



## "THROUGH THE EYE OF THE EAGLE"

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## From Your President

By John J. Spiegel

I was a lifelong Miamian until we moved to Eagle Ridge four years ago. Miami is about 150 miles from Eagle Ridge, but in many ways, it is a world away. Today, in the media, there is much chatter about immigrants and whether we want to allow many entry to the United States, or allow those here already an opportunity for citizenship.

As a child in Miami, I witnessed firsthand the benefits and growing pains to a community of immigrants arriving quickly in large numbers. The early '60s saw many thousands of Cuban (then) refugees (today, migrants – I'll explain the difference in the label another time), arrive in Miami to an uncertain future, many with little more than what they carried off the "Freedom Flights" planes at Miami International Airport.

Miami was jolted by an enormous population increase: crowded schools, an entire infrastructure straining to meet the demands for services and goods, arrivals who spoke little or no English. Some old-time Miamians were hostile. "Speak English or go home!" they would shout. Vulgar slang terms for Hispanics were given new life, many Cubans faced blatant racism, were denied housing or jobs, ridiculed, and generally mistreated. Simply because they were not us, they were different.

In my neighborhood, I saw firsthand, however, the power of determination and resolve by many of the Cuban refugees. Three, sometimes four families would rent one home. Often, they were related – cousins, uncles, aunts, etc. Others were former neighbors in Cuba, some met for the first time in Miami, but they all had the same dream. The dream was to get back to Cuba, but until that happened, they would assimilate, and prosper. They were determined that their kids would have every opportunity any American kid had.

The families sharing homes had an agreement: all ablebodied men would get jobs, menial if necessary, work hard, pool their money, and continue to stick together until each family had a home of their own. It took a few years, but they did it, together. There wasn't any talk then of "illegal immigration." The Cubans were given special status by the federal government since they fled communism, and communism was the nemesis of the era. The only requirement was that they wanted to flee Cuba. No one talked about "vetting."

In short order, many new businesses started. Cuban restaurants popped up seemingly overnight and almost everywhere. Over many years, the effect on Miami from the influx of the Cuban refugees has been dramatic and enormously beneficial, not just to Miami, but to all the communities in the United States where many Cubans settled. The economies of these areas thrive today.

As the Cubans gained acceptance and much deserved respect and admiration, along with serious political clout, folks in other Spanish speaking countries were attracted to Miami. Today thousands of good, hardworking people from Mexico, Central and South America call Miami home. Miami is the gateway to Latin America. There are countless large multinational companies with their headquarters or a major office in Miami.

Perhaps the most impressive and permanent impact of

these new arrivals to Miami was their commitment to their families. It is woven into their cultural fabric. It is uplifting and inspiring to see and experience. I have the benefit of having two Hispanic brothers-in-law, and becoming members of their families as well as my own. They are wonderful people, but there's nothing unusual about that in Miami.

For those who oppose easy, yet safe, immigration policies, I hope they examine the real reasons for such opposition and look to Miami as an example of the benefits to embracing immigrants. God only knows what would have become of those many thousands of Cubans if we had shut the door and forced them to remain imprisoned to live under a brutal dictatorship. Viva libertad!

## Who's New In The Neighborhood?

By Arlene Cabai Schuetz

Jim and Ginny Warner bought their lovely home on Twin Eagle Lane in May 2017. Ginny says Eagle Ridge and this particular home just "felt good." Jim added he was impressed by the spaciousness of the lots, especially between homes.

Married almost three years, both are from the northwest Chicago suburbs and actually met during a basketball game in which one of each of their granddaughters participated. They sat next to each other and have been doing so ever since! Jim is retired from academia, having been a teacher, then school principal and even bus driver! Ginny left the office world years ago, to concentrate on her love of jewelry. She deals in gold and silver, earrings in particular, and has

been doing so for 30 years. Her work is breathtaking, as is evidenced by one of her subjects, shown here; in fact, she exhibits at many art fairs across the country, the next is scheduled in Omaha, Neb.

Jim and Ginny split their time between Eagle Ridge and the Elgin, Ill. area. This is where Ginny has many contacts, designer friends, etc., not to mention the combined 12 grandchildren they cherish!





Ginny and Jim Warner

When Ginny's not creating and Jim is not helping her, they love the beach, swimming, and biking. Jim also enjoys golfing and boating. And, they love to travel, having visited Yellowstone National Park and Australia, to name just a few

Please join us in welcoming this vivacious couple to Eagle Ridge, and if you have a moment, ask Jim about his 1931 Model A!

## NFL Referee Gives Pre-Super Bowl Talk At The Fairways

By Ron Tlougan

Gary Melillo and Ron Bertram thought it would be interesting to ask one of the regulars in the Saturday morning golf league, and a former NFL referee, to give a talk on the Saturday before Super Bowl. This event was held in the Fairways cabana after the league played and was attended by 55 people.

Art Holst and his wife Elizabeth live in Eagle Ridge. Art was an NFL referee (No. 33) for 15 years and officiated



in the Super Bowls of 1972 and 1978. He also was an official in the famous "Hail Mary" pass game between Dallas and Minnesota in which Staubach threw this pass in the last seconds of the game and gave Dallas a win with a score of 17 to 14. He went on to a career in motivational speaking and was known for his knowledge, humor and wit. Art Holst Art will be 96 in April and

still plays 18 holes a couple times a week here at Eagle

Art put on an informational and humorous show at the cabana with a mix of stories about coaches and players and specifics on football rules. He brought with him a 2011 Super Bowl football to pass around (no pun intended). The audience showed its appreciation with much laughter and applause. Also in attendance was Leo Sugar who





Leo Sugar, defensive end, on left

played defensive end for the Eagles, Cardinals and Lions in the 1950s and '60s. He played in two Pro Bowls and on Saturday played a great "straight man" for Art. They are obviously good and longtime friends.



2011 Super Bowl football

## **Alliance For The Arts**

### **Gallery**

Passion For Pastel Featuring The Southwest Florida Pastel Society Friday, Feb. 9 through March 3 Opening Reception: Feb. 9 from 5 to 7 p.m.



We are proud to present a singular exhibit featuring some of the best pastel artists in Southwest Florida. Founded on the leading edge of a resurgence of interest in the soft pastel medium, the Southwest Florida Pastel Society was established in January 2003. Pastels are best known for their superior quality of color and light achieved through the use of pure pigment with reflective qualities not found in other mediums.

32nd Annual Juried All Florida Exhibit March 9 to March 31

Opening Reception: March 9 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Congratulations, Florida artists! We've received a total of 531 entries!

The Alliance's All Florida Juried is the most anticipated exhibit in the season. This award-winning show features works created by artists working in a wide variety of media from all over the state of Florida. The juried entries come together for an exciting exhibition representing today's contemporary Florida artists.

### **Theatre**

A Doll's House By Henrik Ibsen March 1 to 11

Cost: \$22 members, \$25 nonmembers

A stark and unforgiving look behind the façade of an ideal marriage: Nora and Torvald Helmer are living their dream life, happily married with children and security. When Nora risks her reputation to save her husband's life, the consequences test the limits of their love.

**Grounded By George Brant** 

March 22 to 25

Cost: \$22 members, \$25 nonmembers

A hotshot fighter pilot sidelined by pregnancy is forced to operate military drones from a windowless trailer in the Las Vegas desert. This one-woman show targets our assumptions about war, family and the power of storytelling.

**About The 2017/18 Season** 

Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

Call our box office at (239) 939-2787, or visit us at 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers or subscribe online at https:// artinlee.org.

## **Events**

**Artist Studio Tour** 

Saturday, March 3 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: \$25 members, \$35 nonmembers

To celebrate Women's History Month, the Alliance is opening doors to seven local female artists' studios in Fort Myers and Cape Coral.

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Discover the sanctuaries where local art is created, mingle with the makers and gain a close-up view of the materials each artist employs.

This go-at-your-own-pace self-guided tour begins at 10 a.m. at the Alliance for the Arts where ticket holders receive a map to the artists' studios. A closing reception follows at DAAS Co-Op Gallery at 4 p.m.

**Ward 5 Community Meeting** 

Tuesday, March 6 – 6 to 7 p.m.

Ward 5 Town Hall Meeting, hosted by Councilman Forrest Banks, Ward 5. This event is open to the public.

**ArtPoems 2018** 

Wednesday, March 7 – 7 to 9:30 p.m.

**Cost: \$10** 

ArtPoems is a collaboration of artists and poets, inspiring each other, to create new art and new poetry. 11 artists and 11 poets are paired and exchange art and poetry. An artist will create a work inspired by a poem and a poet will write a poem inspired by an artwork. In total 22 new creations result. ArtPoems culminates in a stage performance incorporating art, poetry, and music.

**Bluegrass Music** 

March 18 - 2 to 5 p.m.

A sensational fusion of American country music; Irish, Scottish and English ballads and traditional dance music; with a heaping helping of jazz influence makes our bluegrass concerts a toe-tapping, knee-slapping good time.

Join fellow acoustic music lovers in the theatre for three hours of great live music by bands from Southwest Florida and beyond! Presented in partnership with the Acoustic Music

Indoors, air-conditioned with comfortable seats in a maximum 150-person venue. Seating is first-come, first-

Pre-sale tickets are available until Saturday, March 17 at 12 p.m. Tickets at the door are first-come, first-served if available. Purchase online today to enjoy Bluegrass in the

Fort Myers Film Festival Screening March 24 – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: Suggested donation, \$10

Join fellow film aficionados as the Fort Myers Film Festival screens independent films in the Foulds Theatre.

Alliance of the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33919, (239) 939-2787, ArtInLee.org.



## **Accessibility At The Alliance**

## **Celebration**

## March 8-5 to 7 p.m.

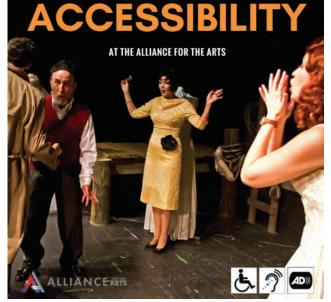
We are committed to transforming lives and improving our community through the arts. That's why we're inviting you for a reception at the Alliance, co-hosted by the Southwest Florida Council of the Blind.

Join us as we celebrate the successful launch of Accessibility at the Alliance, a project that provides improved accessibility to visual and hearing impaired theatregoers. Enjoy light refreshment, a presentation from our partners, a touch tour and an audio described preview from our upcoming theatre production, A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen.

The reception will be held on Thursday, March 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. online or call (239) 939-2787. For questions or accommodations, please contact Brandi Couse at bcouse@artinlee.org or (239) 939-2787.

### **About Accessibility**

Our senses of hearing and sight connect us to people, the arts, music, theatre and our environment. Touch tours are tactile tours that allow patrons to touch costume pieces, sets and props used in the show. Audio describers provide an objective description of the nonverbal action on stage. The describer



uses a headset microphone, while individuals using the service listen through a receiver with a single earpiece. Reservation of headsets is required prior to the show.

This project was funded by a grant from the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, is coordinated partnership with the Southwest Florida Council of the Blind.



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## **Tips From South Trail Fire And Rescue**

## Wildfire Preparation Tips

From Christie Knudsen, Public Education Specialist for South Trail Fire & Rescue, and Samantha Quinn, Mitigation Specialist for Caloosahatchee Forestry Center Wildfire Preparation

Wildfires are as natural to Southwest Florida as hurricanes. After one of the worst wildfire

seasons on record. Hurricane Irma made landfall in the state of Florida. Irma moved across the state with hurricane force winds throughout several counties. "We have seen areas with high levels of tree damage along with uprooted trees and downed limbs," says Samantha Quinn, mitigation specialist for Caloosahatchee Forestry Center. This year, the debris left behind by Hurricane Irma is increasing the risk of wildfire throughout much of Florida. Just as you prepare your home every year for hurricanes, now is the time to prepare your home for wildfires.

Jack Cohen, a researcher for 40 years with the U.S. Forest Service stated simply that, "homes that do not ignite do not burn." Cohen stressed that because embers blown in from wildfire are the primary ignition source of most houses in a wildfire, the condition of the house and the area surrounding it, known as the home ignition zone, are paramount in determining the survivability of a home in a wildfire. Residents living close to or within a wooded area can make their home more resistant to a wildfire by doing

Create 30 feet of defensible space. Keep a minimum 30-foot area surrounding your home lean, clean, and green. **Lean** – Thin out trees so that there is 10 to 15 feet between tree crowns. Trim tree limbs to 6 to 10 feet off the ground. No flammable vegetation or mulch should be in contact with the house. Clean – Clear the roof, gutters, and yard of dead leaves, debris, and pine needles. Store firewood away from the home. **Green** – Plant fire-resistant vegetation and keep the lawn well irrigated.

The 30 feet of defensible space lessens the danger that a wind-born ember or a surface wildfire will ignite your home. The defensible space also gives firefighters room to work safely to protect your home from an approaching wildfire.

Ready, set, go! Residents are encouraged to have a wildfire action plan in place with everyone in the home.

#### This includes making detailed plans for pets and livestock; agreeing upon a safe meeting place and how to get there; and, preparing an emergency pack that is easily accessible. Your emergency pack should include items such as prescription medications, important documents, and emergency contact information, for a 24- to 72-hour evacuation.

Your actions taken toward wildfire awareness, positively contribute to reducing your community's wildfire risk overall. Fire prevention is everyone's job. For more information call 936-5281 or follow links at southtrailfire. org for the Florida Fire Service, Ready, Set Go! and Firewise USA.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the South Trail Fire and Rescue District is Monday, March 19, 5:30 p.m., at Station 63, 5531 Halifax Avenue. The public is invited.

## Cruisin' For C.A.R.E. Car Show

## **New! Expanded Car Parking**

Please join us on March 11, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Six Bends-Harley Davidson, 9501 Thunder Road, Fort Myers for our eighth annual Cruisin' for C.A.R.E. Car Show.

Vehicle registration fee is \$15. One hundred percent of the funds raised will be used in Southwest Florida for cancer patient programs.

Awards will be given to the top three in each of 13 different stock and modified categories.

These awards are decided by a panel of judges. They look at things like the paint, the engine, the interior and then the overall fit and finish of the car. Points are awarded based on these areas.

A Best of Show and the John Koeninger/Don Lazarus award will also be given.



Chance drawing tickets for some wonderful prizes and a 50/50 drawing with the jackpot split between the winner and the foundation will be available.

For more information and future events, please visit our website at http://21stcenturycare.org/fundraising-events/.

## **Annual Garage Sale Gulf Coast Church Of Christ** Friday, March 2-7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, March 3-7 a.m. to 1 p.m. A concession stand will be open to purchase beverages and food. Bake

sale desserts will also be available. Selling: furniture, housewares, clothes, purses, jewelry, etc.

Address: 9550 Six Mile Cypress



## Join Us For A Bike Ride

SWFL Critical Mass is a group of local bike riders who enjoy biking around Lee County.

Come be a part of our "Mass." For more information visit us at www.swflcriticalmass.com or on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/SWFLcriticalmass.

### **Fort Myers First Friday**

7 p.m. meetup – 7:30 p.m. roll out 2160 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers

**NE Lee Second Friday** 

7 p.m. meetup – 7:30 p.m. roll out Winn Dixie – 14600 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers

Second Saturday On Sanibel

7 p.m. meetup – 7:30 p.m. roll out Jerry's Plaza – 1700 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel



### **Estero Third Friday**

7 p.m. meetup -7:30 p.m. roll out (New Location) Dollar Tree –

10021 Estero Town Commons Place, Estero

**Cape Coral Last Friday** 

7 p.m. meetup – 7:30 p.m. roll out

4700 SE 11th Place, Cape Coral

Saturday Slow Roll\* - Last Saturday

9 a.m. meetup – 9:15 a.m. roll out

2160 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers

\*Slow Roll rides are recommended for adults new to cycling or younger inexperienced riders.

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Contact Joe Foster....(239) 218-7714 and leave your name, address and phone number.

Flagpole Holders and Damaged Mailbox Repairs,

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**ERPOA Web Maintenance** 

Contact Ed Schuler, (267) 513-0800.

### **Architectural Control Information**

Please remember that any exterior changes you plan to make to your home need to be approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

For example, this includes reroofing, exterior painting, landscape changes, swing set installations, etc. We live in a deed-restricted community and these controls have been put into place for the good of each homeowner so as to maintain our beautiful community. Please contact Bill Simons (239) 565-4343 or erArchiture@aol.com so that your changes can be reviewed and approved.

A form is available for download from the Eagle Ridge website: www.EagleRidge33912.com on the

We plan to work hard for you to keep our community – the one you all moved into – please help us do that! The Board of Directors

## NOTICE **Please** clean up after your

Deed of Restrictions Section A-15: Pets must be on a leash at all times when being walked outside of the owner's property boundaries. The pet owner is responsible for picking up all animal waste from their pet at all times. This includes the common areas! Violators are subject to fining.

- The Board of Directors

## **Ladies On The Links**

By Fran Danek



Nancy Allen, Tee Pazitney, Cathy Becker, Dawn Kinghorn



2017/18 "Rookies," left to right: LaVerne Hagdohl, Maureen Hole in one: Betty Dicey Scramble winners, left to right: Pistorio, Nancy Slovak, JoAnne Speranza, Pat Fordham, Mayo, Hole No. 14 Pat Arnet, Pam Ehrhardt, Cathy Becker, Suzanne Winters,



## Men's Saturday Golf Group

The Saturday golf group got off to a late start this year due to Hurricane Irma. As you all know, the storm hit Eagle Ridge with a vengeance. Trees were knocked down and many plants and shrubs were relocated to remote areas of Lee County. Some of us feared the worst. But the owners of Eagle Ridge Golf Club stepped up and gave the course a very expensive makeover. The debris was removed and cart paths were replenished. Some tee boxes were replaced and the course slowly dried out. On behalf of our Saturday golf group I would like to thank the owners of the golf course as well as Rich Osgood and his maintenance team. The community appreciates all their hard work in the restoration process.

As we age, the golf course appears to be getting longer. Maybe Rich Osgood squeezed in a few extra yards during restoration ... or possibly we are just not hitting the ball as far as we used to! In either case, some of our golfers have moved forward a tee

box. Congratulations to them for making the game more fun to play! Saturday, Feb. 3, we had our highest turnout to date. Forty golfers teed off and 22 of them finished in the money.

During the last four weeks our top money winners have been Bob Frehill, Jon Murdoch, Dave Cox, Dan Wright and Jim Erickson. Their total winnings have been deleted from this article for their protection from the IRS and more importantly, from their wives!

We will be updating you with results as our tournament season progresses. The Fairway's Memorial Tournament will be starting in February and March Madness will soon follow. With the participation of more golfers our hole in one pool has risen to \$315 at this writing.

In closing, I would like to remind you to read Ron Tlougan's article about the wonderful talk given by Art Holst at the Fairway's cabana on Feb. 3. May we all have Art's outlook on life.

## **Security Central**

By Connie Hope

Another quiet month as far as thieves and disturbances in our community. I have checked with the sheriff's department for any incidents in the community. There was one incident at the condos and the sheriff's office settled it.

Always remember that all residents are the eyes and ears of

the community. If you see something that you feel should be addressed please call the nonemergency number, (239) 477-1000. If you feel it is very troublesome and dangerous call 911.

We have had a police car parked both on Eagle Ridge Drive and American Colony. When you see the sheriff's car, you have a tendency to slow down.

### **Eagle Ridge Residents**

Jogging, bicycling, walking and other nongolfing activities or unregistered golf play are not permitted on the

## **Eagle Ridge Bulletin Board**

If you have an announcement, we will include it in this column. Email rontlougan@gmail.com with your request.

### The Greeters Club

The Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers will be hosting a fashion show at our Thursday, March 15 luncheon. Club members will be modeling fresh and colorful Southwest Florida clothing. Whether you are a full-time Floridian or you are escaping the first flakes of a winter storm, you'll enjoy a delicious lunch, great conversation and get an overview of the season's latest fashions.

Make a luncheon reservation (cost: \$20) today and find out more about joining this dynamic group of Lee County women. Please go to our website: greetersfortmyers.com to make your luncheon reservation (include your name, email address and phone number). You will receive an email confirming your reservation. Our luncheons are held on the third Thursday of the month. Registration is from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. at the Crown Plaza Hotel right off Route 41, in the Bell Tower Shops, 13051 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33907, (239) 482-2900. Check out our new website: greetersfortmyers. com for more information about the Greeters Club, our mission, our history and all of the wonderful activities you can join as a member!

### Continental Women's Club Of Fort Myers

Join us on Monday, March 19 at 11 a.m. for our annual scholarship fundraiser; a style show and luncheon at Heritage Palms Country Club. Lots of wonderful raffle items, a Chinese auction, with proceeds going to Continental Women's Club scholarship fund. Tickets are now on sale for \$35. Luncheon choice is chicken picatta or fresh fruit with seafood salad. Fashions will be by Dillard's at Coconut Point. This event is always sold out, so don't miss out on the fun this year. For more information contact Nancy Crout, (239) 223-6282.

Fort Myers Republican Women's Club

Meeting information is not available.

**Dining In Club** 

If you live in Eagle Ridge, maybe you have heard of the Dining In Club where people in our community get together to meet, talk and have fun. Everyone who attends these parties really loves them.

We meet monthly from November to April. If you would like more information about Dining In, please call Connie Hope at (239)

### The Florida Yards & Neighborhood (FYN)

Join us at a Florida Yards & Neighborhoods class and learn the nine principles that guide Florida-friendly landscaping in Lee County. The class is given under the auspices of University of Florida IFAS

Each principle is explored in class so you can apply what you learn to your own yard. Plant selection and placement, efficient irrigation, proper mulching, and techniques to obtain a beautiful and healthy yard will be discussed. To learn more, visit http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/.

### **Volunteer In Your Eagle Ridge Community**

If you are interested in serving on the Eagle Ridge Board of Directors, or would like to serve on one of the committees, please contact one of the following: Hewitt B. McCloskey Jr., John Spiegel, Peter Van Leeuwen, Ed Schuler, or Rick Herman through the Eagle Ridge website: www.eagleridge33912.com.

### Your Eye Of The Eagle

If you are not receiving your Eye of The Eagle newspaper, please contact Peggy Watts, (239) 910-1039 or Connie Hope, (239) 225-6609.

Extra copies of Eye of the Eagle newsletters are usually available at the golf course clubhouse. They also may be downloaded from the Resources tab on the Eagle Ridge website: www.EagleRidge33912.com.

## **Cooking By Connie**

By Connie Hope

March is a great month in Florida. Weather is great! What is March known for? It's American Red Cross Month. It is also International Listening Month and National Clean Up your IRS Act Month. That's not fun. It is National Peanut Month and on March 2 it is International Tongue Twister Day. I'm not really good at tongue twisters.

It is also Bell Pepper and Broccoli Month. And Exotic Winter Fruit, Leeks, Green Onion and Clam Month. With the idea of clam month, I decided to make a clam chowder. This one is just a little different as it is Chinese clam chowder. I'm not sure where the funny name came from, but the soup is just a little different than the New England clam chowder. Give this one a try. It doesn't make a real big pot of soup.

**Chinese Clam Chowder** 

2 tablespoons lemon grass in the tube

2 to 3 teaspoons butter

2 cups baking potatoes, peeled and cut into cubes

## **Eagle Ridge Job Spot**

Nonbusinesses please! All business owners should contact Seabreeze Communications to place an ad.

Are you looking for an odd job? Want to be included in the Eagle Ridge Job Spot? Email your information to rontlougan@ gmail.com. Baby-sitters, pet sitters, yard work and more.

a resident on Bald Eagle Drive working as a vet assistant at a local veterinarian office. I have been pet sitting as well as babysitting for many years. If you have any question you are more than welcome to give me a call or text. I will even come by for a meeting, if preferred.

Jenni Caves, (239) 336-4282. Marketing Professional. Offering services in branding, website development, management, social media, public relations, etc. I have over 15 years' experience in marketing and public relations in the public

Services: "While you're away" I can check your home or condo. (Weekly/biweekly/monthly). I can validate yard maintenance and irrigation, pick up parcels and mail, check water, check appliances, arrange for repairs and services and much more. I am in the community. Call or email conniehope@comcast.net.

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Diane Nichols, (239) 825-5861. Notary Public state of Florida since 1986. I will pet sit, house sit, and baby sit.

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Dennis Shelley, (239) 887-1042. Handyman and home services. Lanai screens, painting, junk hauling, home watch, lighting, garage cleanups, local moves, and he is a specialist in home security consultations and upgrades, offers free home security evaluations and tips.

1 cup onions, chopped

1 cup celery, chopped

1 tablespoon fresh ginger, (peeled and grated) or use the ginger in the tube.

3 to 4 cloves garlic, minced

2 tablespoons fish sauce

3 (8-ounce) bottles of clam juice

34 cup zucchini, peeled and chopped small

2 (6½-ounce) cans of clams, chopped and drained

1 serrano chili pepper, seeds and veins removed, chopped small. (I only used half of the pepper)

<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup coconut milk

½ cup lime juice

Salt and pepper to taste

2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped for the top of the soup

In a soup pot, put butter and then add potatoes, onions, celery, ginger, garlic, and salt and pepper to taste. Cook until tender, five to eight minutes. Stir in lemon grass, fish sauce,

Bring to a boil then reduce to a simmer for 15 minutes. Stir in the zucchini, clams and chili. Bring to a boil again, and simmer until zucchini is tender about five to eight minutes. Stir in coconut milk and lime juice. Heat for five minutes and serve. Top with cilantro. Serves four.

If you like things spicy, you can increase the serrano pepper. Removing the seeds and veins makes it a little milder. I don't like things too spicy so I used only half of the serrano pepper. I also love clams, so I used a one-third can of clams in this soup, your choice. Soup cooking is always flexible.



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Emily Barnes, (239) 247-3090. Pet sitting and babysitting. I am

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## **Health Awareness**

### It's Flu Season

Flu season is upon us and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) wants patients and families to remember that prescription antiviral drugs, not antibiotics, are the treatment for influenza (flu). Antibiotics do not treat viruses that cause colds and the flu. They are only needed for treating certain infections caused by bacteria.

## **Scope For** Hope 5K

The eighth annual Scope For Hope 5K will be held Saturday, March 24 at CenturyLink Sports Complex, Hammond Stadium.



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Join us for the 5K run, Two-Mile Walk and Kid's Fun Run. One hundred percent of funds raised will be used in Southwest Florida for colorectal cancer programs, including screening, treatment, and educational programs.

21st Century C.A.R.E. is an organization dedicated to cancer patients. We were founded in 1996 and have been growing ever since. We provide financial assistance to cancer patients in need, provide cancer education at the community level to patients, cancer care providers and the general public, and conduct cancer screenings.

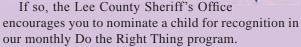
Funds raised from the Scope for Hope events allow us to provide colorectal cancer screenings, surgeries and follow-up care to people in Southwest Florida who otherwise would not have been able to afford such care.

Together, we can help eradicate colorectal cancer.

For more information and future events, please visit our website at http://21stcenturycare.org/fundraising-events/.

### Do The Right Thing

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Remember that the best way to protect yourself and your family from the flu is by getting your annual flu vaccine. It's not too late to get vaccinated.

#### **Know What's Got You Sick**

Viruses cause infections like the common cold, flu, runny noses and most sore throats, and none of these are treated with antibiotics. Illnesses like strep throat, pneumonia and whooping cough are examples of illnesses caused by bacteria that can be treated with antibiotics.

#### Antibiotics Aren't Always The Answer

If you have the flu, taking antibiotics won't help to treat your flu illness. It is important to remember that any time you take antibiotics it can lead to antibiotic resistance and cause side effects.

Antibiotic resistance is one of the most urgent threats to the public's health and occurs when bacteria become resistant to the antibiotics designed to kill them. Antibiotic side effects range from minor – e.g., rash, dizziness, nausea, yeast infections - to very severe health problems, e.g., life-threatening allergic reactions or Clostridium difficile infection (also called C. difficile or C. diff), which causes diarrhea that can lead to severe colon damage or death.

When a patient needs antibiotics, the benefits outweigh the risks of side effects. Antibiotics save lives and are critical tools for treating a number of common infections like pneumonia and life-threatening conditions like sepsis.

#### Protect Yourself From Influenza (Flu)

You can protect yourself and others from the flu in three

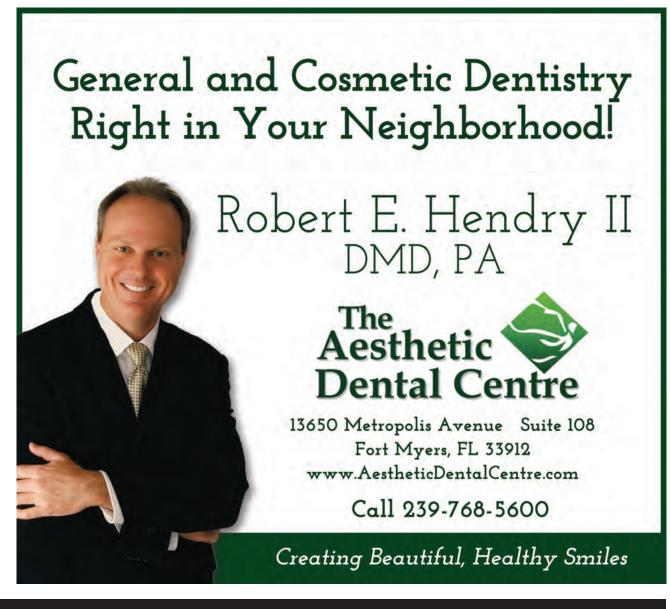
- 1. Get vaccinated. Everyone 6 months or older should get a yearly flu vaccine.
- 2. Stop the spread of germs by avoiding close contact with sick people. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Clean your hands often with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer or soap
- 3. If you get sick, take antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them.

#### **Find Out How To Feel Better**

Most healthy people with the flu have mild illness and recover in less than two weeks without needing medical care or antiviral drugs. If you get sick with flu symptoms, in most cases, you should stay home and avoid contact with other people except to get medical care.

If, however, you have flu symptoms and are at high risk of having complications from flu, or are very sick or worried about your illness, contact your healthcare professional. Your doctor may prescribe antiviral drugs to treat your illness. People at high risk of having complications from flu include young children, people 65 years of age and older, pregnant women and people with certain medical conditions.

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## **Book Briefs**

By Karen M. Kalisz

Medicare For Dummies, 3rd Edition

• Author: Patricia Barry (AARP Medicare expert)

#### **First Three Sentences:**

"For most people, turning 65 or otherwise becoming eligible for Medicare feels like stepping into alien territory without a map. The signposts you think should be there often aren't immediately visible. When you ask for directions, you can't always be sure you're being pointed down the right path."

#### **About The Book:**

Just published in October of 2017, Medicare for Dummies is the latest edition (third) of Patricia Barry's written-in-plainlanguage explanations of the U.S. Medicare program.

Some of the key decisions that the book will help with are: • Should I sign up for original Medicare or a Medicare

- Advantage plan? • When should I sign up for Medicare?
  - How do I select a Medicare supplemental plan?
  - How do I select a Part D prescription drug coverage plan?

Because of the substantial detail available I would recommend reading the table of contents, the introduction, and then continue reading Chapter 1, until you find something that does not pertain to you. Either skim or skip that section. (At times you will be skipping whole chapters, so don't feel you will need to read all 416 pages.) Have a yellow marker and post-it notes available so you can highlight or tab something of significance. You will definitely want to re-read certain parts.

The information in this book is extremely worthwhile, but you will need to work at deciding what sections are applicable to your specific situation. There are also multiple referrals to websites throughout. I have not found all of these websites helpful, but some websites, such as using the Medicare Plan Finder to compare information about the Part D prescription



drug plans, (https://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan/questions/ home.aspx ... page222) are invaluable.

If you are turning 65 within the next 12 months, start reading this book; you will want to take your time and make sure you have time to review. Also I would suggest supplementing your newly learned Medicare knowledge with 1) YouTube videos (just put the word "Medicare" in the search box.) and 2) getting an appointment with your local SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) counselor.

SHINE counselors are trained volunteers that will provide you with one-to-one counseling about Medicare (go to www. floridashine.org, click on contact us and insert your contact information.) A word of caution – it may be several weeks before someone from SHINE contacts you, but their counseling is very worthwhile.

When signing up for Medicare the more resources you can access, the better you will understand what you are doing. This book provides an excellent basis for this.

#### **About The Author:**

Patricia Barry was a senior AARP editor who wrote extensively for consumers about Medicare. She is considered a Medicare expert.

#### Read It For:

... its comprehensiveness, its authority and its plain language. It will provide the backbone for what you need to learn about Medicare. The book assumes no working knowledge of the Medicare program.

## Children's Advocacy Center

## **Bling And Bags Bingo Fundraiser**

Special Bingo Caller - Larry Hart, Lee County Tax Collector

The Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) of SWFL is holding its second Bingo fundraiser on



Wednesday, April 11, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at The Landings in Fort Myers. The night's special caller will be none other than Lee County Tax Collector Larry Hart, who also serves on CAC's

Tickets are \$50 per person, which includes 16 bingo game cards for a chance to win fine jewelry and designer handbags, heavy hors d'oeuvres, silent auction items and lavish raffle baskets. Tickets must be purchased in advance by going to Eventbrite.com.

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Since 1981, Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida Inc. (CAC), a United Way partner agency, has worked to improve the lives of children and their families through a coordinated response to child abuse and neglect, offering them a safe and friendly environment in which to heal. CAC provides abuse determination services as well as therapeutic counseling, parenting education and prevention programs in Lee, Hendry, Glades and Charlotte Counties. All services are provided free of charge. For more information, please call (239) 939-2808 or visit www.cac-swfl.org.

Event: Bling and Bags Bingo Fundraiser for Children's **Advocacy Center SWFL** 

When: Wednesday, April 11, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Where: The Landings, Fort Myers Details: Tickets \$50 per person, purchase in advance at

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## Minutes For The Eagle Ridge Property Owners Association

### **February 5, 2018**

These minutes will not be approved until the next Board Meeting.

Welcome to all Eagle Ridge Property Owners to the Board of Directors Meeting. This will confirm that the notice for this meeting was posted more than 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by John Spiegel, President. Board members present were: John Spiegel, president; Richard Herman, vice president; Peter Van Leeuwen, secretary/treasurer; Hewitt B. McCloskey Jr., director; Christine Leslie, director.

A quorum was reached. There were 12 residents present. Request was made to approve the Minutes for the December 4, 2017 Board Meeting.

- 1. First Motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2017: Hewitt McCloskey
- 2. Second Motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2017: Christine Leslie
  - 3. All voted in favor. The motion was passed.

Overview of 2017 Financials including receivables, expenses and balances.

Balances in the accounts as of January 31, 2018

Checking \$172,751.32 Reserves \$107,974.37 Savings \$3,000.05

We made the 2018 contribution of \$23,997.95 to the Reserves account on Jan. 8.

We need to change the Signature card at Bank of American. We need to remove two names: Steve Norris and Hewitt McCloskey and add one name: John Spiegel.

After the March elections we will need to remove one name: Peter Van Leeuwen and add the new secretary/treasurer's name. Assessment collections began in the end of December

### **Mailbox Maintenance And Repair**

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2017 and January. Feb. 1 there were 89 late notices sent out to residents that have not paid the assessments. So payments crossed in the mail. There were 51 houses and 17 condos that have not paid as yet.

They will get a \$25 late fee charged. We may want to consider adding a \$25 late fee per month that the assessment has not been paid.

**John Spiegel:** I will look into the matter and decide whether we can impose a monthly late fee charge.

#### President's Monthly Report: John Spiegel

- 1. Following the Dec. 20, 2017 hearing, Judge Krier granted the motion of ERPOA and determined that ERPOA is entitled to recover attorney fees from the condos once the pending appeal concludes, assuming ERPOA prevails in the appeal. The condos have filed their initial brief; ERPOA will be filing its answer brief soon. Stay tuned.
  - 2. Update on FPL new underground service work.

The work on the transformers was interrupted because of *IRMA*. FPL has agreed to relocate two transformer boxes out of resident's front yard and eliminate the third. Work should be concluded by the end of March. FPL will reimburse ERPOA for landscaping done to conceal the transformers.

3. Golf course maintenance yard fencing.

The golf course maintenance yard is an eye sore. We have begged them to get some landscaping. We have offered to install and maintain this landscaping at no cost to the golf course. They have refused. We have made an additional offer and have not heard back from them as yet.

#### Vice President's Report: Richard Herman

Bike path update: I attended a committee meeting on Jan. 17 to represent ERPOA. Our request for a bike path is in the queue. It could take from 5 to 10 years to complete.

## Director's Report: Hewitt McCloskey, Jr.: Landscape & Beautification Committee

- 1. We have lost two more Queen Palms over the past three months for a total of six palm trees over the past year. For now our maintenance contractor has been directed to flush cut and remove the dead palms.
- 2. We repaired the interior landscape circle at the end of Majestic Eagle. The irrigation head was replaced for better coverage and topsoil and seed were added to all lawn areas. I also directed the placement of a number of boulders to block contractors from parking their trucks in this circle.
- 3. Within the past two months I directed our landscape maintenance contractor to add sod to all the unplanted mulched beds located in the center island of Eagle Ridge Drive between Aeries Way Drive and Eagles Flight Lane. These unplanted mulched beds were the result of removing many diseased hibiscus shrubs last summer.

### Director's Report: Christine Leslie

Rick Herman and I met with the golf course, SFWMD, Legends and the County on Jan. 22 and discussed the areas of concern and the list of actions. We are now in process of confirming ownership of each action and then determine when fixes are going to happen. At this time, Legends has cleaned the north/south flow way on the east side of Bald Eagle.

### Committee Reports

### **Arbitration Board Committee: Steve Norris**

There is a fine pending and we will be setting a date for the arbitration.

**Architectural Control Committee : Bill Simmons (not present)** 

**John Spiegel:** Bill Simmons has been bringing me all application for roofing, fencing and many other items. He has been busy.

### **Deed of Restriction Committee: Don Peters**

DOR Committee Report for Feb. 5, 2018

1. During our January tour, 12 new violation notices were issued. Others remain unresolved and are to be addressed.

- 2. The DOR Committee believes that sufficient time has passed to allow for most of the clean-up from the hurricane to be completed. A letter addressing these issues was mailed with the annual POA assessment mailing. For those that have not complied, they will be given a final notice and recommendation for fining during our next tour scheduled for Feb. 9.
- 3. Contract documentation may be requested for proof of scheduled roof and pool cage repairs.

There is a long backlog for roofing and cage repair because of *IRMA*.

#### **Golf Liaison Committee: Steve Norris**

**John Spiegel:** ERPOA offered to landscape the maintenance area for free which was declined. They may install a simple chain link fence and screens on the gates. This hopefully will be started soon.

#### Legal Committee: John Spiegel (see President's report) Security and Safety Committee: Connie Hope

Another quiet month as far as thieves and disturbances in our community are concerned. One incident at the condos and the sheriff's office settled it. If you see something that you feel should be addressed call the nonemergency number (239) 477-1000. If you feel it is very troublesome and dangerous call 911. **Social Committee: Sherri Holly (not present)** 

Welcoming Committee: Arlene Cabai Schuetz (not present) Resident's Comments (limited to three minutes) Please give your full name

- 1. **Steve Norris:** Let's encourage all our neighbors in Eagle Ridge to vote in the March elections.
- 2. **Brian Halfacre:** Does ERPOA have a screening process for people that are going to rent a house or a condo?

**John Spiegel:** There is no approval from the ERPOA. We do need a name and phone number. We let the landlord's do all the background checking.

**Bill Beckerink** (president of Eagle Ridge Condos): We do have an approval requirement at Eagle Ridge condos.

- 3. **Steve Norris:** I'd like to introduce, Peggy Jermyn, who is on the ballot to be elected to the Board of Directors of ERPOA at our annual meeting.
- 4. **John Spiegel:** Our next ERPOA meeting is our annual meeting on March 5 at 6:30 p.m. for registration. It will be at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 13411 Shire Lane in Fort Myers. It is off of Daniels Boulevard.
- 5. **Luther Ward:** The Board needs to establish a standard color to paint the mailboxes. We seem to have about three different colors in the community.

**John Spiegel:** We do have a standard color and Dennis Shelly has the paint and he is the person to paint all mailboxes. Residents should not be painting the mailboxes. They should contact Dennis Shelly.

**John Spiegel:** Luther, give me the names and addresses of the people who have different colors for their mailboxes. We do have a standard color.

### A request for a motion for adjournment:

- 1. First Motion for Adjournment: Hewitt McCloskey
- 2. Second Motion for Adjournment: Richard Herman
- 3. All voted in favor for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7: 46 p.m.



**Please do not** leave trash containers, ladders, etc., where they are visible from the street.

Also do not place containers or yard waste out to the curb more than 24 hours before the scheduled weekly pickups.

- The Board of Directors

## Lee County Yard Waste Regulations

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- When using plastic bags, make sure that the contents can be easily identified by the refuse truck driver (leave a twig or small branch sticking out).
- Call 239-337-0800 for a cost estimate for large-scale yard waste disposal projects when containerizing or bundling is difficult.