



The Villas' Voice
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Message from the President:

I would like to welcome Judith West as Secretary to the Villas' Board.

Judy replaces Herman Freese who did not run for re-election.

I am happy to report that Nancy Zeman, our Vice President and Landscape Co-Chair, was released from Sarasota Memorial Hospital following complications from foot surgery. I am sure she would appreciate a card or a call from you wishing her well. Nancy's address and phone number can be found in your 2008 Villas phone directory.

Wilhelm Landscape has started trimming our palms and they should be finished in about a month's time. We had some plantings that were either damaged or killed by the frost experienced this past winter. Some of them are recovering from the frost and others will have to be replaced.

Also, we experienced problems with the lighting along the walkway between the gates by the pool. This has been resolved.

All our committee people are working very hard and doing a great job. We are indeed

fortunate to have these volunteers who devote countless hours keeping up appearances. We owe all of them a big thank you.

Gary Koch, President

Architectural Review Board (ARB):

ARB Approvals:

Installation of new outdoor lighting fixtures @ 4507 DTB & 4475 DTB.

Outside painting of house w/color change @ 8017 BCC.

Outside painting of house exterior & front door w/color change @4444 DTB.

Pool Committee:

The thermostat and control panel on the heater have been replaced. A new backflow prevention assembly was installed on the grass in front of the pool house to meet a Sarasota County requirement.

Propane continues going up in price. We spent \$1405.00 in January compared with \$4476.00 for all of last year.

Fortunately, we don't have to heat the pool for twelve months each year. Consumption has already slowed down in March.

Ron Benice, Chair

Villas Social Committee:

St. Valentine's Celebration:

On Tuesday evening, February 12th, we had plans for our first social of 2008. Alas and alack it was not to be.



A prize goes to anyone who might have a logical explanation as to why Mother Nature contrives to rain on our gatherings. When the Social Committee plans a winter pool party it is often the only night of the season that a Florida storm moves on through at 4:00 PM and we are forced to cancel.

Well, we have learned a lesson and will, when possible, include a rain date in the pahty plans. Nothing will stop us now! Well almost, barring any hurricanes.

Wearing-O-The Green:



Never knew there were so many flavors of green until our pahty on Tuesday evening the 18th. Everyone got into a gala mood and wore a spot-o-or-a-lot-o-green. We had a grand olde time celebrating St. Paddy's day, although I'm not sure if there was a genuine Irishman there. Oops, one minute here, I do believe there was an Irish Princess among us, although I wouldn't take an oath on whether or not the name Grimme is Irish!

A goodly crowd of neighbors was there to enjoy the delicious selection of good eats to go along with our beverages. The evening was lovely and the conversations went on and on.

Here is a quick list of upcoming pool events.

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| April 29 th | Welcome to Spring |
| May 26 th | Memorial Day cookout |
| July 1 st | 4 th of July cookout |

So, mark your calendars, keep checking the pool bulleting boards for our brightly colored announcements on upcoming "getting the neighborhood together" dates. Also, check Pat's signs by the road in front of the pool gateway and hang onto the fliers we drop off in your mail tubes. We do try!

Legacy Trail: If there is sufficient interest in biking a portion of the Trail to Myakka and bringing a lunch, please call me and we'll set up a date and time. Joni - 922-0094 or jonirush@yahoo.com

Pat, Nancy & Joni, aka The Pahty Girls

Deer Creek Social Committee News:



The DCSC is planning a trip to the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center on Sunday June 1st for a matinee performance of the award-winning musical The Lion King. Bring your lunch, snacks and beverages along to enjoy on the bus.

IMPORTANT: March 31st is the last day for reservations, so act quickly and contact Nancy Zeman for information @927-7522.

Snook Haven - Proud Home of the Killer Turtles!



Experience Old Florida just a short distance away. Join the crowd at Snook Haven in

Venice on Thursday morning April 10th starting at 10:00 a.m.

At 11:30 Captain Terry will be shouting "ALL ABOARD" for a one-hour narrated boat ride on one of Florida's designated Wild and Scenic Rivers, the Myakka. The ride will be followed by a lunch at 12:30 in the rustic restaurant where we have priority seating inside the restaurant. Live dangerously and try some of those alligator bite appetizers with your beer or wine. The sweet potato fries are an out-of-world experience and should not be missed!

The banjos start strumming at 10:00 and the musicians will be playing and singing some "good-old days" songs for our enjoyment.

Details: The fare of \$12.75 per person will be collected as you board the boat. Also, there is an entertainment charge of \$2.00 pp. Lunch will be ordered from the menu and is "Dutch-treat."

Because the banjos are such a popular entertainment and parking is limited, we have been advised to arrive early, i.e. between 10:00 & 10:30.

If at all possible, we suggest you car pool. Directions: Take I-75 South to exit 191, then South on River Road. Shortly after exiting I75, turn left at Venice Ave. (tree-lined dirt road.) Snook Haven is at the end of the road.

Please call Joan Wills @ 921-3846 and let her know if you are planning to join your neighbors at Snook Haven. She will be happy to answer your questions.

Other Doings of interest:

Grand Opening of "The Legacy Trail" will take place on Friday March 28, 2008. The festivities will begin with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10:00 a.m. at McIntosh Road and Palmer Ranch Parkway followed by a 12:00 noon ribbon cutting at Oscar Scherer State Park, then a 5:30 P.M. cutting at Venice Train Depot.

Parking is free at all trailheads and you can get your passport stamped at each of the seven trailheads AND also receive a commemorative pin. A Free shuttle is offered between trailheads, which include Potter Park, Bay Street Park, Oscar Scherer State

Park, Laurel Park, Nokomis Park, Patriots Park, and Venice Train Depot.

Around the Villas:

Nancy Zeman wishes to thank all of our generous Villas' neighbors for the meals, flowers, cards and well wishes sent during her recovery. "What a wonderful neighborhood."

She also wants to thank Bob Hulvat, Carla Manley and Roger Garcia for taking over the work of the Landscape Committee chores.

We are pleased to inform you that John Zwakman, a Bobcat Circle resident, was elected to the Deer Creek Board of Directors at the annual meeting held on Thursday evening, January 31, 2008. John will serve on the Board for a term of two years.

Strictly for Laughs:



A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?" "Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS.'"

For Sale:

Rug: 5 x 8 – soft tones of blue, cream and green. \$50.00

Pet Carrier – Small - Make offer. Pat Koch - 921-1892