

Oak Hammock Information

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December 2025

QUOTABLE QUOTES

Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most.

~ Ruth Carter Stapleton



MERRY CHRISTMAS OAK HAMMOCK

Can't believe another year has passed us by. The Social Club would like to take the time to thank everyone who has participated, helped or hosted events to share with our great community. We have shared some great times in 2025. We have also shed a lot of tears together with those that have moved on, and with family and friends of those we lost.

There is a lot to enjoy in Oak Hammock during December and we hope everyone takes advantage to all that is offered to them. Starting off with Coffee and Caring with Clearmedica Monday the 1st at 11 AM. The 3rd we will have Top Dog Food Truck back out 3- 6PM. More fun the 10th when you have Community Produce at 12 -2 PM and the Ice Cream Truck from 4 – 6 pm. If you have not enjoyed the Ornament exchange join us the 13th at 2 PM with a wrapped / bagged "ornament" fun will surely be had by all - the one time of the year we can steal and get away with it. If singing is your thing, join us at 5:30 PM at the clubhouse to go caroling at 6 PM, a tradition we have done for 4 years now – Small change – we will make 2 loops around the park this yer. Please sit out in you carport / yard and enjoy us. For our bakers in the community The First responders have come to expect the "Cookies for First Responders" drop them off at the clubhouse on the 18th and feel free to join a delivery team the 19th. Another long-standing tradition is the decorating contest that will be judged by the Mayor of Bartow and the Pastor from UCC the 20th at 7 PM, 1st Place will receive a \$30, 2nd \$25 and 3rd \$20 visa gift cards. We will close out December with a Community Christmas meal (FTC) and Secret Santa the 23rd at 5 PM. See you all very soon.



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SOCIAL CLUB PREVIOUS EVENT OUTCOMES

(October 21 – November 18)



PRODUCE (October) – The Social Club provides this outreach to Oak Hammock homeowners. There is no charge for the produce. We do ask if you can donate to please do so, as the donations help us keep this outreach going for everyone in the community.

ICE CREAM TRUCK – Wow – what a turn out. If you were not able to make it in October / November they will be back December 10th from 4 – 6 PM.

LUNCH & LEARN – We would like to thank Jacob for coming out and sharing updates with the different Medicare Advantage plans.

POTLUCK – Turn out was good – we did not have a meeting. Records are always open to members. See any Social Club member for more information on becoming a member. There is no fee and we do have some pretty cool discounts – come learn more today.

DEVOTED SEMINAR - We want to thank Musaschy for bringing information able Devoted Medicare advantage plans. He was joined by a representative from Clear Medica and Fabien Insurance as they now offer Mobile home insurance coverage.

PAINTING – We canceled painting due to an emergency.

COL ALICE WHIDDEN – What an honor to remember such a wonderful woman. She will live on in us for years to come. Her grandson performed a service and food and stories were shared by all in attendance.

TOP DOG – Another great showing for Oak Hammock. They will be back December 3rd

HEALTH FAIR - If you missed the Health Fair the 8th you missed a lot. There were 13 Companies willing to help in such a variety of way / areas. We will be doing another Health Fair in April – Hope you can make it.

VETERANS LUNCHEON – What a great turn out. From the moving flag ceremony to the stories shared. We thank all that helped and participated.

IMPORTANCE OF A LIVING WILL – We would like to thank Oliver from Empass for teaching us and giving us important paperwork for this part of our life we should not overlook. He will be back out in Jan. and Feb with other great thing all seniors should know about

PRODUCE (November) - The Social Club provided Green Peppers, Green Bean, Sweet Potatoes, Corn and Bananas. We continue to provide this for the community your donations are appreciated

CHANGES TO OAK HAMMOCK

There were a lot of changes to the park's dynamics in 2025.

We would like to welcome:

Sharyn Prine #3, Janet Taylor #4, Joann Bouffler #18, Kristin Hu #19, Louis Santiago #20, Mike & Cindy #63, Larry Bowen #73, Bob & Lisa Riggs #79, Kandi Burmaster # 83, David & Jane Elder #86, Sam, Sandy & Beth #92, Jacob Joyner #96

We said "See you later" to:

Jerry Kuhlman #3, Dave & Ana Ramos #4, Wade #18, Bob Mueller #20, Eric Hess #79, Iva #83, Tom & Connie Doubet #86, Paul & Pat Ackerman #92.

Those we lost:

Marilyn Smith #3, Wayne Fry #63, Alice Whidden #65, Don Bowen #73, Sondra Bowen #73, Carole Case #34

WHAT'S COMING UP

PLAYING CARD BINGO – Every Monday AND Thursday at 6:30 PM \$4.00 to play (all money paid out) Number of games depends on number of players.

BIBLE STUDY – Every Wednesday at 6 PM –Mike has been leading us in learning our Spiritual Gifts.

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY GROUP - Every Friday at 11 AM –

We are working in the book “Virtuous”



BINGO – Every Friday 7 PM Cards available at 6:30 PM

BREAKFAST – 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month – 9 AM

COFFEE & CARING WITH CLEARMEDICA – Monday, December 1, 2025 11 AM

FOOD TRUCK – Wednesday, December 3, 2025 from 3PM – 6 PM (Top Dog).

FTC / PUBLICATION MEETING – Monday, December 8, 2025 1 PM

COMMUNITY PRODUCE – Wednesday, December 10 2025 – 12 PM - 2 PM

ICE CREAM TRUCK – Wednesday, December 10, 2025 4 PM – 6 PM

ORNAMENT EXCHANGE – Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 2 PM. (See Article)

CHRISTMAS CAROLING – Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 6 PM.

COOKIES FOR FIRST RESPONDERS' COLLECTION – Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 12 - 2 PM. Delivery is the 19th at 10 AM.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION JUDGING – Saturday, December 20, 2025 at 7 PM

POTLUCK / SC MEETING – Canceled for the Holiday.

FTC / SECRET SANTA – (Moved to celebrate Christmas) – Tuesday, December 23, 2025 at 5 PM – Remember 1 gift per household to join the Secret Santa fun. (See Article)

PAINTING – Canceled for the Holiday.

JANUARY: - All Standing Events plus these special events

NEW YEARS MEET & GREET – January 5, 2026 Join us for a breakfast and chat about what is in store for 2026.

FOOD TRUCK – Thursday, January 8, 2026 from 3 PM – 6 PM (Top Dog).

HEALTHY EATING - Join us January 19, 2026 at 12 Noon for some great healthy eating tips

PROGRESSIVE DINNING – January 24, 2026 Join us at the Clubhouse as we move through different homes to enjoy menu items. We will have more about this event coming up in next month's publication.

VR LEGACY WRITING – January 29, 2026 1 pm, Publix Subs Chips and drinks provided. Come learn how to record your Legacy (Things you want your loved one to remember) You will also try out VT Glasses to visit some of those places you loved so you can go back in time.

FEBUARY: - All Standing Events plus these special events

LUNCH & LEARN – Monday, February 2, 2026 12 – 1 PM Come learn all the great services Family First has to offer you.

FOOD TRUCK – Thursday, February 5, 2026 from 3 PM – 6 PM (Top Dog).

COFFEE BREAK WITH SUNSHINE – Monday, February 9, 2026 10 AM. Come learn what Sunshine has to offer you when it comes to Home & Companion care – They are very different from the typical home care.

CHOCOLATE EXCHANGE – Saturday, February 14, 2026 2PM Bring some Chocolate or small gift under the value of \$10 for this annual event. There is a lot of stealing and tons of laughs.

NUTRITION RESET – Monday, February 23, 2026 1 PM – Join us in welcoming Katherine as she teaches is to reset our nutrition plans.

ELDER LAW SEMINAR – Thursday, February 26 1 PM

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For More Information Contact:
Ray – 863-329-1734 Lot #91

BIRTHDAYS

Amy Vallie	12/02
Debbie McDonough	12/03
Sheila Brumley	12/07
Dee Sowell	12/09
Rose Lyons	12/12
Carol Johnson	12/14
Gary Arnold	12/19
Sam Rodenberger	12/20
Cindy Robinson	12/20
Dee Coltson	12/22
Gilda Helmick	12/23
Miguel Cordero	12/23
Pat Schlosser	12/24
Jack Maffet	12/27
Larry Johnson	12/27
Kathie Attisano	12/27
Tom Tyrity	12/28
Kathy Bedra	12/29
Shirley Duncan	12/31



PSALMS 32:10-11

Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him. Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

I was reading this the other day, and was uplifted with the idea of God's unfailing love surrounding us, and how He helps us to be able to rejoice, be glad and sing, no matter what. I hope this touches you like it did me! Praise God!

Submitted by:
Virginia Durfee

ANNIVERSARIES

Jaime & Tammy Sutton ~ ~ 12/22

HAPPY
Anniversary!

THANK YOU

Dee & I would like to thank all of those that provided prayers and meals for us during Dee's recent surgery. We both are very thankful for the community support that was shown to us. Again, thank you and God Bless each and everyone.

Submitted by: Rodney Coltson

WORD OF THE MONTH

GIVING:

3a: to provide to someone else: to put into the possession of another

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

For it is in giving that we receive.
~Francis of Assisi



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 Produce Social Club
 Painting..... Michelle P 863-329-1724 (Chair)
 Event Sign-in / Giveaways..... Lori H (814)533-9362
 Patti B 863-329-1846 (Chair)
 Oak Hammock Information Publication Michelle P 863-329-1724
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 Food Truck & Ice Cream Truck..... Social Club

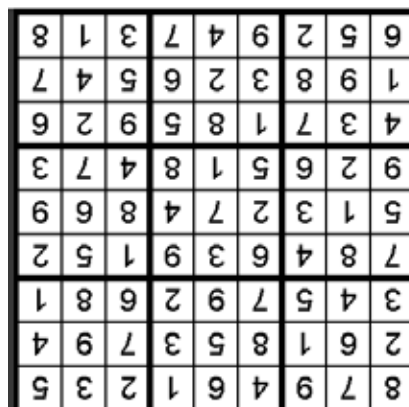
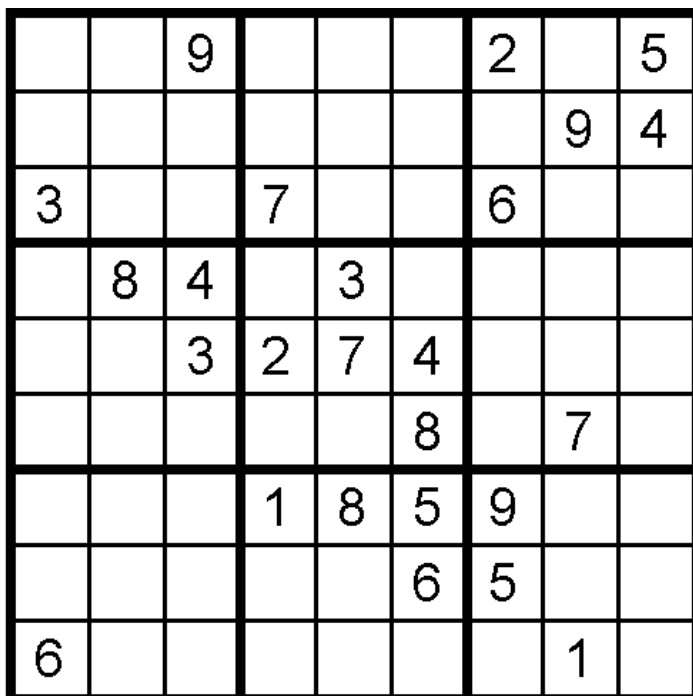
SOCIAL CLUB SPONSORED SPECIAL EVENT COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Ornament Exchange.....Michelle P
 Caroling Ray P
 Cookies for First Responders Social Club
 Community Decoration Contest..... Social Club

SOCIAL CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pattie B Lot #54.....863-329-1846
 Gary A..... Lot #78.....Member at Large
 Michelle P Lot #91.....863-329-1724
 Jack M Lot #69..... Sergeant at Arms

DECEMBER



IN OUR TIME

This year is winding down. We, as a society, have marked our calendars to finalize this section of time once more as complete. We have moved through the seasons and once again arrived at this time of the year to wrap up the areas in our lives that we can box up and store away. Some of those boxes we can label as good and fruitful, others we try to hide on a top shelf, stuck way in the back with vague labels on the outside to describe what resides within. Memories and final results that we don't want to be visible to others and some that we ourselves want to forget ever happened.

Each of us is different. Some are young and have vast, nearly empty, warehouses full of shelving and dark empty rooms waiting for our boxes, while others are aged and have grown weary storing away memories and filling their warehouse's many shelves. Dim lights flicker and dusty air shifts back and forth as they try to forget some of the stored memories and bring others to the fore-front. Even when the lights are at their strongest, they are not strong enough or bright enough to reach to the corners of these rooms and enable the reading of the labels of those boxes. Some of our rooms are packed tight and we, for the most part, are grateful that we can return and search through our rooms and find that one particular memory, even if that memory causes pain or lament. Others have rooms that are gradually becoming empty as some unrelenting force steals their boxes or locks the rooms and destroys the keys. We are all placed together and occupy the areas we have been assigned, going daily through the various hours of our lives dominated by that vast hourglass of time that shifts back and forth all the while continuing to slowly empty.

There are some whose hourglasses are almost empty, their rooms nearly full, with good and positive labeled boxes brought to the forefront and the negative labeled, tattered dusty boxes stored way in the back rooms. There are others whose hourglasses have plenty of sand but are showing cracks in the glass. And still others whose hourglasses show only broken glass and no sand what-so-ever. Their warehouses can only be entered by strangers who have heard light breezes of their existence.

Let us who are strong; reach out to those whose memories have worn them to weakness and whose lights flicker, alternating between darkness and dimness. We only have a certain amount of time to be here and our sand is gradually running out faster than ever. Let us plant seeds of hope and love so that we can fill our rooms with positive, bright lights and boxes that are gift-wrapped for others to receive and enjoy. Let the love of God flow through us to others. Remember there are two doors into our warehouses. There is an entry and there is an exit. While the winds of life blow, let them flow through us with love, compassion and thankfulness. Let us offer our hand to those struggling in the dimness and dustiness of warehouses filled with flickering lights to help them stand in the light of the greatest gift ever given, salvation through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

This may be the ending of a year filled with pain and suffering for some or thankfulness and fresh breezes for others. Let us remember that for all it is a beginning of another year. Let's work our hardest to fill this New Year with grace, hope and love with the time we have left.

Submitted by: Gary Arnold

WISHING OUR COMMUNITY PEACE, RENEWAL, AND A FRESH START!

As the calendar turns and the festive season consumes us, our community pauses to celebrate the warmth of the holidays and anticipate the promise of the New Year.

Christmas is a universal season of peace, goodwill, and hope. More than the lights and the gifts, this time encourages us to extend grace and understanding to those around us.

We acknowledge that living in close proximity means we will naturally have different viewpoints. However, we all share the fundamental wish for a safe, comfortable, and pleasant neighborhood. This Christmas, let's focus on the strength of our shared ground rather than the minor differences that sometimes divide us.

Let the greatest gift we exchange this year be mutual respect. A simple smile, a moment of patience, or an assumed good intention can dramatically lift the spirit of our small community. May your homes be filled with happiness and rest as you celebrate with loved ones.

The arrival of the New Year is always a powerful moment—a clean slate and an opportunity for renewal for Oak Hammock. Let's step into the new chapter with a collective resolution: to make this year better than the last.

Leave the Past Behind, let's consciously choose to leave any lingering disagreements or frustrations in the year that is closing. Focus on the Future, let's look forward to the possibilities that arise when we work together. Our community thrives when we channel our energy into positive collaboration. Choose Kindness, let's commit to leading with an extra measure of patience and kindness in all our interactions.

Our community is made up of 103+ unique individuals, and our greatest achievement will be to forge a place where every person feels respected and valued.

Wishing all our residents a truly peaceful holiday season and a New Year filled with good health, happiness, and renewed faith of community unity.

Submitted by: Ray & Michelle



December Word Search



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headache
imagination
inspiration

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CHRISTMAS
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4th Annual SECRET
SANTA



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WHEN: FTC – December 23, 2025

WHERE – OAK HAMMOCK CLUBHOUSE

5 PM - Christmas Meal
5:30 PM - Secret Santa

4th Annual
“ORNAMENT”
EXCHANGE



PLEASE BRING 1 GIFT PER PERSON
VALUE (UNDER \$10)

WHEN: Dec 13, 2025

WHERE – OAK HAMMOCK CLUBHOUSE

2 PM – Refreshments & Drinks

2:30 PM – The games begin

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Coffee & Caring 11 AM PCB 6:30pm		TOP DOG FOOD TRUCK 3-6 PM Bible Study 6 pm	PCB 6:30pm	Proverbs 31 11am Bingo 7pm	Community Breakfast 9AM
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Publication / FTC Meeting 1 PM PCB 6:30pm		FRESH PRODUCE 12-2 PM ICE CREAM TRUCK 4-6 Bible Study 6 pm	PCB 6:30pm	Proverbs 31 11am Bingo 7pm	ORNAMENT EXCHANGE 2pm – 4pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	PCB 6:30pm		Christmas Caroling 6pm	Cookies for First Responders' 12 – 2 PM PCB 6:30pm	Proverbs 31 11 am Bingo 7pm	Community Breakfast 9AM Christmas Light Judging 7pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	PCB 6:30pm	FTC & SECRET SANTA – 5pm	Bible Study 6 pm	MERRY CHRISTMAS	Proverbs 31 11am Bingo 7pm	
28	29	30	31	Produce – (#90/#75, SC) Bingo - #77 PAINTING – (#91 SC) Breakfast - #77 FTC / Publication Meeting (#91 SC) FTC – Feed The Community (#91 SC) SCPM – Social Club Potluck Meeting (SC) PCB – Playing Card Bingo (#2, SC)		
	PCB 6:30pm		Bible Study 6 pm			

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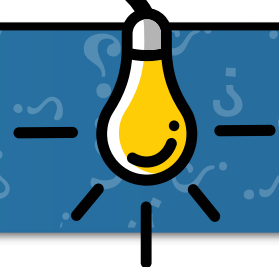
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