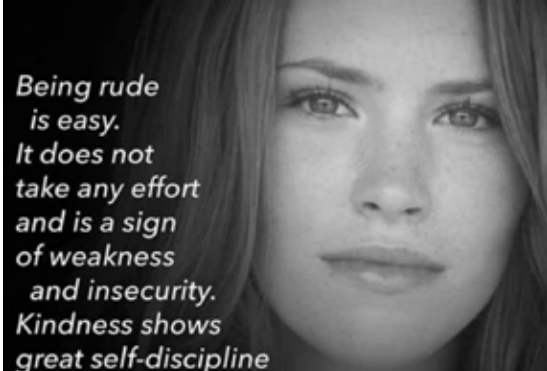
So if your mother is still
here, cherish her with care,
for you'll never know
the heartache until you see
her empty chair.

MISS YOU MAMA



The meaning of life

Not everyone is
given the chance to
grow old.
So appreciate and
thank God for every
single day of your life.



Being rude
is easy.
It does not
take any effort
and is a sign
of weakness
and insecurity.
Kindness shows
great self-discipline
and strong self-esteem.
Being kind is not always easy
when dealing with rude people.
Kindness is a sign of a person
who has done a lot of personal work
and has come to a great
self-understanding and wisdom.
Choose to be kind over being right,
and you'll be right every time because
kindness is a sign of **STRENGTH**.
Attitude to Inspiration

The TRUTH is, that all of the “STUFF” here on earth we work SO hard to buy and accumulate does NOT mean a thing. At the end of the day...people will be cleaning out our "STUFF", going thru our "STUFF", figuring out what to do with all of our "STUFF"....this "STUFF" we've accumulated in our life. The only thing of VALUE that remains are the MEMORIES and what we deposit into others. May we all learn to spend less time accumulating "STUFF" and spend way more time making MEMORIES. Here's to family and friends!

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