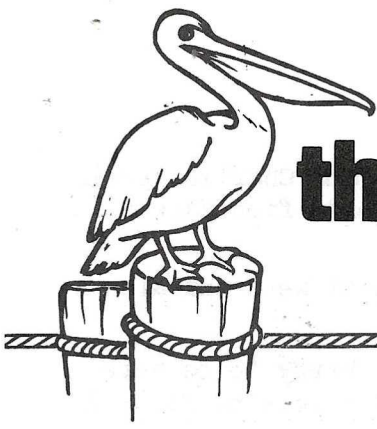


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ELECTION COMMITTEE

A Nominating Committee of four members has been appointed as required by the Articles of Governance of Gulf to Bay Recreation Association to select candidates for election to the '84-'85 Council.

Members include:

Ruth Salmon
Jay Hubbard
Vaughn Nighswander
Gene Hull

The Nominating Committee will select a slate of not less than four candidates for two year terms and not less than four candidates for one year terms. Two from each category will be elected by the residents in the general election scheduled for March 31st. The ballot will be posted no later than March 24. If you are interested in running for election to Council, place your name or the name of someone you would like to suggest in the box labeled "Candidate Suggestions" located on the piano in the Rec. Hall. All nominees must agree to serve before being listed as a candidate for office. The suggestion box will be removed March 17. Two members on the present Council have another year to serve having been elected for two year terms; they are: Paul Stunzig - Robert Knapp Annual Election March 31 - Polls open 10 AM - 2 PM.

Marge Stocum, Pres.

About those new valances in the Rec. Hall. I want to thank all the girls involved especially Dottie Manley and Millie Durst for doing such a neat job getting them made and put up on the windows before the American Dinner. Lots of compliments from the folks in the Park.

Marge

OUR KITCHEN BAND - Hampden F. Tener

Now, something new has been added
To please our voices and our hand.
Every Thursday in the morning
We practice with our Kitchen Band.

Lorraine and Ethel pick the tunes;
Will play and lead us all, along;
With washboards, pans, and loud kazoos
We sing and play the old, old songs.

A dozen songs will fill the air
For an hour before we are through
With a "God Bless America";

Our grand finale--- our adieu.

MARCH COMMITTEE

Paul and Joan Stunzig, Chairpersons
Bob and Phyllis Knapp
Bob and Mickey Rumph
Jim and Gladys Thorne
Ruth Salmon
Katie Mastie
Dot Connors

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE

Saturday, March 17, 5:00 PM
\$4.50

Menu

Fruit Cup
Corned Beef and Cabbage
Boiled Potato, Carrots
Coffee Jello Tea

Dance

Vicky and the Keys, 8:30 - 12:00
Dancing, games, sing-a-long and have
a beer or B.Y.O.B.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24 12 Noon

Soup Saturday - Bring a bowl, cup & spoon
Soup 50¢ Coffee and tea served

"Meet the Candidates" - Come on down whether or not you are having soup. We will serve you coffee or tea and let everyone get acquainted with the people who are running for office for next year.

Committee wishes to thank everyone for the wonderful turnout at Turkey Pie Lunch and the Pancake Breakfast.

YOU and your once more for
Old times sake *Glixere*

BY "HENNY" HENTHORN AND FLORENCE FINNETT



GOLFO STREET

by Dortha Swickard

Trinity Armstrong from Long Island recently visited her grandparents, Helen and Charlie Verrill. The Verrills have also been visiting Charlie's sister in Lehigh Acres. Friends from Harwich, Earl and Ruth Harris, spent the day recently with the Verrills.

Kate and Paul Kerber had Paul's brother and wife from Fenton, Mich. visit last week and also brother, August, from Detroit.

Betty and Nick Marshall-better late than never-finally arrived to Pad #13. happy to be here and a great hello to our old and new friends. They had a good summer and are looking forward to a better winter and spring.

Mary Simpson of Kalamazoo is a house guest of Rita Roof. Mary had spent six years in Afghanistan as a Peace Corp nurse!

Gene and Norma Croteau arrive Friday to be with us for several weeks.

Audrey Jacobson will soon arrive to be with us again.

Gene Hallett writes that Mahlon is in a nursing home, very, very ill. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Why does Cam Thatcher have to find her own date for the St. Patty's Dance?

CIELO STREET

by Joan Stunzig

We welcome back Rita and Bob Boulanger from their trip our West. They had a wonderful time and got acquainted with new granddaughter in Arizona. Only trouble they had happened in Tampa on the way home - lost a hubcap.

George Hommell very industrious with his shells. George does a beautiful job on those large shells. He makes lamps from them, among other things. George with his new leaf blower and Ruth with her new broom, have kept lower Cielo St. looking neat and clean. Thanks! Charley D. let's the wind take care of his leaves!

Ruth Hicks is the proud owner of one of George's lamps. Hubby claims he was instrumental in the construction but we have not had any confirmation from George.

Dot Connors is home from the hospital and mending. Says she is feeling fine. Bob left for New York this week but friend Doris is here to spend the rest of the month with Dot.

There is a rumor on the street that Cora Tyson has a heavy date for the St. Pat's Dance. Come on, Cora, let us all in on it.

McElroy's family has gone back north but really enjoyed their stay. They were sure busy while they were here and such a beautiful family.

Kalaghers were busy too with their company. I know because Fred barely heckled me at all on the way down to exercise class each morning.

Virginia Reppenhagen busy arranging the ladies lunch for later in the month. Watch the bulletin board for details.

Norm and Millie Durst were seen cleaning up the trailer after last week's wind storm.

Spring must really be here. Angie and Georgia were seen sunning on the beach.

Jack and Fran Smith will be leaving at the end of the month. Safe trip home and we'll see you next winter.

Have you seen the new shuffler? Well, Frankie Finelli has been pushing a mean stick down there and Dorrie can be seen cheering him on from the sidelines.

Jinx Tener feeling much better. Missed her at exercises and especially on the beach but she is again out for her evening strolls.

Bill and Irene Stevenson entertaining Bill's brother this week. They went out for shells on the flats and from what I hear had a productive day.

Barbara Richardson had her grandsons down for a few days and then took them camping in St. Pete at Fort De Sota Park. She said it was quite an experience. Now what do you suppose she meant by that?

June and Jim Simpson still bopping around, usually with June looking for Jim. How's that golf game coming along?

Phyllis Crosby has come out from under that computer. She can usually be found at the "Courts" or on the beach.

Joan and Paul Stunzig are the proud owners of a mobile home. They have purchased Jeanette Blanchard's on Estada St. While we love our neighbors here on Cielo we look forward to becoming Estada residents next year. We are very excited and happy to be a little more than transients here at Gulf to Bay.

"Remember the cheese you sold me yesterday?" the customer asked. "Yes," the grocer said. "It came from Switzerland." "Did you say it was imported, or deported?"

AURA STREET

by Betty Baker

Anne and Art Cady went to Sarasota to see a baseball game. Art plans on going to more games.
 Ethel Cross certainly can knit. She made lovely sweaters and baby dresses for the great-grand-children. On Thursday mornings you can find Ethel in the Hall busy leading the Kitchen Band.
 Mickey and Bob Rumpf had their daughter, Deborah, down for a week to enjoy the sun. She will be back soon with her family. Mickey is busy wallpapering.
 Sue Baker was down last week to visit her mother.
 The whole street is rather quiet and just waiting for good beach weather.
 "Sex in the sixties is great, but it improves of you pull over to the side of the road."-J.Carson
 Pushing fifty is not exercise enough.
 She's the salt of the earth, but I can't say much for her shaker.

ESTADA STREET

by Emma Graber

Val and Mary Zamfir will be leaving the Park April 1st. They will miss everyone, but are looking forward to returning early next Fall. Val says they will miss the Euchre Games.
 Jim and Dot Manley expecting company all the way from Vermont this week.
 Mary Kay O'Donnell's side kick from Ohio will spend a few days here before going on to Ft. Myers.
 It's all smiles at the Downings; Les and Fay have a new grandson and "heir." Son Bob and wife Bonnie have a baby boy - Charles Robert - born Feb. 22nd. Hope to see them in Florida soon.
 Michigan visitors of the Downings, Masties, and Taylors were the Bernard Clarks - Oliver Craigs and Carl Schneiders.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lamon of Appleton, Wisc. were visitors at the Oestreichs last week. Ed is Marguerite's brother.
 Everyone on Estada will miss Jeanette Blanchard when she leaves the Park on Tuesday. Will have her new address in Oklahoma at a later date.

A DIETER'S PRAYER

Lord, grant me the strength that I may not fall
 Into the clutches of cholesterol,
 At polyunsaturates, I'll never mutter,
 For the road to hell is paved with butter.
 And cake is cursed and cream is awful
 And Satan is hiding in every waffle.
 Beelzebub is a chocolate drop
 And Lucifer is a lollipop.
 Teach me the evils of hollandaise,
 Of pasta and gobs of mayonnaise,
 And crisp fried chicken from the South--
 Lord, if you love me, shut my mouth.
 Stolen by Joan Stunzig from Readers Digest,
 and it wasn't even her magazine!

With so much controversy over imports, the magazine Industry Week decided to count the cars owned by the White House Staff. The result was almost half - 233 out of 493 - were Japanese products. Any wonder why Detroit is a depressed area?

CIELO COURT

by Mary May

Alice and Carl Jackson continue to enjoy their Ohio company, Mary and Milo Keltner. Playing golf and eating out is the order of the day. They do hope to do more sightseeing.
 Lola and Matt Yakes are expecting their granddaughter and husband, Sue and Perry Kraker, from Allendale, Mich. They arrive March 9 for one week.
 Mary May is trying a new philosophy, "Don't worry about it because its not going to be All right anyway."
 Audry and Andy Grant have gone back to Mass. after a short stay, but will return in April.
 Loretta and Fred Brandemill have been busy working this season. Better get out of Fred's way when you see him with the lawn mower - he can be seen halfway down the block - love you, Fred!
 Vivian Roberts is still having her winter vacation travelling back and forth to Tampa General.
 George Uto is just sitting back and watching his grass grow. Have you noticed how nice & green it is?

WANDERING

by De Roma

Saw George Uto in Venice, dancing up a storm.
 Charlie Hicks got a warning for going too slow on 41 in Venice.
 Saw Hank take the boat out in the Bay, but it never came back. Sunk or what?
 Saw the gorgeous job Bob Arnholt did on Betty's \$3.75 bike.
 Cal's Brother John had such a good time in the Park, he would like to thank everyone.
 We saw him at a dance doing the "Chicken Dance"
 If his students could see him. Wow.
 "What do you do with yourself?" we're asked.
 "Well". ---
 30 attend Line Dance lessons Tuesday.
 60 go to Bingo Monday and Friday.
 48 play Euchre on Thursday.
 16 play Bridge on Tuesday.
 8 men play poker on Wednesday.
 16 go dancing in Venice on Thursday.
 20 shuffle in the Tournament. Millions shuffle all during the week.
 100+ go to our Dinners once a month.
 Those who don't shuffle go to the beach.
 34 people play in the Kitchen Band.
 Plus? Bible Study, Crafts, Fishing, Exercise

SHUFFLE NEWS

Brownie wishes to thank all the members of the Shuffle Team who have been so faithful and cooperative throughout the season making it possible to maintain a good level of enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

Special thanks to the willing crew always on deck for sweeping, mopping and waxing, all those never-ending jobs so essential to court maintenance. Also, a grateful wave of the cap to George Hommel who arrived with his electric blower in time for the annual battle with the leaves.

Our team standing drifted up and down as we faced our various apponents; but we ended the season in eighth place in a league of ten teams which is one notch better than last year's rank of next to the bottom. This gives us a goal for '85 when we aim to move another rung or two up the ladder.

The annual Shuffleboard Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 31st at 5:00 PM at the Lemon Bay Isles Clubhouse. A roast beef dinner will be served. Tickets are available from Clayton Brown for \$5.50 per person. Get yours soon. All welcome--sponsors, neighbors and cheerleaders. Join the fun.

The Thursday Shuffle Frolics continue to draw a good turnout of players and boosters. The new shufflers are making good progress and everyone seems to be enjoying the fun. Come on down! The league matches may be over but the season is just shaping up. Remember, we have sticks to loan. Give it a try!

BAYO STREET

by Mabel Gaudette

The Kanpps had a busy fortnight. The Bielinskis and the Lingrens and also the Woods from Muskegon, Mich. visited them; needless to say a good time was had by all.

Leverne Sumner had a busy few days entertaining the Rosses from his home town, Muskegon, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Klinger from Ft. Wayne, Ind. are with us for an indefinite stay and liking our Park. Welcome!

The Holmans went up to Hudson, Fla. to visit a long time buddy of Ralph's who lives in Columbia, Calif. They enjoyed their day's reunion.

The Thorne's daughter, Kathy and two sons, Eric and Jason, from Midland, Pa. are enjoying our Park and Grandma and Grandpa are enjoying them. The Thornes also spent the weekend with Jim's brother, George, at Eagle Lake, Fla. George is adjusting to the loss of his wife in the accident on their way here.

Helen Graveline is enjoying her walks to the beach and the Bay. Keep it up, Helen.

The Bob Arnholts went to West Palm Beach to celebrate their daughter Amy's birthday. Now they are expecting a visit from their No. 3 daughter, Pat and son, Chris.

Rose Ouimette had a visit from her brother Ed Bousquet from Bonita Springs. His neighbor visited her sister-in-law at the Castaways.

The Daughertys entertained their neighbors from New Castle, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Loukeil.

The DeMosses visited Plant City for the strawberry festival. They will be with us for the month of March.

Mr. and Mrs. Armand Benoit from Wilbraham, Mass. stopped in to say "Hi!" to Alice Flebotte.

Doris and Al Boulrice are busy with the plans for their new home which will be built in July.

Marie Wadlegger's sister from St. Pete visited them; Yvette and Gene Beauregard. They also are old camping buddies of the Phaneufs.

The Sizeloves sister-in-law Mary Jane Corcoran and her friend Angie from Detroit are both enjoying their first Florida visit.

Florence Finette's brother and cousin from Innerkip, Ont. are in the Park for March.

Ellis Martan and son Adam from Cincinnati, Ohio were guests of the Henthornes for a few days. They enjoyed a dip in the Gulf. (tourist!)

Vin and Tarry Phaneu are looking forward to a visit from their daughter Jackie Newlin of Springfield, Mass. Last week their son and wife, Bob and Carolyn and children Aaron and Sarah from Newport, R.I. spent some time here. They were staying at her parents' home in Sarasota, retired Col. Ken Temple from So. Dakota.

Carol and Jack Weaver visited Ft. Lauderdale last weekend for the 17th birthday of Jack's daughter Wendy. It also was Carol's mother's 76th birthday. In addition Carol received a second Pen Pal letter from England.

Mary Beth, John and Angela Gervasi of Wyandotte, Mich. They are the granddaughter and husband and great granddaughter of Isabelle and Al Wary. They split a ten day vacation between the Wards and the other grandparents, Steven and Mary Horvath of Grove City. Isabelle and Al also enjoyed showing their friends, Lester and Ann Smith of White Cloud, Mich. this part of Florida.

Our sympathy to Caresta Bovee on the loss of her brother Max Tamp of Waverly, N.Y. and her sister Vivian Bailey of Towanda, Pa. The loss was one day apart. Caresta's daughter "Sling" took her mother to Ft. Lauderdale to be with her other sister, to console each other.

Mother to son. "I want you to put on a new pair of socks every day". By Friday he couldn't put on his shoes.

Here lies Lester Moore. Four slugs from a 44.---- No les no more.

DIJE STREET

Ruth Salmon

Lots of news from Dije Street this month. Shirley Ryan is recovering nicely from a serious illness. We're all rooting for you, Shirley.

Elizabeth Toney has had a busy winter enjoying the company of her nephew Bob.

As for Hazel Belky, her grand-daughter Betsy from Wyandotte, Mich. was chosen as an entrant in a pageant to compete for the title of "Miss Michigan". That's enough to make any of us grandmothers swell with pride. Hazel is now planning on a visit from her daughter and son-in-law in June and just may join them on their trip back to Michigan for a visit.

Mae Spear has had a long, tedious recovery from her broken wrist. It still is a problem but Mae is back enjoying Park activities, especially Bingo. Bravo, Mae!

Bea and Gene Hull said, "no news" but I just happen to know that Gene was very busy digging beautiful shells out of Lemon Bay, cleaning them up and giving them to friends. The two of them enjoyed the strawberry festival at Plant City.

Frank and Grace Tresha continue to walk miles every day on the beach and Frank has made many sales this winter of his adorable shell animal creations.

Ruth and her sister Hazel just returned from three fun days over at Boynton Beach with friends. They're glad to be back home, however.

Clarence Rohlf entertained friends, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dixon, son Dirk, his wife and their two sons from Akron, Mich. They really liked our Park.

Jenny and Jay Hubbard were surprised by visits from William Finsch of Ypsilante, Mich., Ralph and Reatha Parker and Ed and Connie VanOver of Chelsea, Mich. Bill and Marion Witchello of Gulliver, Mich. also stopped in. Those Hubbards are very popular people.

As for Teresa Miller, she's keeping busy winning at Bingo. Keep it up, Teresa.

Ralph and Roxanne are expecting Roxie's sister, Fleurette, from Southbridge, Mass. to arrive this month for a visit with them. She is now in Orlando so Ralph and Roxie will pick her up there.

Hulda and Chan Robinson had a wonderful reunion in Venice with friends from their home town in Iowa. They also enjoyed their son Charles' visit here. He hails from Arvada, Colorado.

No, neighbors, Brownie hasn't bought a new van. That vehicle belongs to a favorite nephew, Bob Haines, who will soon be heading north to his contracting business. How does it feel, Brownie, to be able to relax after all those shuffleboard league games?

Mable and Harry Marsh have had lots of guests as usual, including Harry and Alsa Marsh from New York; Mildred, Bessie and Rena Marsh from Sarasota. All these were cousins of Harry's. Rumors are floating around the Park that Clara Bessinger's new home on Bayo Street is rapidly becoming a cute, little doll house. We believe this, knowing Clara's artistic abilities. Congratulations, Clara!

Katie and Hank Mastie will miss their dear friends, Elsie and Ed Holda from Dearborn Heights, Mich. and Ellen and David Kahn from Waterford, Mich. who have been renting nearby and are leaving for home on March 15th. Never mind, Katie and Hank, you'll soon be busy when your children and grandchildren arrive. Watch out Dije Street, here comes that little charmer Zack. He'll liven up our street.

Lorraine and Harry Ide made a short trip home and were delighted to return to Gulf to Bay. They are now entertaining their friend, Nelly, from Mass. Lorraine is a busy little bee as usual and Harry too, with his repairs around their lovely mobile home. Lorraine reports 46 people have signed up for next year's cruise but there is still time for others to have discount reservations. See Lorraine soon, everyone.

Anne and George Hale have been busy too. Their daughter Barbara Crandon, hubby George and grand-daughter Tammi from Ocala were with them for a weekend. Also their niece, Dot Vanturas, husband Peter and son Peter from Conn. were here for two days. George is feeling lots better and can be found playing shuffleboard in the afternoon. That Anne looks like a winner, too.

Doris Slaybaugh is entering a China Show in Punta Gorda this Saturday, March 10th from 10 AM to 7 PM. She will exhibit a 112 piece set of her magnificent dishes. Another blue ribbon for you, Doris.

Dorothy and Vaughn Nighswander enjoyed a week's visit with their son Allen and his wife Mary Jane from Tinnin, Ohio. They also went to the Strawberry Festival at Plant City with Bea and Gene Hull and friends Virginia and Ray De Mass.

That's all folks from your Dije Street reporter, Ruth Salemon.

Three people gathered at the casket of a friend. The first said "In my culture it is said that if one places a little money in the casket, it will ease the departed's journey. He then placed ten dollars in the coffin. The second man did the same. The third man wrote a check for \$30.00 and took out the two tens.

One foggy night the captain of a ship saw what he thought were the lights of another ship. He sent this message. "Change your course 10 degrees to the north. The reply came back. "change yours 10 degrees to the south. The captain answered. "I am a captain, change your course". The reply: I am a seaman first class, change yours!" The captain, furious signaled: "I am a battleship change course 10 degrees north!" The reply: I am a lighthouse. "Change your course 10 degrees to the south".