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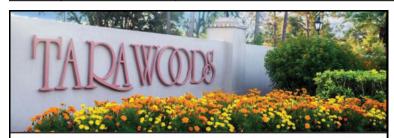












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WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

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Happy Valentine's month to all. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new residents. We hope you are getting settled in and can start enjoying the magic of Tara Woods. If you missed our last Orientation, you are encouraged to come to our next Orientation which will be held on Saturday, February 10th, at 10:00 AM in the Clubhouse Meeting Room. We have a wealth of information to share with you

Diane and Ruth Ann Chopp

Diane and her mother, Ruth Ann, reside on Lot #24, 19635 Charleston Circle. They are part-time residents from Illinois. Ruth Ann has four children, thirteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Ruth Ann is a retired secretary for Cook County Road Work. Diane is still employed in human resources. In her spare time, Ruth Ann enjoys the pool and Bingo. In her spare time, Diane enjoys pickleball and Bingo.

WELCOME TO TARA WOODS.

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FROM THE BOARD ROOM by Lou By Lou Dunning, President, 239-240-5847, loudunning2@gmail.com

Welcome to February. While our winter so far has been a little unusual - heavy rains, winds, and below 'normal' winter temperatures, it's still hard to get any sympathy from our northern friends and families.

January was a very busy time for your Homeowners Association. The annual membership meeting was held on January 8th, with the following results for your 2024 Directors:

President: Lou Dunning Vice President: Peter Krilivsky **Treasurer: Dennis Purks Recording Secretary: Chris Olson** Membership Secretary: Andrea Snyder Director at Large: Lynn Lessmiller, your Webmaster Director at Large: Carol Schnepp Director at Large: Sue Cook

Leaving the Board is Barbara Werner-Lubich. Among many other things, Barbara was responsible for the overhaul of our record-keeping system, which has been a major improvement for your HOA. Barbara was also instrumental with the major overhaul of your By-laws. Thank you, Barbara.

The budget was approved and a change to the By-laws for voting was approved. We welcome Sue Cook to your Board. Sue has an extensive background and has previously served on your HOA Board. The Board continues to explore and implement other initiatives to better serve the members. Just a short list:

- Increased HOA-sponsored events offering discounts to HOA members. It pays to belong.
- The possibility of electronic voting. (A work in progress.)
- Introduction of Saturday Morning Coffee minutes for all members to enjoy themselves and keep up to date. Thank you to volunteer Lesley Krauss for taking on this
- Special thanks to Tim Hoch and his election committee of Dave Shearer, Linda Kasdorf, Dick Resh, and Gerri Linder. We appreciate your hard work and dedication to this project. Also, thank you to certified Parliamentarian, Frank Geltner, for his help and advice.

The next couple of months are packed with activities specifically designed for our residents. Check the bulletin boards in the Clubhouse, the announcements on the TWHOA.net website, and The Columns newspaper. February is the month for you to take advantage. All of these activities come about because of the work of so many Tara Woods volunteers. Thank you to all our volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, contact me or any Board member.

HEADS UP-

Member of the TWHOA √Would like a free coffee mug $\sqrt{}$ Would like your first cup of coffee free, then going forward \$.60 for cup of coffee √ If there are three \sqrt{s} , then you join us,

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DID YOU KNOW THAT - Your HOA is in the process of collecting residents consent to use their email addresses to receive/send TWHOA official business via email. The forms are available in the Clubhouse, on the website, or from any Board member. Return completed forms to Membership Secretary Andrea or place them in the gold mail slot in the Clubhouse. If you have already completed the form, thank you!! If you have any questions, please contact any Board member.



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The Pickleball Group has been busy! We play every morning except Saturdays starting at 8:00 AM with social play starting at 9:30 AM. We play some nights too, using only glowing pickleballs and lighted nets. That's an adventure!

In November, the Pickleball Group began a monthly Round Robin Pickleball Tournament on the last Sunday of every month at 8:00 AM. It takes about two hours, and we play 5 rounds of pickleball. The next tournament is on Sunday, February 25th. The November tournament was won by Margaret (Maggie) Baugher. The December tournament was won by Sue Hodgson, with Kathy Murschell taking second place, and Marie Selvato in third place. Congratulations to the winners and to all of the contestants, and many thanks to Lisa Cranston for organizing and overseeing the tournaments.

On January 11th, the Pickleball Group held our quarterly meeting and social event at the Clubhouse. Those lucky enough to be there had a great time, because the meeting portion was brief, leaving lots of time for delicious food and socializing with friends, both old and new.

Finally, on Christmas Day, the Pickleball Group sponsored the first annual Christmas Potluck in the Clubhouse. We wanted to give Tara Woods residents who had no family in town an opportunity to visit with their fellow Tara Woods residents and get out of the house on the holiday. There was a social drawing, a rollicking gift exchange, and games, along with the marvelously delicious food brought by those who attended, all organized by Alice Loveday and Debbie Doty. Hometown America and the Tara Woods Manager, Helen Bobbitt, generously bought the hams, which were wonderfully prepared by Alice Loveday and Barbara Werner-Lubich. A heartfelt thank you to Helen and Hometown America, and to Alice and Debbie, and to everyone who attended for helping make Christmas Day brighter for those who had nobody else with whom to share it.

Pickleball continues to be the fastest growing sport in the U.S. and around the world. Why? Because you don't have to be a great athlete to do well at it (this author is living proof of that). If you can hold a racket, move a bit, would like to get some exercise, and enjoy a fun time, come give it a try. Basic lessons are free. More information is available on the Tara Woods HOA website (twhoa.net) under Club/Group Announcements. If you're interested in learning to play, call Bruce Lubich at 410-409-5873 or email him at bruce@brucelubichcpa.com.

2nd ANNUAL TARA WOODS PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHEDULER

your Clubhouse Reservation Requests to me for your meetings, events, and activities for the season from September 1st, 2024, to August 31st, 2025. This time period allows for those leaving at the end of March or in April to make their plans for fall and into the winter.

The procedure is not difficult. There are two Clubhouse Reservation Request Forms. One is for a single event - one day. The other is for a series of events each month, for example, Club meetings. Attached to both forms is a Hometown America Clubhouse Use and Reservation Form. The top portion of that form must be filled out and submitted with ALL requests to me.

The request for a series of events has a calendar on the back. Just circle the days on the calendar that you wish to reserve. You can find all these forms on the TWHOA website, twhoa. net, or there are paper copies in the holder under the HOA bulletin board. Hand-delivered paper copies can be left in the box on my front porch at 2590 Tara Blvd., Lot #224.

To find the forms online, on the website (twhoa.net), go to TWHOA Online Forms on the home page. The ones to print out are the Clubhouse Reservation Form 2024-25 and the HTA Clubhouse Rules 2023. You cannot send the HTA Clubhouse Rules electronically to me, but you can print it out and then scan it and email it to me, or hand deliver it. To send a request electronically directly to me, use the Electronic Clubhouse Reservation. The Reservation Calendar 2024-25 can be printed, but cannot be sent electronically to me. Again, that can be printed out, scanned, and emailed to me. If you send an electronic request, please remember to get the Hometown Clubhouse Rules and Reservation Form to me. If you have questions on this, give me a call.

 $FYI, the \ "Time\ Event\ Starts"\ on\ the\ reservation$ form is the time that goes on the calendar. If you need to set up or decorate beforehand, that time goes in the lines following. You cannot request a

This is the time, February/March, to submit Start Time and then show up half an hour before the Start Time to set up without requesting that time. During the busy season in January, February, and March, it is especially important that you stick to the time you have reserved and that has been confirmed.

> Please be aware that there is a priority order when scheduling events. Hometown America always has first choice. They have been very respectful of the calendar and try to work their events in around ours. Memorials are the next priority, followed by Annual Special Events (Professional shows, Entertainers Show, Chorus Show), followed by Annual Events (Craft Fair, Fashion Show, Trash and Treasure, etc.), followed by Monthly Club Meetings (State Clubs, Movie Nite, Welcome Committee, etc.), followed by all other events that occur on a weekly basis (cards, Mah Jongg, ping-pong, exercise, etc.) Individual events are given the remaining spots on a firstcome, first-served basis. Please keep in mind that I try to keep the on-going weekly events as they have always been, but if I do not receive a reservation by the end of March, the event might lose its spot.

> Please fill out a Clubhouse Reservation Request Form for whatever area you wish to use, not only for the Clubhouse and all the adjoining rooms and Veranda, but also the Picnic Area by the lake and any other area that is used for gathering, other than sports.

> I also ask that you have patience as the busy season approaches and meetings/events occur back-to-back. Please respect the time reserved and leave the area as clean as you found it. Working together for a smooth transition of events is important for everyone. If you have any questions about reserving facilities in the community, please give me a call or email.

> > Thank you for your cooperation. Janet Daly, Scheduler 239-567-2285, janetdaly@yahoo.com

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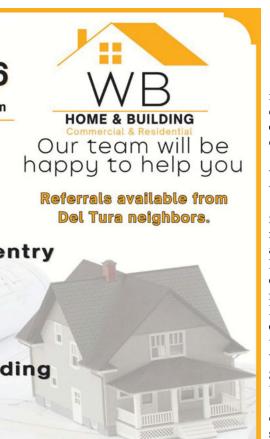
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HISTORICAL INFORMATION ABOUT TARA WOODS

Years ago, I found this article and thought that it might be interesting to most of Tara Woods. It is an article written about our history, about how *The Columns* and our TWHA (TWHOA) came to be, also, where did Saturday Morning Coffee, cards, and our community volunteering get its roots.

In *The Columns* of April 2001, twenty-three years ago, Kay Hall wrote an article titled THE BIRTH OF THE NEWS. It is so well written; I am just going to repeat it:

"In the fall of 1985, there were less than a dozen homes occupied in Tara Woods. The park manager suggested that the residents meet to plan some activities, both for their own benefit and an attraction for potential buyers. The group formed an organization, later to become the Tara Woods Homeowners Association, and elected Dick (Hall) as its president. Several activities: Thursday night cards, coffee, Sunday potlucks, etc. were begun. When Dick Hall wanted to make sure everyone knew about the activities, he called on his wife, Kay, to type up a page, and they delivered it to each door. When Luv Andersen saw what a terrible typist Kay was, she took over as the typist and co-chairman. As the park grew, it soon was necessary to get help delivering the paper, and the Girtys took over a job that they continue to this day (remember this was written in 2001). The park was divided into areas, and other residents were recruited to help deliver newsletters. The staff grew to include reporters, typists, and a photographer. Dining with Jan (Bouffard) was a popular column that ran for several years. Rosemary Girty continues with the Sunbirds, as does Shirley Ringleben with birthdays and anniversaries. At that time the sales office was in the Clubhouse, and management allowed us to use the copier there for the newsletter. Gene Bell was in charge of copying, as well as setting up the calendar. As the park grew, so did the newsletter. When it became too much for a copy machine, the residents were faced with the problem of paying for printing or discontinuing the newsletter. That's when the park manager offered to finance the paper, and the staff agreed. This meant a better-quality paper, better print, and pictures could be included. Management used it for advertising and sending it to prospective buyers. The size was limited to four pages, which meant setting priorities and sometimes cutting back articles.

The newsletter needed a name, so a contest was held. The name that won was, fittingly enough, *The Columns*, and a design was created using the columns of the Clubhouse as a masthead. (*The Scarlet Letter* was another suggestion, but it was voted down.) Under the leadership of former editors Jan Bouffard, Norm Britten, Marge Wills, and Donna DeMarco, *The Columns* continued to grow, and is something the residents count on and look forward to receiving, whether here or up north. ~ *Kay Hall*"

Twenty-three years later we are reaping the rewards of these efforts. We still have volunteering, the TWHOA, Saturday Morning Coffee, *The Columns*, cards of all kinds, and so many other activities that we enjoy. It is good to remember that everything had a beginning, with growth and change following. All of what we have happened because the people who lived in Tara Woods then wanted to volunteer their time and joined together to have fun for the Community. This idea continues to this day.

I hope you all enjoyed this trip down memory lane for some, and a history lesson for the rest of us.

~ Pat Dunning



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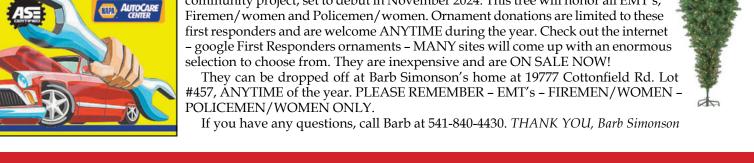
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RESPONDERS CHRISTMAS TREE

Yes, you are seeing correctly - that is an upside-down tree! This will be our new RESPONDERS CHRISTMAS TREE, which will be our next Tara Woods community project, set to debut in November 2024. This tree will honor all EMT's,





TARA WOODS 2023 Resident Directory THE COLUMNS UPDATE February 2024





Haywood Gandy Community Directory Manager 2998 Tara Lakes Circle - Lot #643 239-203-8685 (cell) haywood.gandy@gmail.com

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Barbara Werner-Lubich, thank you for all of your hard work and accomplishments in your role as TWHOA Membership Secretary. You were the fourth membership secretary that I have had the pleasure to work with. One membership secretary served twice (Ann Millette). You were always open and receptive to gaining an understanding of the various resident information sources, and were willing to work at improving the processes. I remember our very first meeting to discuss the Directory process. We discussed the various sources of information that I receive and review, in order to create and maintain the Directory database. We discussed: What I call "which name is the correct name to use", the incoming new resident name (legal name - ?) communicated from the Office, the name(s) and information received on the "First Contact Information Form", residents that sell their property and purchase a new residence within the community, resident information input into the TWHOA website Directory database by the resident. The "TWHOA member" is responsible for communicating changes to me for inclusion in the published Directory. The new resident "First Contact Information Form", is the primary input source for the publication. The other source of information is communicated by the resident, directly to me. Other sources of information include "Sunshine & Sympathy".

If a resident had a question about their information, you would have a better understanding of their possible source of information. You were always open and valued my input and you would communicate that to the Board. I admired and continue to appreciate your understanding of Excel, and the various reports you developed to address the needs of various Board members

Again, thank you for your commitment to the TWHOA Board, as well as other involvements in the community. I also look forward to working with Andrea Snyder, to continue to improve the process.

TARA WOODS 2024 RESIDENT DIRECTORY PUBLICATION - INFO

By the time you receive this update, we hope to have begun distribution of the new 2024 Resident Directory Publication. Please note the requested name change, "Tara Woods 2024 Resident Directory Publication." This change is very important for new and current TWHOA members. It will clarify that

- there are two separate Resident Directories, managed by the TWHOA Board of Directors. • The printed and published book. • The TWHOA website Membership Directory. The resident information is managed by the resident, and not by me or the Membership Secretary.
- Any website Membership Directory issues should be communicated to Lynn Lessmiller. You, the TWHOA member, have the right and ability to add, change, and update your website information. Any information changes made by you, the TWHOA member, MUST be communicated to me by email, to be changed in the printed Directory. Please, no phone calls or text messages. I will accept a hand-written note. I maintain and keep a transaction file of all communications received.

What could cause some possible delays:

1. Most communities in our area and across the state have their Directories published and delivered after the first of the year. Last year the decision was made to have our Directory information updated to reflect any updates to, and changes after, the TWHOA elections.

2. This is essenital for changes to Pages 3, 4, and 5.

3. Each community is assigned a publication review and print date. Missing either date could cause a slip in the schedule.

4. If missing a date occurs, it would have an impact on print and delivery schedules. We are committed to get the Directories out to the community, as soon as possible, after I receive them. They need to be counted, sorted, and delivered to the team, to be delivered to each resident address. Directories are not dropped off. Directories must be received by the resident, or of an individual chosen to accept the book for the resident.

TARA WOODS 2024 RESIDENT DIRECTORY PUBLICATION - UPDATE

Any new residents, sold properties, corrections or changes received, prior to receipt of the proof pages from the publisher, will be included in the new published Directory. TWHOA members and residents should submit additions, updates, or changes to me by email: haywood.gandy@gmail.com Please include your Lot #, Name, Address, Telephone Number(s) and Home State(s). Updates to the printed version of the Directory are published in *The Columns*, which is available on the TWHOA website.

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TENNIS NEWS Submitted by Linda Engel

TENNIS ASSOCIATION

With the tennis season well on the way, it's great to see all the different functions being so well attended. The Open Tennis and monthly Round Robins are all seeing great attendance.

At the time of this article, unfortunately, I can't inform you who, if anyone, has stepped forward to fill the vacant board member seats.

I would like to thank all those residents who come out to cheer on the Tara Woods tennis teams which consist of the three men's teams and the one women's team

Also, I would like to thank Mary Cauldwell for taking down the tennis Christmas tree and putting it in storage until next Christmas. She has taken on this responsibility after many years of Linda Engel handling those responsibilities. ~ *Ed Sandre*

OPEN TENNIS

Despite a rainy Saturday the first week in January, we had three courts full of enthusiastic tennis players determined to get in some tennis action before the downpour that was expected later that morning. We played during the light rain sprinkles for quite a while, until it started raining more heavily and forced us off the courts – but we got to play some fun tennis for over an hour.

Personally, I really enjoy the Open Tennis days.

There is no "need to win" feeling like when you play competitively on a team. There are lots of compliments heard as players make great shots. There is also a lot of trash talk, funny comments, and snide remarks – but it's all in jest, as everyone seems to enjoy the camaraderie.

Feel free to join us on the tennis courts on any of the Open Tennis days – every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 9:00 – 10:30 AM. We welcome all skill levels. We are out there to have fun.

If you have an interest in tennis, stop by and see what is happening on the tennis courts. ~ *Linda Engel*

TENNIS LEAGUES

Men's League ~ White Team - Stallions

Our team has enjoyed a better record in the last few matches. In the latest match, our team recorded a season-best result of 6 wins, no losses.

At the time of this article, the much-anticipated match between the two Tara Woods White Teams was postponed due to inclement weather.

We are looking forward to the rescheduled match against the other White Team, the Mustangs. – Ed Sandre

White Team - Mustangs

The Mustangs played two matches before heading into the holiday break – beating Six Lakes 4-2 and tying Lake Fairways 3-3.

The Mustangs came out of the break sitting in the middle of the pack and tied with the Tara Woods Stallions

We are starting the New Year with a full roster, minus injuries to a couple of our players. We are looking forward to making a run and moving up in the standings.

Our long-anticipated match against the Tara Woods Stallions unfortunately had to be cancelled due to vey windy weather.

See you on the courts! ~ *Tim Hoch*

Blue Team - Tigers

In the Blue Division, tennis matches played before January are called Exhibition Matches and do not count towards standings in the Official Competition Season. We started the Competition Season on January 4th by hosting the Raptors from Six Lakes. They are a strong team, finishing near the top of the Blue Division last year. The Raptors beat our Tara Woods Tigers, so we ended that match with 2 wins and 4 losses. We are proud of the way all of our players gave 100 percent effort. However, we are extremely happy that our players on Court One, in rounds one and two, won their matches.

We have some good news to share with everyone: Lake Fairways has added another team to the Blue Division, so we now have eight teams, which means there will be no byes.



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Tennis News continued from previous page

If you happen to look at an old schedule, please note that our team is now #3, not #7.

If you enjoy playing tennis, we need you! We are getting by with the minimum number of players. One of our players will soon be permanently gone for the remainder of this season and another player will be missing three matches for various reasons.

Our home matches are played on Thursdays at 1:30 PM. We enjoy having supporters come to our matches. ~ *Tony Gless*

Women's League: Women's Team - Angels

League play had been on hold for three weeks due to the holidays. Regular play started up again on January 11th, with the Tara Woods Angels hosting the Herons Glen women's team. We won all six sets.

The Angels did play a makeup game against the Six Lakes team on January 4th. Our team was able to win 5 of the 6 matches. Everyone played well and contributed to our success.

We are looking forward to the second half of the season, as we feel Mary Cauldwell and Pat Gless have put together a strong team which we expect to only get better as the season progresses. Thanks to the fans who have already shown awesome support of the team. ~ Mary Sandre

ROUND ROBINS

Looking for all tennis players of all levels to join us for our Round Robin on Saturday, February 24th, for a fun-filled morning of no-pressure tennis, followed by a barbeque up on the pool veranda! Warm-ups start at 8:30 AM and tennis starts at 9:00 AM. Lunch will start at approximately 11:45 AM with hamburgers and hot dogs and all the fixings. Be sure to bring your own beverage of choice.

For more information, contact me at 239-888-9135. ~ Greg Girard



QUARTER AUCTION THANK YOU

Our Tara Woods Residents are AMAZING!!! All I can say, again, is that this year is UNBELIEVABLE. We made \$5,188.00 just off of the Quarter Auction, and so far, \$3,805.00 in cash donations. This is one way you have shown The Magic of Tara Woods. I first want to thank all of my volunteers that I had this year: Jo Anne Glandorf, Janet Daly, Donna Frieman, Brenda Weiss, Greg Sealey, Sylvia Stump, Michele Galvin, Pat Dunning, Barbara Roland, Stephen Robinson, Linda Kasdorf, Lou Sapp, Mike & Vicki Hoard, Diane Smith, Paula Dykstra, Debbie Doty, Lynn Lessmiller, Nancy Schoeppner, Linda Renzulli, Celia Blotkamp, Chuck Poveromo, and Jean & Dick Resh.

Also, I want to thank Bill Black and his kitchen crew for providing food to be purchased before the auction.

I know we had a lot of volunteers before and afterwards to help put the tables and chairs back and to also "clean-up". I apologize that I didn't get everyone's name, but you know who you are, and I thank you.

Next, I want to thank my committee of Sue Cook, Chris Olson and Rich Girty. Without all your help, we couldn't have made this such a success.

Sue Cook needs special recognition for the 50+ baskets she made from all the wonderful donations. They were all a big hit this year. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Thanks again to everyone who came to the auction, and I look forward to seeing you all at our November 7th, 2024, auction.

Thank you,

Judy Girty, Chairperson



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Association's Granddaddy of 'Em All has hosted the world's top athletes in PRCA Rodeo to compete for a chance to make it to the national finals in Las Vegas. Mark your calendars for March **8**, **2024**, as we gather at the Mosaic
Arena in Arcadia, Florida for this fan-favorite event.





Don't miss any of your favorite events! Whether it's mutton bustin', tiedown roping, team roping, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding, bareback bronc riding, or bull riding, make sure to get to the Arena early and see them all.

EVENT DETAILS:

Gates Open at 11:00 AM Pre-Show Events Begin at 1:00 PM Rodeo Begins at 2:00 PM

Motorcoach will depart at 11:00 AM from the Clubhouse; 4:30 pm from Mosaic Arena and will return approximately 6:00pm

COST: \$60pp HOA member \$65pp non HOA

Ticket Sales on Tuesdays before Bingo and Saturdays during Morning Coffee Tour Includes:

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NFMFD ANNUAL HOLIDAY COLLECTION

Chuck Poveromo and Dennis Purks delivered Publix Gift Cards donated by you, the residents of Tara Woods, and your TWHOA. Several trips were made because they wanted to make donations to each shift individually, and there are six shifts.

Thank you all for your generous support for our Firefighters and Paramedics. This has been our best year ever. We have raised almost \$1,950.00. Plus, TWHOA has donated \$300.00. Thank you all so much for your generosity.

~ Lynn Lessmiller and Chuck Poveromo









NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Neighborhood Watch Team presented a program put on by Destiny Unsworth on January 16th. Destiny is with the Lee County Sheriff's Office and serves as their Crime Preventionist. The program was Fraud, Scams, and Identity Theft. We hope everyone enjoyed her presentation and took away several safety points to work with. Look out for our future programs and be safe everyone!

~ Andrea Snyder



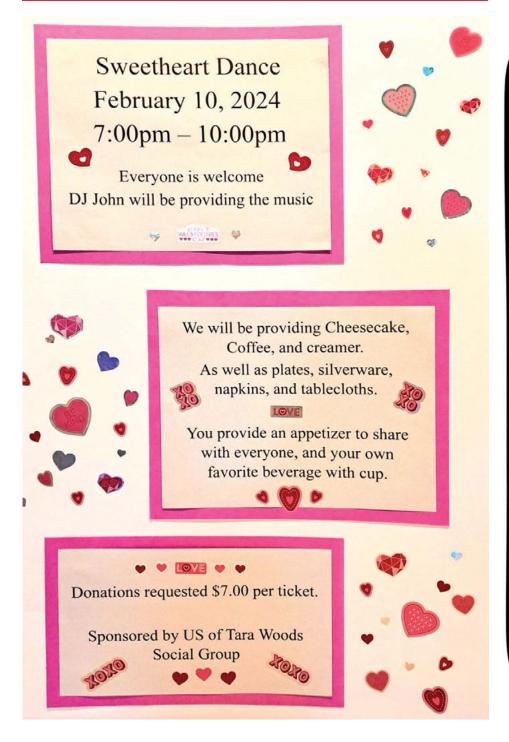


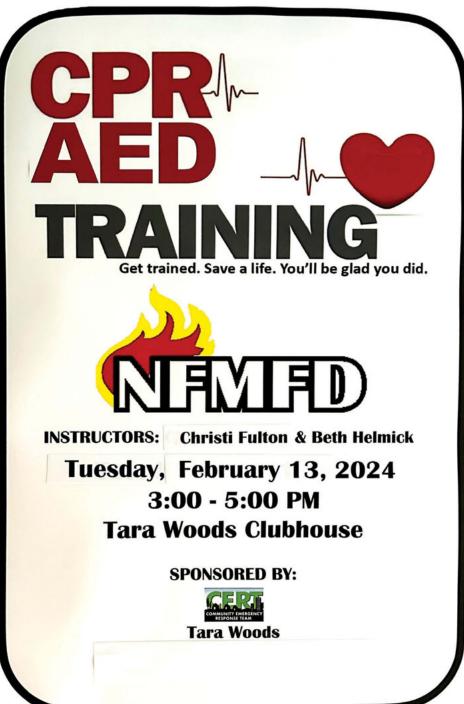


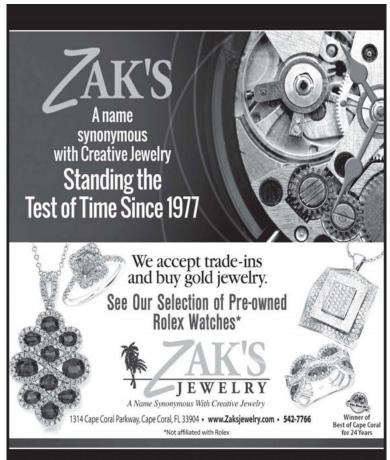
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ENTERTAINING NEWS



So, Ladies and Gentlemen... February finds the Entertainers in serious rehearsing mode. Next month our production of "DADDY'S GIRL" goes before the community. On Friday, March 8th, and Saturday, March 9th, the play starts at 7:00 PM, and on Sunday, March 10th, the play starts at 2:00 PM. For each performance the doors open one-half hour before. We offer theatre and cabaret seating, but neither food nor drink are allowed in the Clubhouse for our productions. Tickets, which are a donation of \$10.00 per person, are on sale at Saturday Morning Coffee, before Tuesday night Bingo, and one-half hour before each performance when the doors open to the community.

Please be sure to attend at least one or more of these productions; our actors and supporting crews have spent many hours creating an entertaining performance for your enjoyment. This is a touching story of a man who owns a diner, Maudie's, and is in search of something he lost a couple of decades ago. Please come and see how Benard solves his dilemma, how Walter learns to speak to his special girl, how a waitress discovers a special customer, a wife finds peace, an angel helps to solve a problem, along with other patrons of the diner making life discoveries, but could someone please get some clothes on Bob! Looking forward to seeing your smiling faces, and hearing your laughter and applause in the audience.

'You need three things in the theatre; the play, the actors, and the audience; each must give something' ~ Kenneth Haigh

Pat Dunning, Stage Manager Entertainers 239-240-5848 pdunning46@gmail.com



TARA WOODS QUILTERS

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By Frankie Lindon

Come join us on Tuesday, February 6th, at 1:00 PTara Woods Quilters are planning a quilt display in the Tara Woods Clubhouse on Saturday, March 16th. Quilts and other quilted items will be on display from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Special quilts have been made by Tara

Woods Quilters. You can have the opportunity to own one of these quilts by purchasing a ticket. Tickets will be sold before Tuesday Bingo and Saturday Morning Coffee, starting Saturday, February 17th. Be sure to check the March issue of *The Columns* for additional information.

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No additional charge for the ticket that can make you the "King" or the "Queen" for the night and earn you even more money on all game sheets.

Game packets are sold with either 6 game squares per sheet or 9 game squares. The "Special" game papers have 3 game squares. Buy as many as you'd like!

Our Tuesday night BINGO session consists of 14 regular games and 6 "Special" games We also have "Hot Ball" prizes of \$50.00 or more and a "Social" raffle. Sales STOP at 6:45 PM. Come join the fun.



PICKLEBALL

To all new and existing residents. Looking to get some exercise and have some fun at the same time? Come join us for Pickleball! It's one of the fastest growing sports in the U.S. Current open play times are at 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM every day. Come down to the courts and say hello. We would be happy to teach you how to play the game. There

are paddles available in the storage container in front of the courts and the balls are located on the door of each court. Proper footwear is required. Join in on the fun!

For further information contact Jennifer Widener 239-823-0146 / Jenkederb@yahoo.com Bruce (410) 409-5873 / bruce@brucelubichcpa.com Alice (313) 220-0622 / gowings2429@sbcglobal.net Louise (508) 672-2141 / lcpatter46@gmail.com

EUCHRE

Wednesday 7:00 PM. Come and enjoy a fun evening of euchre in the Card Room. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse each week. For information or if you want to learn to play, call Vera Day 941-223-3859.

BOCCE

Mondays at 3:00 PM & Tuesdays at 9:00 AM No need to sign up. Don't need a partner. New teams chosen every week ~ Easy to learn. Questions: call Rudy Diaz 239-347-7934. Additional time: Tuesdays at 3:30.

CHAIR VOLLEYBALL

Score points for your team sitting in a chair and volleying with a beach ball! Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the Clubhouse. Dick Resh

TENNIS ANYONE?

Join other tennis players every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 9:00-10:30 AM for friendly Tennis.

Ladies and Gentlemen, come join us every Sunday at 7:00 PM in the Card Room. Cost is \$3.00.

Will you have the first Bunco or the last, or the most? Will you have the most wins, or the most losses? If you do, the prize money will be yours! Come join the fun. Questions: call Polly Brown 239-246-2391.

PING PONG **Looking for Players!**

Remember those days playing ping pong as a kid? You can still play today! Please join us on Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in the Clubhouse. For further information contact Norm Libby at 239-246-3510.

AGGRAVATION

Meets in the Clubhouse Card Room at 6:30 PM on Monday and Thursday nights. The game consists of 11 hands and is easy to learn. Eight quarters gets you in. Come join the fun and play a great card game.

MAH JONGG

Come join the Mah Jongg group. Do not know how to play? We teach the first three Mondays of the month. We have a great time.

Come & join us on Mondays 12:30-3:00 PM. The Happy Ladies of Mah Jongg.



CRIBBAGE

There's a "new" game at Tara Woods. If you hear someone say, "fifteen two fifteen four" and you don't think they've lost a screw or two, come and join us in the Card Room every Wednesday at 2:00 PM for a few games of Cribbage. The arrangement is fairly

flexible since Cribbage can be played by 2 or 3 or 4 players. Just be there by 2 PM. Cards, cribbage boards and fun will be

Contact Barb Simonson 541-840-4430



POKER, ANYONE?

LADIES! DO YOU PLAY POKER? How long has it been since you've played with friends? Did you know there's a game every Monday night at the Clubhouse just for the ladies? Well, we really don't have a "No Boys Allowed!!!" Rule, but men usually don't like to play with wild cards and we do. But they're welcome to play as long as they are willing to "play like girls". It is most likely the least stressful and least expensive poker you can play around here! It's a good night to socialize with the ladies and

make new friends with the girls who like to play poker. The stakes are very low.

Call Polly Brown, 239-246-2391, if you'd like to join us – she'll fill you in on the details or answer any questions you may have.



MEN'S POKER

Wednesday in Meeting Room at Clubhouse. 1:00 - 5:00 PM. Contact George D'Alessandro , 239-543-8492.

BRIDGE

The Bridge group is looking for bridge players. We meet on Tuesdays at 12:30 PM in the Card Room.



Call Beth Ferris at 239-543-6295, Mary Green at 239-800-3837, or Pauline Young at 239-997-5984 first if you are interested in playing with this friendly group. We'd like to have you join us. Beth Ferris

HAND AND FOOT CARD CLUB

Come join the group for a fun-filled afternoon of cards! We meet on Fridays at 1:30 PM in the Card Room. Don't know how to play the game? EASY! We will teach you! It is easy to learn. Questions: contact Polly Brown at 239-246-2391

GAME NIGHT

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SHUFFLEBOARD **BOWLING PIN**

Games will be played on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM. All are welcome to play. Instructions will be provided. We will play three games with a different partner each game. ~ Carol Clark

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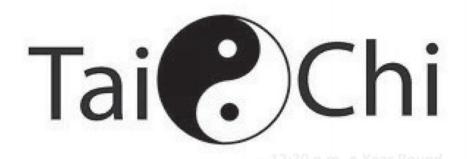
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BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet on Thursday, February 1st, at 1:30 PM in the Living Room of the Clubhouse. If you enjoy reading and are willing to share your latest good book, come and join us. See you then. ~ Nancy Wuebbeler



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ACTIVITIES, ACTIVITIES

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday, February 21st: Everblades Hockey Game at Hertz Arena 28 miles/45 minutes. The Wednesday special is \$3.00 Hot Dogs and \$3.00 Beers. We have reserved 25 seats in the Premium section 112. Tickets are \$25.00 for HOA members/\$30.00 non-HOA.
- Friday, March 8th: Bus trip to the Arcadia Championship Rodeo. It is an indoor arena. Cost is \$60.00 for HOA members/\$65.00 non-HOA which includes the bus and driver gratuity and the rodeo ticket. See Dick Resh to reserve a seat.
- Several residents are interested in forming a band to jam and entertain us. If you play an instrument - guitar, bass, drums, keyboards, etc. - please contact Wayne Shriver at 716-983-1498.

For more information on our events, go to the HOA website (twhoa.net). ACTIVITIES - UPCOMING EVENTS is listed on the right-hand side of the page. You will also note that new uploads are listed under Documents in the What's Happening Monday email blast.

Please contact me if you would like to join our committee. As always, I appreciate your support of our efforts to keep the Magic of Tara Woods alive.

~ Celia Blotkamp

To stay informed of events in Tara Woods:

- Read the posters on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse.
- Check the Clubhouse bulletin boards for meeting and event information and sign-up sheets.
- Come to Saturday Morning Coffee!
- Read *The Columns* and check the Calendar.
- Sign on to the Tara Woods website, www.twhoa.net, to be kept informed of all current events and more!
- Check out page 5 of the Tara Woods Community Resident Directory to see all the opportunities to keep you busy in Tara Woods, with the contact people for each one listed if you have questions.
- Page 4 of the Directory lists the contact people for specific responsibilities under the Board of Directors who you can contact with questions.



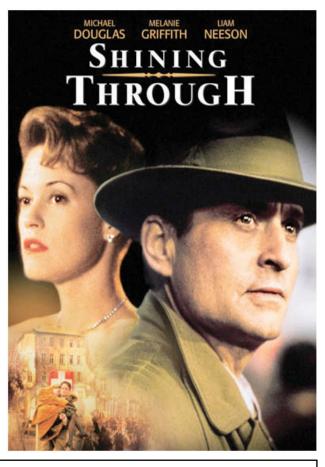
MOVIE NITE By Lloyd & Carolyn Kelsey

Saturday, February 17th - 7:00 PM

Featuring: Shining Through

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WATER VOLLEYBALL!

Thursdays & Sundays 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Come join us in this fun, non-competitive sport. Meet new/old friends, and get a few laughs while exercising. No experience necessary. Hope to see you there. Any questions, contact Barb Simonson at 541-840-4430.

WATER AEROBICS Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays.

Air temperature must be 62 degrees by 8:00 AM. Use ABC News to check the temperature. Water aerobics class at 9:30 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. If questions for the 8:00 AM class, contact Judy Brda at 239-731-1797. For the 9:30 AM class, contact Sharon LaPointe at 207-576-2430. This is a great exercise for men and women with less stress on your joints and muscles. The class consists of stretching, cardio, and water weights.

> If you have them, bring a noodle, stretch bands, and water weights. If questions, contact Judy Brda at 239-731-1797.

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If you're wondering what an AED is and why they seem to be located in most offices and public buildings, you're not alone. In fact, because these devices are now commonly available, more people than ever before are curious about them. So - just what is an AED? An AED, or automated external defibrillator, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.



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Treasury bonds: Still safe for investors

You may have read reports about an impending "debt crisis" in the U.S. Should you be worried about investing in Treasury securities?

Part of the concern over debt has been driven by the cost of government borrowing, which has risen because of higher interest rates. But it's worth noting that while interest expenses have risen to nearly 2% of gross domestic product (GDP), this measure had exceeded 3% in the early 1990s. So, while the upward trend of federal debt could prove problematic down the road, the claims of a current crisis may be overblown. And Treasury securities are still considered among the safest investments in the world, as they are secured by the full faith and credit — that is, the ability to borrow and tax — of the United States.

In any case, if you haven't invested in Treasury securities, you'll want to know the basics. First of all, when you purchase a Treasury security, you're lending

money to the federal government for a specific period of time.

Here are your purchase options:

Treasury bill – Typically matures in four, 13 or 26 weeks, although some have maturities of up to a year.

Treasury note – Matures between one and 10 years.

Treasury bond – Typically matures in 10 to 30 years.

When you buy Treasury notes or bonds, you receive semiannual interest payments, but when you purchase a Treasury bill — a T-bill — you generally buy it a discount, and when the bill matures, you receive its face value. So, for instance, you might pay \$4,700 for a 13-week T-bill and get \$5,000 back at the end of the three months.

When investing in Treasury securities, you'll want to keep these features in mind:

Price fluctuation – While your interest payments will always remain the same, the market value of your Treasury security can change. So, you might not get face value for a Treasury bond if you sell it before it matures, particularly if market interest rates are higher than the rate you've been receiving. Because longer-term bonds have more payments left to make than shorter-term ones, they are more sensitive to interest rate changes and market price fluctuations.

Taxes – Interest income from Treasury securities is subject to federal income tax but exempt from state and local taxes.

In addition to the traditional Treasury bonds, bills and notes, another option is available: Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS). Unlike other Treasury securities, in which the principal is fixed, the principal of a TIPS can move up or down, based on movements in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers (CPI-U). Once your TIPS matures, if the principal is higher than the original amount, you'll get the increased amount; if the principal is equal to or less than the original amount, you'll get the original amount. TIPS pay a fixed interest rate semiannually until maturity, but because interest is paid on the adjusted principal, the amount of your interest payments can vary. As with other Treasury securities, you can hold a TIPS until maturity or sell it before it matures.

Don't let scary or gloomy predictions discourage you from considering Treasuries — they remain a good option as part of the fixed-income portion of your investment portfolio.

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CLUBHOUSE MINISTRIES

For new residents of Tara Woods and existing residents too, the Clubhouse Ministries invite you to join one of their Bible study classes, which are held in the Clubhouse Meeting Room every Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM. These meetings give you an opportunity to make new friends as you study the Scriptures in relaxed and enjoyable surroundings. We are a non-denominational group. No need to make reservations, folks! Just stop by any Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM. Come join us! ~ Ann Scott

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH by Sam Topping

"The one unchangeable certainty is that nothing is unchangeable or certain."









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Tara Woods CERT reminds you that February is **American Heart Month**

Heart disease is the number 1 killer of women – killing more than all forms of cancer combined. Heart disease is preventable. Develop heart healthy lifestyles. Reduce your risk.

- Know your numbers: Keep your blood pressure under 120/80, cholesterol under 200, body mass index under 25, waist under 35 inches and blood sugar level under 100.
- Talk with your doctor about managing your heart disease risks but call 911 immediately if you experience signs of a heart attack: chest discomfort or pain, shortness of breath, sweatiness, nausea, dizziness, or fatigue, especially with physical or emotional stress.
- Let go of stress to reduce your risk of heart disease: find ways to relax every day, such as tai chi, yoga, meditation, walking, or whatever calms you.

#OurHearts

are healthier when we move together

Physical activity is a great way to help protect yourself from heart disease and stroke. Keep your heart healthy and aim for at least 2½ hours of moderate physical activity every week. Doing heart-healthy activities with a friend will

• Take an online fitness class together like yoga.

keep both of you inspired for the long run.

- · Commit to a walking schedule with a friend or family member, even if you can't walk together.
- · If you enjoy the outdoors, try hiking, biking, golfing, or gardening.
- · Protect your heart by moving more and get your family and friends to do the same







#OurHearts are healthier together

Of course, men are also at risk of heart disease and the steps recommended for women to decrease risk also apply to men. Help your friend or partner to stay on track. Quit smoking. Stop vaping. Replace processed foods with more nutritious whole grains, fruits, or vegetables, choose olive oil over hydrogenated oils like vegetable oil. Try or continue Tai Chi or yoga. Both are offered free at Tara Woods. Not your thing? Get at least ten minutes of exercise every day. Even walking counts!

Tara Woods nurses are at the Clubhouse now weekly to take your blood pressure. Let us help you stay on track.

Join your Tara Woods CERT team. Volunteer to help your community. Training is FREE and is offered by the North Fort Myers Fire District. No particular skills or training is necessary. For more information about Tara Woods CERT, contact Barbara Werner-Lubich, President, or Andrea Snyder, Vice President Training.



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NEW IMAGE CHORUS

Submitted by Lesley Krauss, pklesley@icloud.com

Since I missed our January issue of The Columns, let me start by wishing everyone a very Happy New Year.

We had a very good December and January. We hosted the "after party" of The Golf Cart Parade. There was a group of about seventy of us to share some carols, some yummy foods, and hot chocolate! Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and sang along to the tunes. It put us in the Christmas spirit and gave us time to enjoy the lovely, decorated Clubhouse. I heard some excellent voices there (you know who you are), and we would love it if you joined us at rehearsals!

In January we were right back at our rehearsals, and we are getting ready

to host a concert in March. It will be a little different from past concerts as we are still without a pianist. I have had to lend a hand in assisting with conducting and although I'm trying, we would still welcome a conductor for next season.

This concert will have more of a sing-along feel as well as featuring some of our talented singers doing some solos. It should be a fun



evening. The theme of our show is going to be All About Love. Keep an eye out at the Clubhouse for more details!

If you think you might want to join us in the Chorus, stop thinking about it and just do it! We meet at the Clubhouse for our practices every Monday, from 12:30 PM until 2:30 PM.

You don't need to read music, but you do need to want to have fun!

We welcome everyone!



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MID-ATLANTIC SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Our Club is made up of Tara Woods residents from Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and friends from all over the country. Check out our postings on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse for contact information and upcoming events. If you have any questions about our Club, please contact one of the officers (names posted on each newsletter). In December, nine club members gathered to build charcuterie boards. The food stylists did an awesome job, and the club members, decked out in their pajamas, enjoyed the delicious treats from salmon and assorted meats to all kinds of cheese, olives, dips, crackers, bread, and much more. We toasted one another and had a wonderful time.

Just like last year, our Christmas/Hanukkah Celebration was in January after the holiday crunch. We will celebrate some of our ethnic backgrounds in 2024 with food from Italy, Poland, and Hungary. Our Club is noted for excellent cooks and bakers!

~ Sue Clark - Secretary





MIDWEST CLUB

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE IN TARA WOODS AND ALL OF THE MIDWEST CLUB MEMBERS. Our Midwest Club meeting will be Friday, February 16th, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. This is our infamous Soup, Salad, and Dessert party. We know we have some amazing cooks in our club and cannot wait to sample your wares.

There will be sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for Soups, Salad, or Dessert. Please sign up for what you would like to bring and how many people will be attending. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS MEETING. As always, bring a beverage of your choice. Paper products will be provided.

We would like to thank each and every person who attended, set up, decorated, and cleaned up the Monday morning after our New Year's Eve Party. We have had nothing but positive comments, and we thank you for making it a huge success.

~ Vicki Hoard, Secretary



NEW ENGLAND CLUB

A very big "Thank You" to all our Club members who served on the set-up, party-ops, and clean-up committees for the Mardi Gras Party. Our set-up committee did an outstanding job under a rush situation and time constraints. Thank you!

Time for Sports Night! Saturday, March 2nd, is our next party and it's our annual Sports Night. Wear your favorite fan gear. Celtics? Patriots? Bruins? Uconn? Red Sox? You choose, wear one, wear it all, but wear it proud!!

On the menu: Meatball Sandwiches, Chips, Coffee, and Dessert. There is a \$5.00 per person charge for this party. No signups; you must prepay to be signed up.

There are five opportunities to prepay, so please pick one and come join the fun. The dates to prepay are as follows:

Saturday Morning Coffee at 8:00 AM: February 10th, 17th, and 24th, or Tuesday Bingo at 5:30 PM: February 13th and 20th. We will have some great sports- themed games with prizes, and, of course, the Battle of the States relay. Hope to see everyone at this fun-filled party!

~ Judy Machnicz, President, New England Club



UNITED STATES OF TARA WOODS SOCIAL GROUP

The next United States of Tara Woods Social Group will take place on Friday, February 23rd. We begin with a Social Hour from 5:00 to 6:00 PM, dinner at 6:00 PM, followed by a rousing game of The Newlywed Game! We will be serving four types of pizza. We are asking for people to sign up to bring a salad or dessert. The sheets will be posted at our January 26th meeting in the Clubhouse on the bulletin board. We are looking for a \$5.00 donation from each person, to cover the cost of pizza and paper products. Call Paula Dykstra at 616-481-7329, if you have any questions.



DID YOU KNOW?



A NEW MONTHLY ARTICLE FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS COMMITTEE a TWHOA Board-affiliated group

Neighbors Helping Neighbors has a new NAME! This name better reflects how we help our community at Tara Woods.

The mission of Aging Well Information Resources is to be an INFORMATIONAL RESOURCE for services that are available

in Lee County to meet the needs of Tara Woods residents. We meet each month on the third Thursday at 2:00 PM in the Clubhouse Meeting Room.

February's meeting is on the 15th. We are also looking for new members to help with the presentations we plan. There are many opportunities to provide information to our community, but it takes volunteers to contact organizations.

Here is the list of our current members. Contact anyone for more information if you would like to join.

Lou Dunning (Board President) Carol Schnepp (Board Liaison) Claire Schwinn Mary Green Peter Krilivsky Marge Datz Beverly Swanson Christine LoScalzo Eileen Robinson Pat Downs Dianne Lemay Celia Blotkamp Lorraine Quinn Nina Lynes



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BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

15

16

17

18

21

22

26

- Carol Shields 1
- Mike Gagnier, Dean Schaftlein 2
- Harry Downs, John Moynihan, Wendy Nichols, John Trebish, Liz Wilson
- Dorothy Andrus, Lynne Chilberg, Arnie Gaudet, Marie Peidlow
- Laura Cutler, Toni Rae, Ken Weiss
- Peggy Barr, Clint Boyer, Violet Raymond, Michelle Selvato, Norm Wing
- 7 Sherry Kay
- Jana Klus, Carol Malatesta 8
- Craig Baker, Peggy Gasmire, Cathy Laurin, Dianne LeMay
- Linda Kasdorf, Lynn Lessmiller, Bill Taylor 27
- Mardette Alexander, Janice Johnston, "Chickie" Notaro

ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY

- Audrey & Jerry Coon, 65 Yrs.
- Louise & Pat Patterson
- 6 Connie Lessard & Andy Hardy
- Rhonda & Craig Skipper 10
- 11 Marie & Mike Peidlow
- Judy & Richard Binkowski
- 14 Gigi & Glen Fisher, Carla & David Walther, Diane Ladlie & Richard Jones, Donna & Tom Mallinson, Sue & Bill Sobkowicz.
- 15 Mary & Richard Cauldwell, Teri & Iim Crutchfield
- 16 Angie & Alan Roncek

18 Peggy & Dave Boncher, Maggie & Chuck Johnston

12 Vera Day, Alan Roncek

Tony Porto

Josee Choiniere

Kevin Loveless

Mary Kenter

John Olson

Dawn Bezio

Bob Snyder

Jon Porter

Renee Nadeau

Phil Kenter, 91 Yrs.

Tracy Furnivall, Greg Pool

Henrietta La Liberty, 90 Yrs.,

Gary Duncklee, Dave Hoffman

Georgi Burns, Herb Gales, Milty Katz,

- Brenda & Dave Redgers, Laurie & Mike Zakrewski
- 26 Belle & Stuart Berman Shelley & Greg Renaud
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February 2024 Calendar of Events

What's happening in Tara Woods this month?

EVERY MONDAY

February 5, 12 19, 26

Water Aerobics/Main Pool 8:00 AM 9:00 AM Entertainers

Billiards Private/Billiard Room 10:00 AM

12:30 PM Mahjong/Card Room 12:30 PM New Image Chorus

6:00 PM Corn Hole

Aggravation/Card Room 6:30 PM

February 5, 19, 26

Ladies Poker/Card Room 7:00 PM

7:00 PM Chair Volleyball

TUESDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

MONDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

Hall/Kitchen

February 13

February 7 12:30 PM

February 14

February 21

6:30 PM

3:00 PM

February 5

2:00 PM

February 12

7:00 PM

3:00 PM CERT Team Meeting/Main Hall/Meeting

CERT Leadership Meeting/Card Room

HomeTown America Ice Cream Social/

HOA Board Meeting/Board Room

HOA Membership Meeting/Main

Room

WEDNESDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

February 20

Canadian Club/Veranda/Kitchen 11:30 AM

Main Hall/Kitchen

Left, Right, Center Game

EVERY TUESDAY

February 6, 13, 20, 27

8:00 AM Senior Exercise

9:30 AM Advanced Line Dancing 10:00 AM Clubhouse Ministries

11:15 AM Tai Chi

12:30 PM Bridge/Card Room 6:30 PM Billiards/Billiard Room

6:45 PM **BINGO**

EVERY WEDNESDAY

February 7, 14, 21, 28

8:00 AM Water Aerobics/Main Pool 9:00 AM Weight Loss Meeting/Meeting Room

Billiards Private/Billiard Room 10:00 AM

10:00 AM Senior Exercise

Men's Poker/Meeting Room 1:00 PM

2:00 PM Cribbage/Card Room 6:30 PM Mahjong/Card Room

7:00 PM Chair Volleyball 7:00 PM Euchre/Card Room

February 7, 21, 28

Jewelry Workshop 1:00 PM

2:00 PM Chair Yoga

February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

THURSDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

February 1

Book Club/Meeting Room 1:30 PM

February 8

6:30 PM Left, Right, Center Game

February 15

1:00 PM Mixed Poker/Card Room

2:00 PM

Aging Well Information Resource's Committee Monthly Meeting/Meeting Rm

February 22

6:00 PM Craft Class/Main Hall/Kitchen

8:00 AM

EVERY THURSDAY

9:00 AM **Entertainers** 11:15 AM Tai Chi

1:00 PM Water Volleyball/Lap Pool 1:00 PM Ping Pong

6:30 PM Aggravation/Card Room

Senior Exercise

February 1, 15, 29

7:00 PM Set-up for Quilters

FRIDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

February 9

4:00 PM Night at the Races

February 16 5:00 PM

Midwest Club/Main Hall/Kitchen

February 23 5:00 PM

United States Social Club/Main Hall/

Kitchen

EVERY FRIDAY

February 2, 9, 16, 23

8:00 AM Water Aerobics/Main Pool 10:00 AM Beginner Line Dancing Billiards Private/Billiard Room 10:00 AM 1:30 PM Hand & Foot Cards/Card Room

February 2, 16, 23 7:00 PM Game Night/Card Room

February 2, 16

Tara Woods Quilters 9:00 AM

6:30 PM

February 2 Card BINGO

EVERY SATURDAY

February 3, 10, 17, 24

10:00 AM Senior Exercise

February 3, 17, 24

7:45 AM Coffee/Meeting/Main Hall/Kitchen

February 3, 17

7:45 AM Blood Pressure Screening/Card Rm

9:00 AM Aluminum Can Pick-Up

SATURDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

February 3 11:00 AM

Sound & Lighting/Card Room

February 10 7:30 AM

Pancake Breakfast/Main Hall/Kitchen Garden Club Meeting/Card. Room 9:00 AM 10:00 AM

New Resident Orientation/Meeting Room Valentine Dance/Main Hall/Kitchen 7:00 PM

February 17 9:00 AM

Entertainers Business Meeting/Mtg Rm

February 24

Tennis RR Cookout/Veranda/Grills

11:00 AM 4:00 PM

Private Party/Entire Clubhouse

EVERY SUNDAY

February 4, 11, 18, 25

1:00 PM Water Volleyball/Lap Pool 7:00 PM Bunco/Card Room

February 11

6:30 PM Card BINGO

SUNDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

February 4

Siesta Bay Potluck/Main Hall/Kitchen/ 1:00 PM

Veranda

February 11

2:00 PM Water Volleyball Social/Veranda

February 18

Mid-Atlantic Club/Main Hall/Kitchen 4:00 PM

All events are in the Main Hall of the Clubhouse unless otherwise noted.