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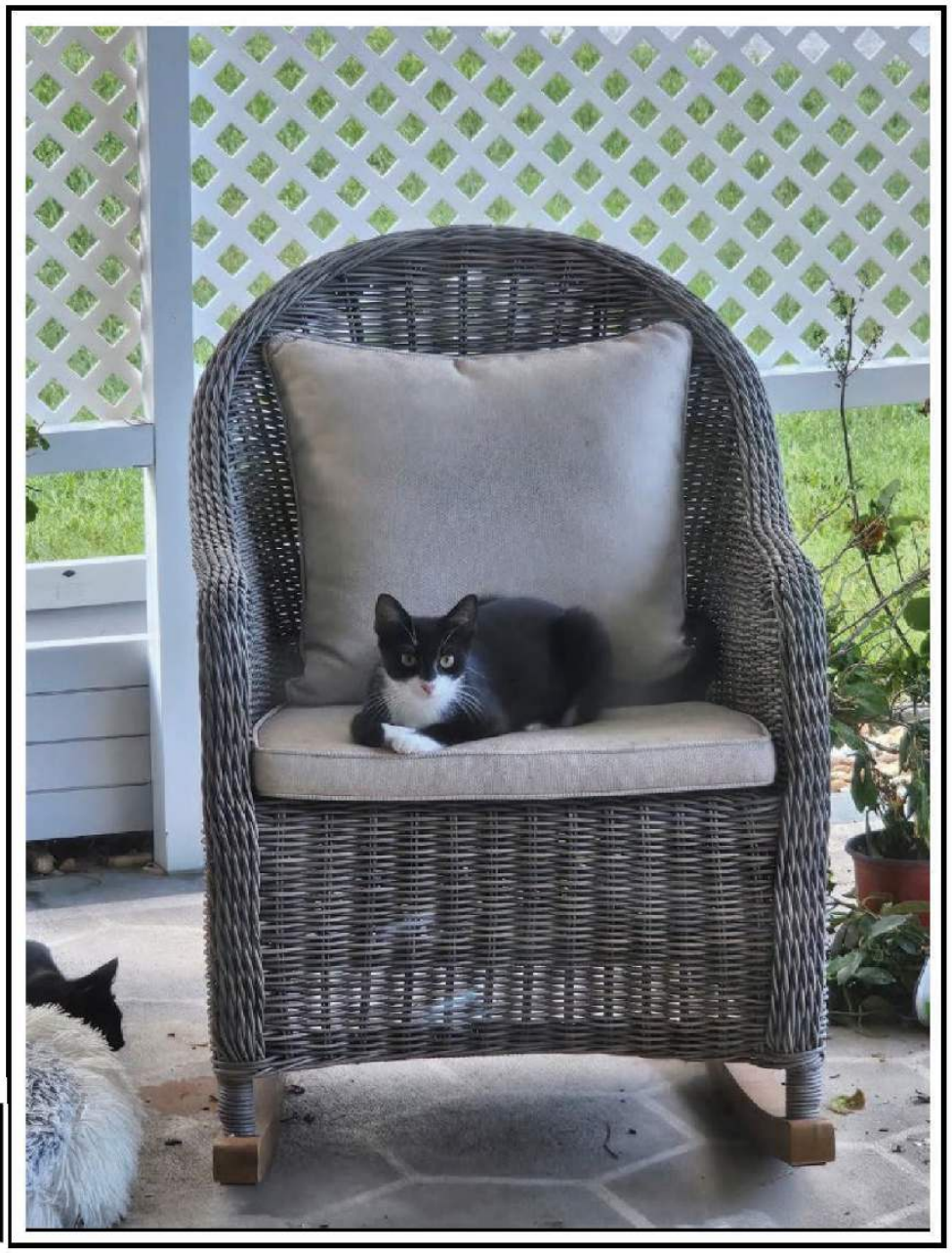
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THE POP - LOOKING BACK & AHEAD

By Dana Matlock



Well, here we are with the November 2026 issue of **The POP**—and it's hard to believe that this little publication began as nothing more than an idea in mid-2020, during the uncertainty and isolation of the COVID-19 crisis. The goal was simple: to help connect, inform, and entertain our residents during a time when so much of our normal life had come to a standstill. Our in-person meetings were held outdoors on my double carport, with chairs spaced six feet apart and masks worn for extra protection. Despite the circumstances, everyone was excited to have a way to give our residents something to look forward to—a place where they could read stories, share experiences, and hear about how others were coping, helping one another, and making the best of a very difficult time.

Our first issue, dated January 2021, was delivered in late December 2020. I have had the wonderful privilege of being at the helm of The POP from the very beginning. The idea became a reality as I worked with Community Media to negotiate the contract; establish the format; and helped guide the process of naming our new publication. We asked our team of volunteers for suggestions and received **21 different names**. They had the opportunity to vote, and **The POP—Plantation Oaks Press**, submitted by Joe Cortese, was the winning name.

After six years, I feel that the time has come to pass the wheel to someone else and let them take The POP on its next journey. I am especially pleased that **Kevin Gallagher** will be taking over. Kevin is certainly qualified, enthusiastic, and ready to jump right in. I am looking forward to seeing how The POP continues to grow and evolve under his leadership. **Thank you, Kevin, for taking the wheel!** This issue is my last, as Kevin will be producing the December 2026 issue.

Looking back, I realize just how much The POP has come to mean to me. I have truly enjoyed being a part of bringing it to our community each month. More than anything, I have appreciated the friendships, teamwork, laughter, and wonderful people I have had the opportunity to work with along the way.

A very special thank-you goes to our writers and co-editors—Betty Vandermyn, Joann Kegel, and Kevin Gallagher. Each of you has contributed your time, creativity, and ideas to help make The POP what it is today.

And, of course, we cannot forget **Donna Copeland, our Block Captain Coordinator, along with all of our Block Captains and their stand-ins.** They are the ones who make sure The POP gets from our hands to your doors every month—and always on time, before the first of the applicable month. Even though The POP is not a PORA publication, the PORA Board generously committed to purchasing the door-handle delivery bags to help make distribution easier and more efficient. That support has been greatly appreciated.

As we often say here in Plantation Oaks, **"It takes a village!"** And it certainly does. Everyone has a part to play in making The POP possible.

But at the heart of this publication are our writers. Without their willingness to share their stories, information, humor, memories, and ideas, there would be no POP. They have given our publication its personality and have helped make it something that belongs to all of us. **In the past six years the following writers have contributed to The POP**:

Doreen Armstrong, Noreen Bartolotta, Dan Behanick, Rich Bencal, Cindy Bowen, Donna Bruno, Nina Bruno, Nick Burnett, Toni Burnett, Carol Cerney, John Clabaugh, Anna Conte, Donna Copeland, Joe Cortese, Phyllis Cox, Joe Dalrymple Paula Davies, Chris Davis, Cyndi Easter, Carollee Epinger, Muriel Fallon, Mal Fraser, Kevin Gallagher, Ann Greene, Tom Greene, Carm Gross, Joan Haught, Terry Johnson, Pat Jones, Judy Kelly, Joann Kegel, Don Kline, Sue Kline, Jo Larkin, Doug Mahoney, Bob Matlock, Dana Matlock, Sam Miller, Rita Mollica, Linda Morrison, Wendy Morrison, Ann Mowling, Keith Mowling, Jim Nichols, Kathleen Niedhammer, Greg Pankau, Deb Pate, Lydia Paterno, Janice Patrick, Carol Pursley, James Pursley, Mary Ann Rabuazzo, Janice Randolph, Irma Reed, Mike Reed, Ed Reese, Rosi Reese, Jim Schroeder, Jeanie Scionti, Betty Vandermyn, Steve Vandermyn, Gary Watkins, Diane Williams, Jeff Williams.

As I turn the page and begin a new chapter, I do so with a grateful heart. Thank you to everyone who has supported The POP, contributed to it, delivered it, read it, and made it a part of life here in Plantation Oaks. It has been my pleasure—and truly my honor—to help bring The POP to you these past six years. I will miss being at the helm, but I will always be proud to have been part of its beginning and to have watched it become a part of our community.

Here's to the next chapter of The POP!

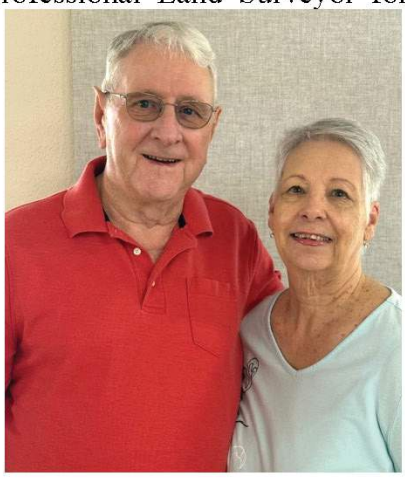


By Nick Burnett



George and Ruth Sniffin moved into their new home at 58 Winthrop on July 1, 2019, from New Jersey. They had vacationed in Florida for several years and decided it was where they wanted to retire. They had friends who lived in Bulow and George started looking for housing opportunities online and found Plantation Oaks. He thought it looked nice and they found it to be just what they were looking for.

George had been a professional Land Surveyor for many years and owned his own survey company. He surveyed property for private use and developments as well as highways and roads for counties and even some states. In addition, since they lived in a small community, he was quite involved in the civic activities including being Mayor and City Council Member, Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department, and just about every volunteer committee you can think of. Ruth, in addition to being a homemaker and mother of 4, worked in the family business, banking, executive secretary and various county temporary jobs.



George and Ruth have been married 61 years and have 2 sons and 2 daughters, 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren! Every August they return for a family reunion, and some of the children even come here to visit. For many years they had a "camp" on Lake Ontario where the family enjoyed fishing and boating. I saw several pictures of impressive catches of huge salmon they caught and was surprised, with the enthusiasm they had, that they only fished for a short time after arriving here. Their activities here focus on walking and Pinochle, where I first met them. I can tell you they are both good card players and even better sports!

George played football in college, in fact he played for a college in my home state of Iowa! He later joined the Marine Corps and while stationed at 29 Palms he was the captain of the football team for the Marine team on base. He thinks that might have affected his never being transferred to Vietnam! The Commanding Officer was proud of the team's success and might have had a hand in George's continued role on the team.

As I was wrapping up our visit Ruth reminded me I had not asked about how they met. Another fascinating tale resulted. Ruth was with her girlfriend at the local pizza parlor when George and his friend came in. They lived in the same community but did not know each other. Even though Ruth was dating another boy at the time, the two girls invited the boys to a dance the next weekend. Ruth said they were quite sure they would not come, but she stopped dating the other boy and was pleasantly surprised when they showed up at the dance! The rest, as they say, is history. Sixty-one years of history!

If you haven't met George and Ruth, I hope you will soon. They are very kind and welcoming people.





By Rich Bencal



Happy November greetings to all in Plantation Oaks. This is definitely a month of remembrance on Veterans Day and also celebrating on Thanksgiving with family and friends. This month's Trivia Questions are about Thanksgiving, its beginning, food and some of the history behind the day. Good luck. As always, the answers will appear on another page of the POP. Good luck!!



QUESTIONS:

1. Where did the Pilgrims first settle?
2. What was the name of their ship?
3. How many passengers were on the ship?
4. Which turkey gobbles, male or female?
5. What is the proper name for a Pilgrims hat?
6. What Peanuts character wears the chef hat in "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving"?
7. What is an adult male turkey called?
8. Are pumpkins technically a vegetable or fruit?
9. What is an adult female turkey called?
10. Which US President was the first to officially pardon a turkey?

A TALE OF A MAMA CAT & HER KITTENS

By Cat Greene



It all started with a black and white cat crossing Tobias Lane heading towards Old Kings Road. A tiny kitten following closely behind. She obviously was the mama cat, and she turned around, surprised to see the kitten following her. She looked as if to say, "where do you think you're going?"

The next time she was spotted she was crossing Tobias Lane and jumping into an AC well at one of the houses. I had to start work, so I advised Craig Allen of what I had seen. Craig went over to the well and saw four kittens. About one week later the Mama cat ran past my driveway towards Old Kings Rd. I called after her and ran inside to get food. She did stay. She did not come to my house again until two weeks later. Luckily, I spotted her before she left and put out food for her. She then came back for dinner and continued to come for the next three days. I adjusted my schedule to hers to keep her at my house. Eventually, she started bringing her kittens. I purchased a camera to keep an eye on them.

It was fun watching them play each day. They really loved my rocking chairs! I checked the camera at night to make sure they were gone before taking in the food.



We contacted Community of Cats (COC) about trapping them. The woman who responded happens to live in Bulow Plantation. She was able to come quickly if she was home. She gave me a drop cage so they would get used to eating under it. I had to do that for about a week. The day of the "betrayal" they were all very comfortable at my house. Mama and one of the kittens were asleep on the back of my golf cart. When Community of Cats came to trap them all four kittens were caught, but one got out during the transfer. Two weeks later COC trapped Mama and one week later the last kitten was caught. Fortunately, all four kittens were able to be socialized and are currently up for adoption at Community of Cats. Mama couldn't be socialized unfortunately, so they spayed her and released her back to Plantation Oaks as that was her home. She hasn't been seen in a while, so if you spot her please give Craig Allen a call.



Mama also affectionately known as Little Miss, was named by Christine Davis, one of her feeders and spotters. Barbara Grudzien also participated in keeping tabs on the little family. It was a great outcome for them. It was adorable watching Mama guide the kittens and they all lined up to follow her home!

UPDATE: COC brought the kittens to Pet Smart and the two female kittens were adopted.

THE OLD COOT NOTES THE DIFFERENCES

By Merlin Lessler: Submitted by Dan Behanick



First day of school circa; 1947. It was our turn, my friend Woody and me. We were five years old. The "older kids" who got us there were seven years old. My sister and his brother. We played on the playground outside the side door until the bell rang. We lined up with the rest of the kids until the principal allowed us to enter. Once inside, my sister pointed the way to the kindergarten classroom where Mrs. Shopper, the kindergarten teacher, stood by the door to welcome us. That was it!



After that first day, we got to school on our own, on a route that started on a path behind my house, went through a dormant farm field to a sidewalk that brought us to a cross walk on a busy street. A 4th grade, student patrol boy, equipped with a white belt across his chest and a silver badge helped us to make it safely across. Sometimes, a city police officer was stationed there as well. We learned a lot about life on those travels to and from school with the other kids in the area. It helped make us street smart, at least in the kid world.

I don't know what it's like where you live, but where I witness it, getting to school is a totally different story. School starts with orientation sessions where kids and parents learn the ropes and the rules. Bus transportation is provided for kids outside of walking distance, but many don't take advantage of it. A parent drives them to school and picks them up every day! Long lines of vehicles crowd the school driveways and often spill out onto neighboring streets. The kids hop out of the car sporting backpacks, holding nutritious breakfast bars and are guided by the principal, teachers and security personnel to the school entrance. That's a lot of adult involvement. We did it on our own. Today's parents are more hands on, or as some call it, "Helicopter parents!" Kids today, can't do anything by themselves, without "supervision." Our parents were more at arm's length. I think we had it better.

THE DUCK DUCK JEEP MOVEMENT

By Jeanie Scionti



Some time ago, I was having repairs done on our home. My handyman drove up in a Jeep and on the dashboard were two rows of small toy rubber ducks. I asked him what it was all about. He said, "I don't know, this is my wife's car." I don't know his wife, so I let it go.

Later that week, I was in the parking lot of Publix and saw yet another Jeep dashboard covered with these cute little duckies. I decided to research it. Turns out, there's a whole tradition behind it! It all started with a person named Allison Parliament In 2020, Allison Parliament, a Canadian living in Alabama, was traveling to Ontario during the early COVID-19 period. After a frightening confrontation at a gas station, Allison was so upset as to what she experienced that she needed a way to encourage kindness to others. She bought a bag of rubber ducks. Seeing a Jeep Wrangler that she liked in a parking lot, Allison wrote a friendly message on a duck and left it on the Jeep. The Jeep owner saw her and questioned what she had done. The owner liked the gesture and encouraged her to post about it.



Allison's social-media post took off, and "Duck Duck Jeep" spread through the Jeep community. The movement encouraged Jeep owners to leave rubber ducks on each other's vehicles, fostering a sense of community and joy. I liked what I read about Allison who has since passed away and thought as November is the month of "Thanksgiving," it would be nice to read about her thoughtfulness. To that end, when one sees a duck on a mirror, dashboard, etc., it can remind us of a friendly act of kindness. I now find myself smiling when I see one, two, or even twenty of these duckies on dashboards. It is an enjoyable way to spread some cheer. The practice has morphed into other Jeep' traditions, but the initial message is the one that counts: a gesture of kindness and thoughtfulness. Allison is the one who paved the way for this amazing tradition. Thank you, Allison Parliament, for showing others the way. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS

Submitted by Dana Matlock



November 11 is Veteran's Day. If you are a veteran, this is for you! Thank you for your service. Without you, none of us would be able to enjoy the freedoms we have in this great country of ours.

It is the VETERAN, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.

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It is the VETERAN, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the VETERAN, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.

It is the VETERAN who salutes the Flag.

It is the VETERAN who serves under the Flag.

It is the VETERAN who is buried beneath the Flag.

God Bless you all and God Bless America!

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP IN PLANTATION OAKS!

The Plantation Oaks Christian Fellowship will meet on Sunday, November 8, from 3:00 to 4:30 in the Clubhouse.

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CERT NEWS

By Donna Bruno

Cert Community Education: Seniors Vs. Crime



On September 29, CERT welcomed **Tomme Mayne and Kathy Romanac**, volunteers with the Flagler County Sheriff's Office **Seniors vs. Crime** program, for an important presentation on how to protect ourselves from scams and being informed consumers. We expected 29 residents to attend—but were delighted when **61 people** came out to learn how to protect themselves and their finances!

Tomme began by explaining the Seniors vs. Crime program, including how the volunteers assist seniors and what they do not handle, such as medical or legal matters.



The presentation covered many real-world situations. When hiring contractors, always check for proper **licensing, insurance and permits**. Residents can contact the Flagler County Building & Permitting Department and check **SunBiz** and the **Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR)**.

Tomme also cautioned residents about automobile dealerships, unnecessary warranties, solar companies and electronic signatures such as DocuSign. Before signing anything electronically, carefully review what you are signing and where your signature may be applied.



Kathy emphasized checking references and using a credit card when possible, which may provide additional consumer protections. She reminded everyone that government agencies such as the IRS and Social Security generally will not call demanding immediate payment. Never provide personal information to an unexpected caller claiming to be your bank—contact the institution directly using a trusted phone number.

Other important reminders: **Never pay with gift cards or cryptocurrency, never pay upfront taxes or fees to claim a prize, and be extremely cautious with unfamiliar email links and websites.** When in doubt, talk it over with a trusted family member or friend.

Residents also shared their own suggestions, including establishing a family **code word or phrase** to help protect against the "grandparent" or "granny" scam.

CERT thanks Tom and Kathy for sharing this valuable information—and thanks our residents for making this such a well-attended and worthwhile community education program!

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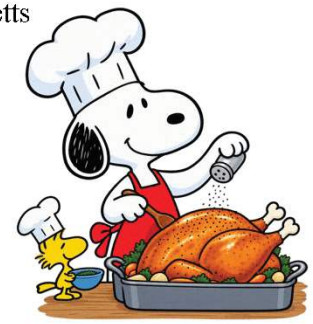
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BEAUTY TIPS

By Terry Johnson



Soften Heels With Watermelon

If your heels are dry and cracked, try this: Next time you eat watermelon, save the rinds and rub the juicy inside over rough heels for 1 minute, let sit for 10 minutes, rinse and pat dry. Watermelon rind contains natural fruit acids that help loosen rough, hardened skin without aggressive scrubbing, and the juicy flesh floods dry rough heels with moisture.

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TWO SMART AND MODERN THANKSGIVING APPETIZERS

By Chef Kevin Gallagher MS CECE



Most Thanksgiving appetizers lean heavy — creamy dips, overloaded cheese boards, or sugary seasonal bites that dull the palate and appetite before the meal even begins. A fresh approach is to use dishes that are **crisp, bright, and structured**, offering contrast without competing with the main event.

These two appetizers do exactly that. They're seasonal without being cliché, easy to batch, and built on clean technique. They sit in different flavor lanes — one savory and aromatic, one crisp and lightly sweet — which keeps the appetizer spread balanced. Finally, they hold well at room temperature, making them ideal for a holiday table where timing is never perfect.



Goat Cheese & Caramelized Shallot Tartlets with Thyme

These tartlets deliver a sharp, savory bite built on crisp puff pastry, sweet shallots, and a smooth goat-cheese base. They feel elegant but require minimal effort, and they plate beautifully.

Ingredients (24 tartlets)

2 sheets puff pastry, thawed
4 large shallots, thinly sliced
2 tbsp butter
1 tsp sugar
Salt + black pepper
4 oz goat cheese
2 oz cream cheese
1 tsp fresh thyme leaves
1 egg (for egg wash)

Method

1. Sauté shallots in butter with sugar, salt, and pepper over medium heat until deeply browned and soft, 12–15 minutes. Cool slightly.
2. Blend goat cheese and cream cheese until smooth. Season lightly.
3. Cut puff pastry into 2-inch squares. Dock centers lightly with a fork (poke holes in pastry with fork to prevent large bubbles where the topping will go). Brush with egg wash. Bake at **400°F** for 10 minutes until puffed and lightly golden.



4. Press down the centers gently with your finger or spoon. Add a small spoon of goat cheese mixture. Top with caramelized shallots.
5. Return to the oven for 3–4 minutes. Look for edges that are golden brown with centers that are set and no longer soft and no raw dough on the underside. You should have a crisp structure that won't collapse when picked up.
6. Remove from oven and sprinkle with thyme.

Notes: *These reheat well at 300°F for 5 minutes. Sheep's-milk feta can replace goat cheese for a sharper profile.*

Apple–Cheddar Phyllo Spirals + Cider–Sage Glaze



This appetizer nods to Thanksgiving flavors without drifting into dessert territory. Crisp phyllo, sharp cheddar, and fresh apple create a savory-sweet balance, and the cider–sage glaze adds a clean, aromatic finish without adding weight or sweetness.

Ingredients (16 spirals)

8 sheets phyllo
4 tbsp melted butter
1 large Granny Smith apple, finely diced
1 cup sharp cheddar, grated
2 tsp fresh sage, chopped (or 1 tsp dried sage)
Salt + black pepper

Savory Cider–Sage Glaze

1 tbsp Dijon mustard
1 tbsp apple cider vinegar
1 tbsp water
1 tsp maple syrup
1 tbsp unsalted butter
1 tsp finely minced fresh sage
Pinch of salt

Method

1. Combine diced apple, cheddar, sage, salt, and pepper.
2. Lay out one phyllo sheet, brush lightly with butter, and top with another sheet. Repeat until you have a stack of four. Spread a thin line of filling along one long edge. Roll into a tight tube. Coil into a spiral. Place on baking sheet with parchment. Brush the top with butter.
3. Bake at **375°F** for 15–18 minutes until crisp and golden.
4. **Serve:** Best warm, but they hold well at room temperature.

PARDON OUR BLOOPER

By Kevin Gallagher

Oops! There was a mix-up in my recipe for **Grilled Bacon-Wrapped Shrimp with Blackberry BBQ Sauce in the October 2026 POP.** I'm so sorry for any confusion this may have caused. I was looking at two recipes at the time and accidentally put the wrong directions into the POP.

These are the correct directions:

1. In a small saucepan, combine sauce ingredients in small saucepan. Simmer until berries break down and liquid releases to a glossy sauce, about 10 minutes. Adjust flavor for additional honey (to taste). If you want a very smooth sauce, use immersion or regular blender.
2. Pat shrimp dry. Place bacon strip on cutting board. Using the *backside* of the knife, run it along the bacon strip to flatten and lengthen it without cutting it apart. Wrap each shrimp with a half slice of bacon. Secure with a toothpick or thread onto skewers to keep the bacon tight.
3. Heat grill to medium high. Grill shrimp 3 minutes per side until the bacon is crisp and the shrimp are opaque.
4. Brush generously with blueberry BBQ sauce during the last minute of grilling so it caramelizes without burning.
5. Serve warm with extra sauce on the side.

THE GOLFER



For some time my wife had this ridiculous idea that I'm playing too much golf. Actually, it came to a head at about 11:30 last night. She suddenly shouted at me Golf, Golf, Golf all you ever think about is bloody Golf. And I'll be honest it frightened the life out of me. I mean you don't expect to meet somebody on the 14th green at that time of night. *Ronnie Corbett*

A shopper looking for a larger turkey asked a grocery store worker, "Do these small frozen turkeys get any bigger?" He replied, "No, they're dead."



IT'S FUNNY BECAUSE IT'S TRUE

Submitted by Keith Mowling



Some interesting facts that truly do not make sense to me. What about you?

• Only in This World .....do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

- Only in This World .....do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.
- Only in This World.....do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet Coke.
- Only in This World.....do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.
- Only in This World ....do we buy hot dogs in packages of 10 and buns in Packages of 8.
- Only in This World .....do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

EVER WONDER



- Why the sun lightens our hair but darkens our skin?
- Why don't you ever see the Headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery?'
- Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?
- Why is it that Doctors call what they do 'practice?'
- Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?
- Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
- Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?
- Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?
- Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?
- Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?
- If con is the opposite of Pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?
- If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the Terminal?





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New Friends
We are happy you are here

Pamela (Pam) St. Mary (No picture available.)
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Pam made a big move from Syracuse, NY to be closer to her daughter in Palm Coast. She also has another daughter in Buffalo, NY. Pam used to work in accounting, but now she will be a full-time resident in Plantation Oaks and can't wait to settle in.





Joules Rio, November 6, 6 PM

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Cyndi Easter



PLEASE NOTE: The Social Committee meetings will be held at 3:00 PM beginning November 2, 2026.

Veteran's day is November 11. We will have a ceremony at the clubhouse again this year, beginning at 11:00 AM. Soup and sandwiches will be served. Lunch is free for our veterans and $5.00 for everyone else. If any of our new residents are veterans and would like to have your photographs (one from when you served and one recent photo) included on the wall, please contact Patty Watkins at (386) 986-6245.

We have some fun things planned for the rest of the year and we hope you will attend. It is unfortunate that the pig roast had to be canceled. It was such a good time last year, but I suppose it was a one and done event. We are also canceling movie night for lack of interest.

I would like to announce that I am resigning as Chairwoman of the Social Committee at the end of this year. If anyone is interested in the position, please let me or Gary Watkins know.



NOVEMBER

November 7 – 10:00 AM, Monthly Brunch.
November 10 – 10:00 AM, Coffee & Doughnuts (Free)
November 11 – 11:00 AM Veteran's Day Ceremony
November 20 – 5:00 PM, Thanksgiving Dinner
November 29 – 6:00 PM, Ice Cream Social



DECEMBER

December 5 – 10:00 AM, Monthly Brunch.
December 8 – 10:00 AM, Coffee & Doughnuts (Free)
December 12 – Christmas Party sponsored by Murex. Music by Scott the Bug Man. Catering by Carrabba's. This is a free event.
December 27 – 6:00 PM, Ice Cream Social.
December 31– New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance. Catered by Chef Bill's Legacy. Music by DJ Patch



FEBRUARY

February 26 – 7:00 PM, Wine and Cheese Party. Contact Frank Schafer with any questions.

If you have any questions or ideas for future events, feel free to reach out to me, Cyndi Easter. You can contact me at (618) 558-9976. We're always on the lookout for volunteers to help us out with our events. Every bit of help you can give is greatly appreciated! The Social Committee meets on the first Monday of every month, unless there is a holiday, at 3:00 pm in the clubhouse. The next meeting will be on November 2, and we urge our residents (especially our new residents) to come and get involved with your neighbors. We look forward to seeing you there!

A NOTE FROM OUR PORA PRESIDENT

By Gary Watkins



I hope you're enjoying the cooler weather here at Plantation Oaks! It's that time of year again, and we're thrilled to welcome back all our snowbirds.

Every year, we encourage homeowners to run for the board, and this year is no exception. It's time to get involved and not just attend meetings with ideas or complaints. This is your association, and everyone who lives here should get involved in some way - it's not just about talking; it's about making a difference.

On the bulletin board in the clubhouse, you'll find applications for the PORA Board of Directors. Elections will take place at our Annual Membership meeting in January 2027. (To be a member and/or board member of PORA, you must be a homeowner and your name must be on the titles of your home.) To vote at the January membership meeting, you'll need to be a 2026 PORA member by December 18, 2026. If you're interested in serving on the board, please fill out the application and return it to a board member by December 1, 2026. (Board members are listed on the following page.) There are currently two open positions on the board, and there might be a third as I'm still deciding whether to stay on the board.

It's good to see our great PORA events are in full swing for our residents to enjoy, You can find out what's going on by checking our website (ourpora.org) the bulletin boards at the clubhouse, and the PORA emails that are sent out about each event. We've got plenty of opportunities to get involved, from the social club and kitchen to the ice cream social and block captains. You can also help with ticket sales and more. So, dust off your boots and get involved!

I hope to see you around the neighborhood. Stay well and enjoy our wonderful community!

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2026 Quarterly meetings held the 1st Sunday of the month at 7 PM in the clubhouse:

December 6

(Workshop: Nov. 29)

Annual Meeting January 16, 2027



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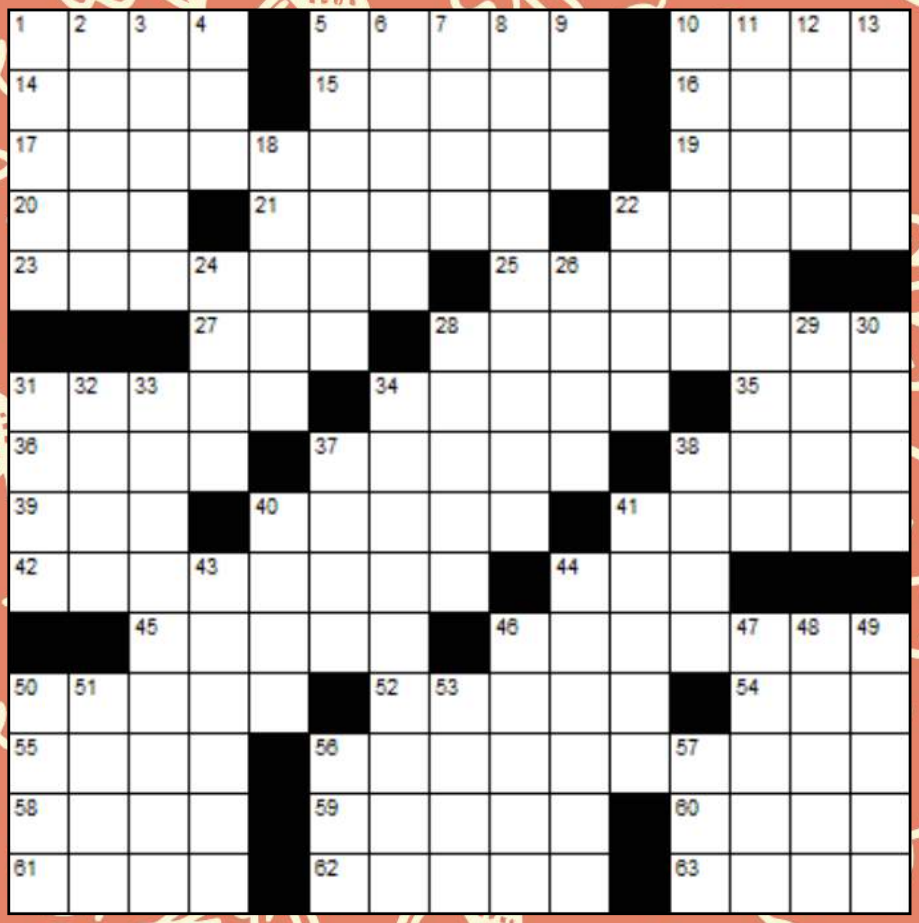
We hope you find this newsletter informative and engaging. As always, we welcome your feedback and suggestions for future topics. Thank you for being an integral part of our community!

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NOVEMBER CROSSWORD



ACROSS
1. Accomplishment
5. Old Jewish scholars
10. Big party
14. As well as
15. Rosary components
16. Fertilizer component
17. Forlorn
19. Type of duck
20. An uncle
21. Slogan
22. Dogfish
23. Chorale members
25. Like many a superhero
27. Sphere
28. Any occult doctrine
31. Fastidious
34. Particles
35. Falsehood
36. Flatfoot's lack
37. Trainee
38. Seaweed
39. Soviet space station
40. Uninterested
41. Not back
42. Promoting religious unity
44. Obtained
45. Brag
46. Nearest
50. Music disc
52. Spring month
54. Fish eggs
55. Prevaricates
56. Heliotrope
58. Makes a mistake
59. Companionless
60. Mine entrance
61. Lack of difficulty
62. Funeral piles
63. Technology

DOWN
1. Evanesces
2. Varnish resin
3. Poplar variety
4. Craggy peak
5. Soak up
6. Beats
7. Enticement
8. Encouraged
9. South southeast
10. Unit of dry measure
11. Nocturnal armored mammal
12. Fortune teller
13. Diurnal bird of prey
18. File
22. Resorts
24. Golly
26. Assist illegally
28. Digital compression device
29. Portent or omen
30. Flesh from animals
31. Renown
32. Acid related to gout
33. Brushes for heavy cleaning
34. Matrimonial
37. Bamboozles
38. Cultural doings
40. Ray
41. Gullible people
43. Puddinglike dessert
44. Moves effortlessly
46. Hag
47. Wear away
48. Relating to audible sound
49. We chew with them
50. Away from the wind
51. Former Italian currency
53. Impoverished
56. A roll of soft bread
57. Make lace



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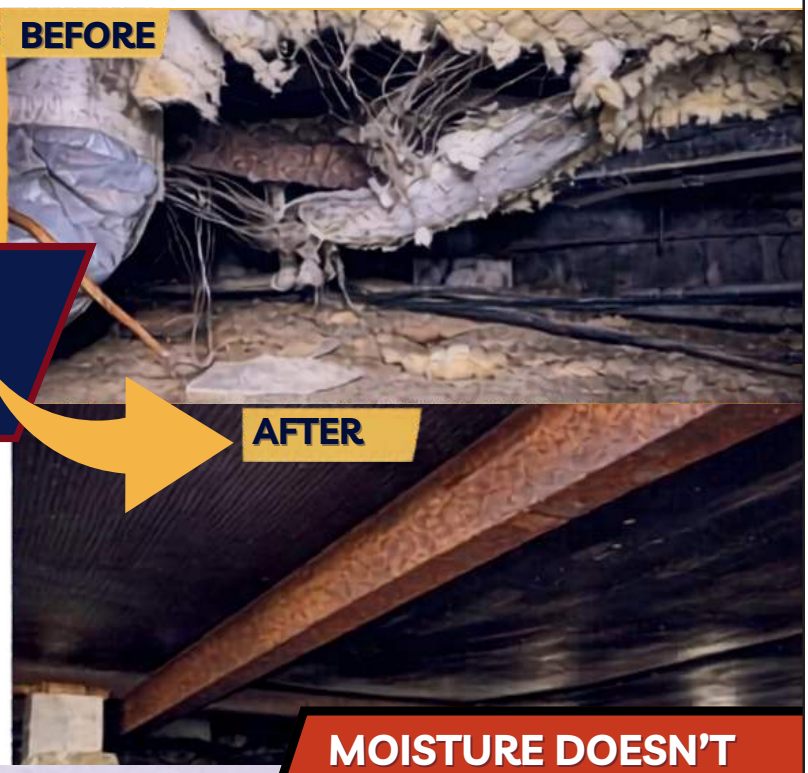
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