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Of course, being on the email list will have many more benefits. You were 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.



SAC
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COUNCIL
We would like to remind ALL RESIDENTS that you are automatically members of the Social Activities Club (S.A.C.). We welcome your suggestions and comments at our monthly meetings typically held on the 1st Saturday of each month after coffee hour between October and March. At the meetings, you have the right to make motions from the floor to vote on the proposals before the group.

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**

WELCOME

Country Club Manor's "Sunshine Club" is dedicated to spreading positivity and Cheer by performing small acts of kindness within our community. If you know a resident who is ill, in the hospital, needs cheering up or perhaps has deceased, please call Becky or Roz and let them know. Once notified, they will send out Get Well cards or Condolence cards, and place the Memorial wreath up when a resident has deceased. An announcement will also be made during the weekly Saturday Coffee Socials.
Becky Neilson: (407) 963-1760
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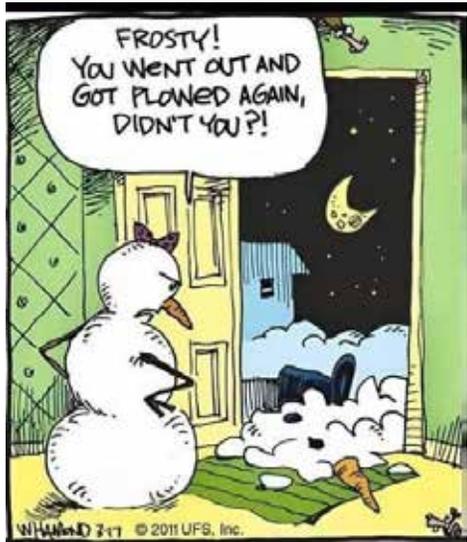
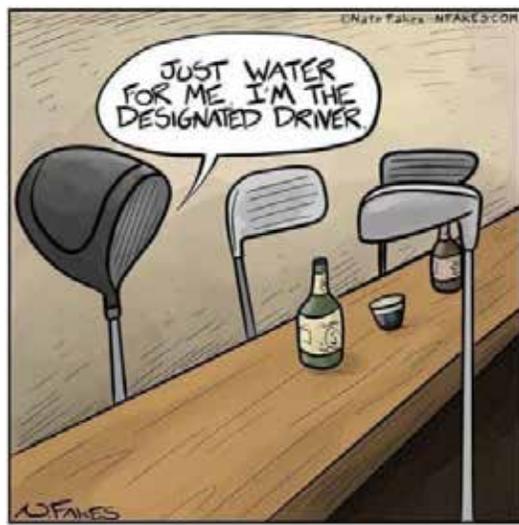
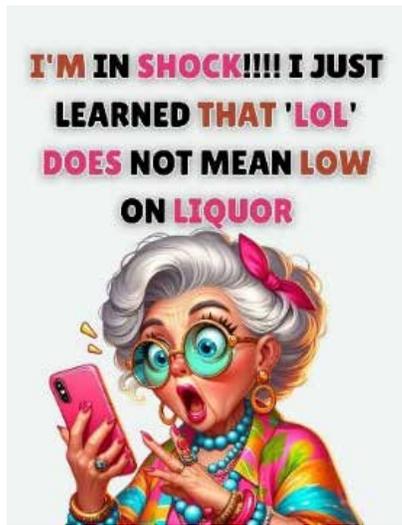
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IT'S OK TO 😂 OUT LOUD - AKA FUNNIES

This Mixed Bag of Alcohol, Winter and Easter Humor is sure to inspire giggles and laughter.



Did you hear about Easter Bunny engagement?

The ring was 14 carrots.



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LETTER TO OUR READERS

Hello Everyone,

It is said that *March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb*. At CCM, March certainly roars in with a whirlwind of events and activities.



Then comes the quieter month of April, as many of our Snowbirds begin heading home for Easter and their summer lifestyles. In that sense, CCM follows the old analogy — from roaring lion to gentle lamb.

As a reminder — and for new residents who may not know — I would like to give a special shout-out to our *Osprey printing partner*, **Community Media**, with whom we enjoy a true “sweetheart deal.”

Community Media, located in Venice, Florida, partners with more than 180 mobile home, single-family, and resort-style communities ranging from Fort Myers to New Port Richey, across to Lakeland and Orlando — and even a few north of Orlando.

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If you enjoy having a first-class, **Quality** community newsletter, let's do our best to support their advertisers so we can continue enjoying the benefits of this FREE publication.

How can CCM give back some of what we so richly receive? Here are a few ideas:

- Suggest to local businesses you patronize that they advertise in *The Osprey*.
- Whenever possible, purchase from the businesses you see advertised — and let them know you saw their ad in your community newsletter!

In closing, be sure to review the myriad March events and activities listed on pages 15-16. When it comes to entertainment at Country Club Manor, it's going to be a Lion of a Month!

Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Cheers!

Cheryl Watts, Editor




**To Country Club Manor
NEW RESIDENTS**

Kelly and Lisa Libby
Michael and Pamela Shehan

HERE'S WHAT READERS ARE SAYING ABOUT FEBRUARY'S



- ❖ Each *Osprey* is a Work of Art...*informative and beautiful*. If they ever held a newsletter competition at one of the HOA meetings, ours would definitely be #1.
- ❖ Loved Page 12 – “Quotes – Poetry – Thoughts That Celebrate Love.” A timely valentine message on love and much more.
- ❖ Always interesting and love the funnies.
- ❖ The Dragonfly poem brought back memories of being a child and catching dragonflies.
- ❖ I love the reading glasses comic! How true 😊. The poem, *The Time Is Now*, is insightful. I like the nod *The Osprey* pays to Valentine's Day. My older sister is born on this day, and her middle name is Valentina. It was always a big holiday in our house.
- ❖ I always get a kick out of the funnies.

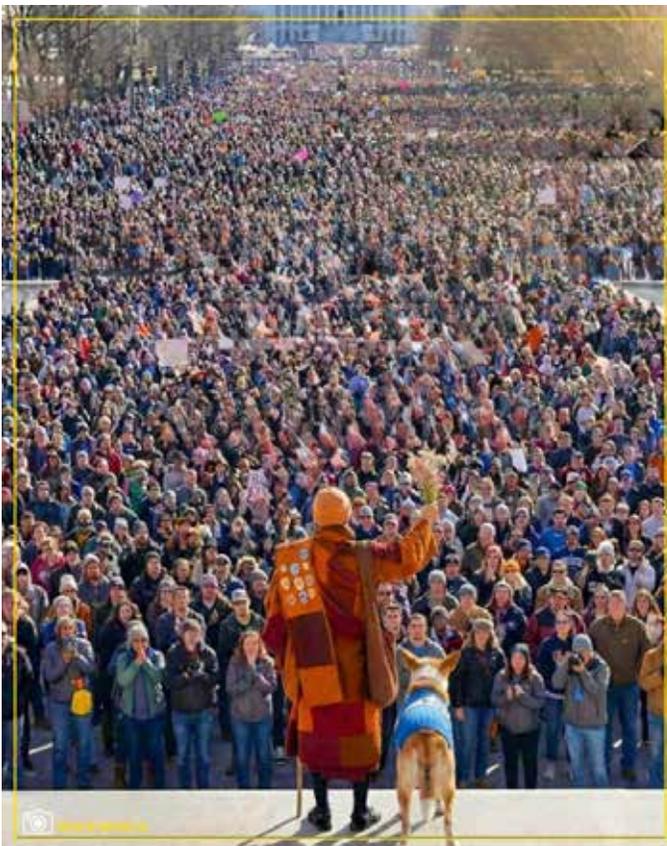
WALKING FOR PEACE -- WHAT A BEAUTIFUL THING!

Contributed by Cheryl Watts

Across long highways and quiet towns, nearly twenty Buddhist monks walked a 2,300-mile pilgrimage that steadily reshaped how peace is witnessed in America. The journey began on October 26, 2025, in Fort Worth and continued to Washington, D.C., where they reached the Capitol on February 10. This historic walk was initiated by the Huong Dao Vipassana Bhavana Center. Walking quietly alongside the monks was Aloka, a rescue dog whose calm presence became an emotional symbol of gentleness throughout the journey.

Led by Bhikkhu Pannakara, the Walk for Peace was not a demonstration or political movement. It has been described as a spiritual journey to promote peace and compassion. The monks traveled at a slow, meditative pace, often in silence and sometimes barefoot. Their daily life was defined by simplicity: one meal a day, rest offered by churches, temples, or community spaces, and brief moments of mindful reflection with local residents who gathered along the route.

The path was marked by profound challenges. In November 2025, a truck struck the group's escort vehicle in Texas, causing serious injuries and resulting in one monk losing a leg. Even after this tragedy, the pilgrimage continued — with forgiveness rather than anger. In January, the monks endured snow and freezing temperatures while passing through North Carolina and entering Virginia. During that same period, Aloka underwent leg surgery and later reunited with the group, returning to the road with



quiet resilience.

Along the way, supporters greeted the monks with fruit, flowers, and folded hands. Organizers gently requested silence and respectful distance so the monks could remain in mindfulness. Hundreds of thousands followed the journey online. Step by step, mile by mile, the Walk for Peace showed that peace is not declared loudly — it is practiced through steady compassion.

The monks documented their travels on multiple social media platforms. Since creating their Facebook page on November 8, 2025, the number of followers grew rapidly, reaching 2.3 million on Facebook and 1.6 million on Instagram as of January

30, 2026. In a blog post, they expressed gratitude to the thousands who braved freezing temperatures to see them: “Today, in these harsh conditions, surrounded by white snow and biting cold, we saw something even more clearly: the warm faces of people who care. Their kindness stood out against the frozen landscape like light in the darkness, reminding us why we walk, why it matters, why we keep going.”

Some journeys are for reaching a place. This journey was for reaching hearts. Let their courage remind us that **Peace** is not a speech. **Peace** is not a wish. **Peace** is a step taken for others — even in the cold. **Peace** is walked.

Sources: USA Today

Wikipedia

Official Website Walk For Peace: dhammacetiya.com



DISCOVER CRYSTAL RIVER / CRYSTAL SPRINGS

Contributed by Joni Hanchett

If Crystal River isn't on your Florida list yet, it should be. This charming coastal town is best known for its clear, natural springs, manatee encounters, and laid-back old Florida vibe.



During manatee season (November through March) you can visit **Three Sisters Spring** where you can see hundreds of manatees huddled up in the spring to stay warm. You can also swim with the manatees in the crystal-clear water. Popular activities are kayaking, paddling, spotting wildlife, or just slowing down and enjoying the small-town feel. **Downtown Crystal River** is full of local restaurants, cozy cafés, shops, and galleries.

It's one of those places that just feels peaceful, authentic and very much old Florida – – perfect for a weekend getaway or a stop on a road trip.

www.discovercrystalriverfl.com

FROM: REGINA SNYDER, CCM RESIDENT RE: CHAIR YOGA CLASSES



Greetings to our *Osprey* Readers:

I arrived in early February to Country Club Manor and attended four Chair Yoga classes. Chair yoga helps to increase flexibility in the hips, shoulders and back as well as improves overall range of motion while strengthening your core, arms, legs and back and emphasizing mindfulness.

I feel it is one of the best opportunities available at CCM. Our trainer, Troy, is a gentle and excellent leader informing us on ways to use our bodies to the best advantage and benefit.

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OUTGOING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A Shout Out and Thank You for your service to Community and Word of Appreciation to:

Table with 2 columns: Position and Name. Includes 2nd VP Kathy Herman, Treasurer Mary Ann Irvine, Secretary Dan Daigneault.

CALLING ALL RESIDENTS... HELP US HONOR OUR VETERANS



As we begin preparing for a Veterans Day tribute in November, we are inviting residents to share photos of the veterans in their lives—past or present—wearing their military uniforms. Photos received will be reviewed and the Military Appreciation Committee will create a display as a heartfelt way to recognize the courage, service, and sacrifice of those who have worn our nation’s uniform.



Photos of Resident Veterans, or if you have a family member, friend, or loved one who served, please text a clear image along with the veteran’s name, branch of service, and years served to Kathy Moore, 734-635-6751 or Kathy Herman at 609-464-1550. If unable to text the image please contact us.

Your contributions help us tell the stories that matter most and ensure our veterans receive the appreciation they deserve.

BOARD MEETINGS

The CCM Board meets every Third Thursday at 2:00 PM Next Meeting: March 13th

Board Workshop Meeting Second Thursday at 2 PM Next Board Workshop: March 19th

MEETINGS ARE IN THE CLUBHOUSE

Stay informed about CCM news and community issues. All residents are encouraged to attend.



NO COFFEE HOUR ON MARCH 14TH

There will be no Saturday Coffee Hour on March 14th, as the Men’s Club Yard Sale and Women’s Club Bake Sale will be held that morning beginning at 8:00 AM. We hope to see you there!



LOST & FOUND REMINDER

If you find a personal item, please do not place it on the Mail Room Ledge. Items left there are considered free “give-away” items and may be taken by other residents.

Instead, please place any lost or left-behind items in the Lost and Found container, located below the Slant Board in the Clubhouse Information Center. Thank you for helping us return misplaced items to their rightful owners!



6TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Thank you, Dave Kamerer and The Skulls Car Club, for bringing these beauties and more to CCM on February 21st. It was the perfect day, with Sunshine, Hot Dogs and Ice Cream.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSPORT CHAIRS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON LOAN

Country Club Manor now has 2 (TWO) transport wheelchairs for the use of our residents. These are to be used by residents only for short periods of time; if you need one long term it is suggested that the family purchase one.



Kath Morgan, at 218 Pinewood Drive, will house one chair and Bob Comotto, at 129 A Shadow Woods N Drive, will house the other. These were purchased by the Ladies Club and 50-50 Committee. You can look in the directory for phone numbers or call the office.

If you have any questions, call Kath Morgan.

OSPREY LOCATIONS

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It's a Neighbor-to-Neighbor page where you can let other residents know about Special Announcements, Giveaways, Wildlife Sightings, Save the Dates, and even an occasional Joke. Residents in need of recommendations for a plumber, alterations person, dentist, doctor etc. find this is a good place to reach out. It's a place to post those beautiful pictures taken within the park of a spectacular sunrise or sunset, local events, trips etc.
Go to: [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)
Country Club Manor Residents

QUOTES CORNER

Thoughts About Happiness

"I am still determined to be cheerful and happy, in whatever situation I may be; for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances."

Martha Washington, former U.S. First Lady

"Happiness is a Grateful Spirit, an Optimistic attitude & a Heart full of Love."

Unknown

"Happiness is a conscious choice, not an automatic response."

Mildred Barthel, Author

"When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us."

Helen Keller, Author, Activist and Lecturer

"Whoever is happy will make others happy too."

Anne Frank, German-born Jewish diarist and Holocaust victim

POETRY CORNER

Not

by Erin Hanson

You are not your age,
Nor the size of clothes you wear,
You are not a weight,
Or the color of your hair.
You are not your name,
Or the dimples in your cheeks,
You are all the books you read,
And all the words you speak,
You are your croaky morning voice,
And the smiles you try to hide,
You're the sweetness in your laughter,
And every tear you've cried,
You're the songs you sing so loudly,
When you know you're all alone,
You're the places that you've been to,
And the one that you call home,
You're the things that you believe in,
And the people that you love,
You're the photos in your bedroom,
And the future you dream of,
You're made of so much beauty,
But it seems that you forgot,
When you decided that you were defined,
By all the things you're not.



IRISH CORNER

"May you live as long as you want but never want as long as you live."

Irish Blessing

"In a single day I have said as many as a hundred prayers, and in the night almost as many."

St. Patrick

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THE ONE AND ONLY SHERRY GAUDELLI

by Jim Merrick

PREFACE:

Jim Merrick has been a resident of Country Club Manor since 2006. Over the years, he has written a series of light-hearted memoirs about memorable neighbors and friends he has known in our community. He titled this collection “*A Collection of Memorable CCM Characters.*”

Many of the individuals Jim writes about are no longer with us, but their personalities, quirks, and contributions remain part of Country Club Manor’s shared history. Long-time residents will recognize familiar faces, while newer neighbors will enjoy being introduced to the colorful characters who helped shape the spirit of our community.



Sherry Gaudelli came to CCM like many residents — to visit her sister, Victoria Young. Fortunately for CCM, the house at 75 Hickory Lane was on the market. Since Ed and Victoria lived at 71 Hickory Lane, it seemed the stars were aligned.

Sherry moved in and quickly made her presence felt. Her laughter could be heard throughout the

Clubhouse, and I don’t think I’ve ever met anyone who smiled more. On the surface, she had many reasons to be sad. Her husband, twenty years her senior and the love of her life, had passed away years before, and her longtime boyfriend had also died before she came to CCM. Her health was fragile as well. But Sherry made friends as easily as others make money. People were drawn to her love of life, her smile, and her laughter.

Before the pandemic, a group of ten to fifteen residents gathered every Sunday for breakfast. Linda Slayden and I would pick up Little Bill Rembold and Sherry each week. Bill and Sherry both used walkers, so we had a routine — walkers in the trunk, Bill in the back seat, Sherry in the front. I would help Sherry into the car and fasten her seatbelt, which always required a bit of maneuvering as she was a large woman and filled up the seat. To attach the seatbelt, I had to slide my hand down her side. Without fail, she would let out a joyful whoop of pleasure once she was settled — and it never failed to make me smile.

One Sunday, as we were leaving the park, a new resident had parked a large pontoon boat in front of the office. Sherry was shocked. Thinking quickly — something I’m not known for — I told her the Board of Directors had purchased it for park use. She was indignant and complained all the way to the restaurant. As we were

being seated, she began telling others about the Board’s underhanded purchase. The chuckles grew into belly laughs — and when she realized she’d been fooled, she laughed harder than anyone.

On these excursions, I always followed Sherry into the restaurant, partly to see the reactions of diners waiting for tables, but mostly because her walker had a way of getting tangled in the door mats. My job was to keep her upright — and straighten the mat for everyone else.

One Sunday, sixteen of us went to the Cracker Barrel in Leesburg. I found a handicap spot near the entrance. The walkway was on the driver’s side, so Sherry exited on the passenger side — beside an unoccupied car. As she got out, her pants and undergarments slipped to her ankles. Unable to bend far enough to pull them up, she was stuck. Sherry always wore long tops that came to her knees, so fortunately, her long top spared the parking lot from any surprises — but she certainly couldn’t walk into the restaurant like that.

Luckily, Linda came to the rescue. Being less than half Sherry’s size, she tried to help — though she was laughing so hard she wasn’t much use. Eventually, they got everything back in place. By the time we joined the group, everyone wanted to know what had taken so long. I had no choice but to tell the story — twice, so everyone could hear. Guess who was laughing the loudest?

On another occasion, Linda and I passed Sherry’s house on my golf cart and noticed one of her shoes sitting in the middle of the driveway. We stopped, knocked — no answer — so I placed the shoe on the handicap ramp railing. The next day, we learned what had happened. Sherry, who often wore Crocs without the heel strap, had gone to dinner with Ed and Victoria. Sherry couldn’t feel her feet and never realized one shoe had fallen off until they arrived at the restaurant, so comically, she went to dinner wearing just one shoe. Listening to her tell this story, Linda and I laughed just as hard as she did.

Just some of the many joys of knowing the one and only Sherry Gaudelli, a resident who has passed.



MARCH 2026 OSPREY
A SHOUT OUT TO LOCAL 'GOOD EATS' RESTAURANTS

by Cheryl Watts

JEANNIE'S PLACE RESTAURANT

Jeannie's Place is a local favorite casual dining restaurant that offers breakfast and lunch options. Located at the side entrance of Grove Square Shopping Center, "Jeannie's" is known for its hearty breakfast dishes, and hometown atmosphere. Food is cooked to order and they serve generous portions. In fact, we always take half home of our amazing omelets. If you like Corn Beef Hash, I highly recommend their 'Cornfused' Omelet.

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SAC HAPPENINGS FOR MARCH

by Linda English

Hold onto your spring hats people, March is gonna be a busy month! In addition to our growing number of daily activities, we have some special events arranged for March.



The month starts off with a **Poker Run** organized by Mary Ann Irvine **on the first at 2 PM**. For the measly sum of five dollars per person, you can buzz around on your golf cart, bicycle or feet and make pit stops where you pick up playing cards. The best five card poker hand wins half the pot, and the other half is given out at the discretion of the organizer. This is always lots of fun! Sign up on the Slant Board as a competitor or volunteer to be a pitstop.

Over 25 homes were purchased in Country Club Manor in 2025. These new residents are likely wondering if they made a good choice. Let's welcome these new residents and tell them what a great park they've chosen. SAC would like to invite everyone to **Sunday Lunch with New Neighbors on March 8 beginning at 2 PM**. We will provide a light lunch of sandwiches and salads, and hopefully, desserts provided by residents who have been here for more than a year. **Please wear your name tags** and sign-up on the Slant Board if you plan to attend or bring a dessert...The luncheon is open to all CCM residents.

That Guy Dave, a DJ we have enjoyed before, will be playing all the tunes we love at our **St. Patrick's Day dance on March 17**. The party begins at **7 PM** and we expect the Clubhouse to be a sea of green. Bring your own green beer, Irish Whiskey or beverage **Poker Run** organized by Mary Ann Irvine **on the first. Dominic will return on March 20 at 6:30 PM** with another round of useless **Trivia** that we hopefully have stored somewhere in our memory banks. BYOB and snacks.

Rick Brown and Karaoke will be happening on **March 21 at 7 PM**. Find your favorite song and join this group that always has a fun time. Even if it's not your pleasure to warble a Patsy Cline tune, the listening is a great experience. BYOB and snacks.

Sunday, March 29th at 2 PM we will have a **Scavenger Hunt**. Mary Ann Irvine, the coordinator, is still working out details so watch the Slant Board for details. It's another fun opportunity to dash around our beautiful park in your golf cart, picking up clues and goodies. If the race is not your cup of tea but you want to be part of the action, sign up to be a pit stop.

Have you checked out the chair yoga class yet? Or perhaps the line dancing? Both these activities are new this season and the feedback we are getting is all positive. **As always, there are plenty of flyers with more details on the Slant Board.**

CCM WOMEN'S CLUB



by Linda English

Evie LaDue, Coordinator of the Bake Sale committee, led a discussion about the changes made to our

location at the upcoming Men's Club yard sale. The men are no longer providing food, so they offered a couple of location options with the women choosing the corner near the entrance. A sign-up sheet was passed and directions were given on packaging the baked goods. This is our biggest fundraiser and we appreciate any help.

Pat Nazzaro handed out surveys asking the ladies for info about new activities, their particular talents, committees they might be willing to serve on and other constructive input. Pat will be coordinating activities for the 2026/2027 season.

Linda English reported that the spring luncheon will be held at the Magnolia Breeze Restaurant in Eustis on March 9th at 11:30. A sign-up sheet was circulated and a copy of their menu. Since this will be our scheduled meeting day, we will have a brief meeting, with no snacks, at 10:30, then carpool to the restaurant. Sign-up sheets are on the Slant Board.

Linda English presented information from the CCM pool committee on which she serves, and asked for a donation toward their pool furniture replacement fund. The ladies generously voted to support their efforts with a donation.

Sue Frost announced that the nominating committee had compiled the slate for our 2026 officers. Sue Frost as president, Pat Nazzaro as first vice president, Carla VanKessel as second vice president, Linda English as secretary and Connie Kamerer as treasurer. They were elected unanimously.

Women's Club members went to Goodwin Farms to view their rare and exotic orchids after the February meeting. The ladies said the orchids were extremely beautiful but a little on the pricey side. After their tour, they went to the Fish Camp Restaurant for a terrific lunch.

Women's Club is the second Monday of the month. All women in the park are members and are invited. The March meeting will begin later than usual, at 10:30, followed by our Spring Luncheon at Magnolia Breeze Restaurant. Please join us.





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CCM MARCH RECURRING ACTIVITIES

**Be sure to check the March CCM CALENDAR and CLUBHOUSE BULLETIN BOARDS for UPDATES on activities.*

CHEERS TO CCM

HAPPY HOUR



Every Thursday
Clubhouse Patio @ 4:30pm

BYOB- APPETIZERS APPRECIATED .BUT NOT NECESSARY TO ATTEND.

CCM MEN'S CLUB

MEETING DATES EVERY TUESDAY @ 8:30AM



All CCM Residents are Members
JOIN US AT THE CLUBHOUSE!

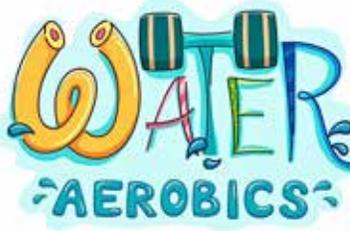
HELPING HANDS



We also have the Helping Hands aspect available to folks who need a **Helping Hand**. All that you need do is **Ask**. If needed, we can lend residents a walker, hand truck or 6' stepladder.

JOIN US AT THE POOL!

WATER AEROBICS



EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

Beginning March...
Water Aerobics will begin at 9am

MOVIE NIGHT RETURNS

THURSDAY March 19th AT 7PM

Movie To Be Announced



Saturday 9am Coffee Hour

NO COFFEE HOUR ON MARCH 14TH, AS MEN'S CLUB YARD SALE & WOMEN'S CLUB BAKE SALE IS AT 8AM

Join us at the clubhouse and bring your own mug



Music Jam
CALLING ALL CCM MUSICIANS!



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

KARAOKE NIGHT
WITH ROCK BROWN

Saturday, March 21st
The Clubhouse 7pm



JOIN US AT THE CLUBHOUSE!
BYOB AND SNACK TO PASS

Trivia Night



WITH DOMINIC

JOIN US AT THE CLUBHOUSE!
Friday, March 20th at 6:30PM

Sign-Up Sheet on the Slant Board

If you don't have a team, start one and people will join!



CCM CLUBHOUSE
Every Monday @ 7pm



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MONDAYS and THURSDAYS 11:30AM
At The Clubhouse

CCM

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JOIN US AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON THE 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 6:30PM

MAKE IT - TAKE IT
Friday, March 20th
1pm At Clubhouse
\$5 Each

(Pay at the Door)
Sign up sheet on Slant Board



Pot Luck Dinner

TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH AT 5:30PM

Come join us at the Clubhouse as we celebrate spring with good food & friends. We have some amazing cooks in this park & we always have a table full of good food & no one leaves hungry. Please remember to **sign up at the Slant Board** if you plan to attend.

Becky Neilson, Coordinator

CARDS! CARDS! CARDS!!



MondayUno, Swoop, Phase 10, Sequence. Tabletop Games and Cards are offered and vary from week to week.

TuesdayTexas Hold'Em

WednesdayEuchre

ThursdayPinochle (Single Deck, Pass Three) Ask Linda if you want lessons.

FridayBridge, French Hearts, Texas Hold'Em

And on **Sunday afternoons**, Mexican Train (dominoes) is played. Everyone is welcome and if you don't know the rules, someone will happily teach you. **Most start at 1pm but check CCM calendar for exact times.**

(Linda's Phone Number is in the Directory)

MARCH 2026 OSPREY
MARCH SPECIAL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

LINE DANCE LESSONS



Thursdays @ 3pm
THE CLUBHOUSE

Cost: \$3.00

SIGN - UP SHEET ON THE SLANT BOARD



SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST
2pm

\$5 Per Person

Best five card poker hand wins half the pot.
(Other half at Coordinator's discretion)
One hour time limit.

SIGN - UP SHEET ON THE SLANTBOARD



Welcome Luncheon

Sunday, March 8th
The Clubhouse @ 2pm

Come join us for a light lunch of sandwiches
and salad as we welcome new park residents

PLEASE SIGN- UP ON THE SLANT BOARD

Men's Club



Community Breakfast

Tuesday, March 11th
8:30am at Clubhouse

We are some very good
Breakfast Cooks and we are inviting all
Residents for a FREE Breakfast on the Men's Club.

It's Our Way of Paying It Forward!
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MEN'S CLUB
ANNUAL YARD SALE
WOMEN'S CLUB
ANNUAL BAKE SALE



SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH
8AM
RAIN DATE! MARCH 21ST



SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH
2PM THE CLUBHOUSE

Join the scavenger hunt
on your golf cart or bike

See slant board for more information



Saint
Patrick's
Day Dance

TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH
7pm - 4pm

Music by DJ Dave

JOIN US AT THE CLUBHOUSE
BYOB AND SNACK TO PASS

MILITARY APPRECIATION COMMITTEE



NEXT MEETING... MARCH 10TH AT 9:30 AM in the Clubhouse...After Men's Club Meeting.
All are welcome!

LOCAL HAPPENINGS: THEATRE

OTHER LOCAL HAPPENINGS

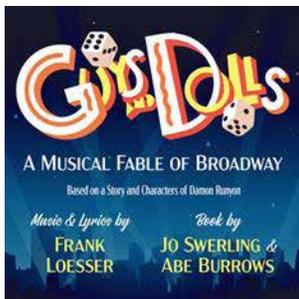


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Visit <https://troutlakenaturecenter.com>
Please Bring a dish to share.



The Fresh Market
The Fresh Market, organized by Whimsy Market, will be held every Wednesday from 5pm – 8pm in Ferran Park. The market will feature local vendors and food trucks, live music, and a beautiful view of Lake Eustis. For more info: <https://www.eustis.org>



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eustisstatetheatre.org

March 13 – March 29

The Lightning Thief
The Percy Jackson Musical



CHASING DRAGONFLIES

by Terry McCauslin

I enjoyed reading the article in the February issue of The Osprey newsletter about the dragonfly. My experience with dragonflies: My family lived on East Chesley Avenue on the south end of Eustis when I was eleven years old. I chased dragonflies with a long-handled fishing net. I would scoop them up in the net and take a dragonfly and tie a long piece of thread on it and it would fly with the leash tied to it. Yes, dragonflies bite. They have small mandibles for catching and eating mosquitoes. As a child I recall their bite was simply a small, pinch, harmless to humans.

MARCH 2026 OSPREY
GRACEFUL AGEING (#38)

As Posted on Facebook by Cathy Kennedy...

I asked a friend who has crossed 70 & is heading towards 80, “What sort of changes he is feeling in himself?” He sent me the following:

1. After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children and my friends, I have now started loving myself.
2. I have realized that I am not “Atlas”. The world does not rest on my shoulders.
3. I have stopped bargaining with vegetable and fruit vendors. A few pennies more is not going to break me, but it might help the poor fellow save for his daughter’s school fees.
4. I leave my waitress a big tip. The extra money might bring a smile to her face. She is toiling much harder for a living than I am.
5. I stopped telling the elderly that they’ve already told that story many times. The story makes them walk down memory lane and relive their past.
6. I have learned not to correct people even when I know they are wrong. The onus of making everyone perfect is not on me. Peace is more precious than perfection.
7. I give compliments freely & generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer not only for the recipient, but also for me. And a small tip for the recipient of a compliment, never, NEVER turn it down. Just say “Thank You.”
8. I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my shirt. Personality speaks louder than appearances.
9. I walk away from people who don’t value me. They might not know my worth, but I do.
10. I remain cool when someone plays dirty to outrun me in the rat race. I am not a rat & neither am I in any rat race.
11. I am learning not to be embarrassed by my emotions. It’s my emotions that make me human.
12. I have learned that it’s better to drop the ego than to break a relationship. My ego will keep me aloof, whereas with relationships, I will never be alone.
13. I have learned to live each day as if it’s the last. After all, it might be the last.
14. I am doing what makes me happy. I am responsible for my happiness, and I owe it to myself. Happiness is a choice. You can be happy at any time, just choose to be!

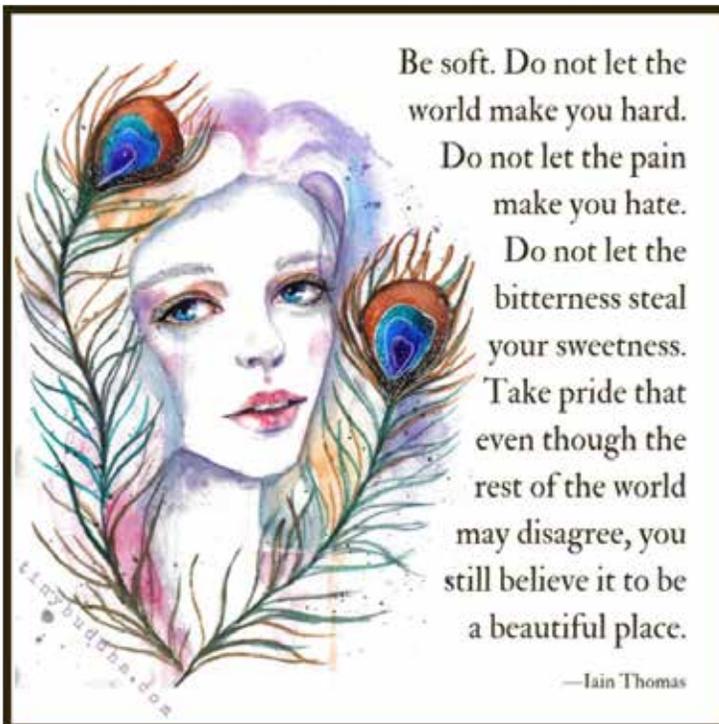


I decided to share this with all my friends. Why do we have to wait to be 60 or 70 or 80, why can’t we practice this at any stage and age?



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

CLOSING THOUGHTS



Life humbles you as you age. You realize how much time you’ve wasted on nonsense. You start to see how much energy was spent on things that never truly mattered. Arguments over nothing, chasing after fleeting approval, or worrying about things beyond your control. With time, priorities shift, and clarity sets in.

You begin to treasure the moments that fill your heart rather than your calendar. A kind word, a warm embrace, or quiet moments with loved ones become the true markers of a life well-lived. Life teaches you that the greatest riches are found not in things, but in the people and experiences that bring you peace.





A resident was honored to be given this cartoon sketch by Barry Wyatt depicting her singing Nancy Sinatra's "These Boots are Made for walking" at Karaoke. Thank you, Barry for your amusing and prolific contributions to *The Osprey*!



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