

# *The Frond*

Newsletter of The Palmetto Club

## **The President's Treetop View**

*By Diane Lessard, President*



This winter's weather has been a roller coaster. It is difficult not to get sick because of the temperature changes. We have lost several plantings on the property due to freezing temperatures. Hang in there because better weather is coming.

Several of your board members and our Club Steward Israel Taylor totally emptied the closet in the west room and purged the contents. WOW! We found things that were buried deep in the closet and set things aside for our upcoming yard sale. Job well done!

If you wish to donate items for the yard sale please bring them to our Bingo, Bingo, Bingo on Friday March 20th, no earlier. We have limited storage space.

If you have suggestions to improve our club or see something that needs attention please give the information to a board member.

Let's have a fabulous spring growing and improving our club. Don't forget to spring your clocks forward March 8th.

Also, our 2025 Summer Bingo was successful so.. We are doing Summer Bingo again in 2026. Check out dates and menus on the last page of this Spring FROND.

As always remember to be kind to one another.

Love, *Diane*

## **PALMETTO CLUB MEETINGS — Reservations & Expectations**

Meals are \$25.00 (subject to change) unless otherwise specified. Meals must be paid for unless canceled forty-eight (48) hours in advance.

Reservations must be made no later than Saturday prior to meetings (unless otherwise specified). Reservations for the General Meetings are made via email invitation or **Janet Vacchiano** 386-767-6334. Reservations for the Mid-Month meetings are made via email invitation or **Judy Langston** 386-334-9304. Special Events will indicate how to make reservations.

## SPRING 2026 PALMETTO CLUB CALENDAR- Overview

Friday **February 20** | 11:30 am – 2:30 pm  
Lunch and a Movie  
**You've Got Mail** – a Romantic Comedy  
**Entrée:** Soup and Sandwich

Friday **March 6** | 9:30 am  
FULL BOARD MEETING  
GENERAL CLUB MEETING | 11:30 am  
**Firecrackers Singing Group**  
**Entrée:** Capellini Marinara (meatless) with Vegetables

Friday **March 20** | 10:00 am  
**Bingo, Bingo, Bingo**  
**Entrée:** Chicken Alfredo or Chef's Salad

Friday, **March 27** | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Palmetto Club Yard Sale (see Flyer)  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Friday, **April 10** | 9:30 am  
FULL BOARD MEETING  
**Program: Halifax Humane Society**  
GENERAL CLUB MEETING | 11:30 am  
**Entrée:** Vegetable Lasagna

Saturday, **April 18** | 11:00 am  
**Cancer Benefit and Fashion Show**  
*Daffodils Bring Hope (See Flyer)*  
\$50.00 Donation  
Fashions by Pepper's Boutique  
Masterpiece Jewelers on site for sales  
**Entrée:** Stuffed Chicken

Friday, **April 24** | 11:30 am  
MID-MONTH Meeting  
Volusia County Sheriff Mike Chitwood  
**Entrée:** Shrimp Scampi over Angel Hair Pasta

Friday **May 1** | 9:30 am  
FULL BOARD MEETING  
GENERAL CLUB MEETING | 11:30 am  
Cancer Award Presentation  
2026 – 2027 Installation of Officers  
**Entrée:** Chicken Piccata

Friday, **May 15** | 11:30 am  
MID-MONTH Meeting  
Scholarship Winners Recognition  
Palmetto Bucks Auction  
**Entrée:** Soup and Salad bar

## IN MEMORY

We were so saddened to learn of the passing of long time Palmetto Club member **Joan Beth Chase** on January 28, 2026. Joan was 87 years old and was born on July 13. Joan has been a member of the Palmetto Club for 18 years and served in several Board Positions. At the time of her passing, Joan was living alone in Pelican Bay and had previously lived North Collins NY and South Daytona FL.



### PALMETTO CLUB ELECTED OFFICERS

President . . . . .	Diane Lessard	386.341.0479
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President . . . . .	Theresa Adazzio	386.788.3320
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President . . . . .	Susan Haynes	386.214.6778
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President . . . . .	Judy Langston	386.334.9304
Recording Secretary . . . . .	Vivian Moreau	561.309.7097
Corresponding Secretary . . . . .	Donna Reisch	386.257.3457
Treasurer . . . . .	Vicki Teel	386.212.9330
Financial Secretary . . . . .	Cecilia Farrell	386.846.4574
Parliamentarian . . . . .	Janet Potter	386.767.5927

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## SPRING BIRTHDAYS

### March

8 Vicki Teel  
11 Susan Haynes  
25 Alice Parsons  
25 Kelly Lowe Pirkle  
31 Nivia Palmer

### April

7 Millie Hocking  
21 Barbara DiGuiseppe  
28 Janet Vacchiano

### May

5 Gerry Voynovich  
13 Ceil DeWolfe  
15 Mildred Recascino  
17 Kathy Ray  
18 Pamela Fieldus  
21 Carol Doughney  
30 June Rhodes

*Don't count the candles but see the light they give.*

*Don't count your years but the life you live.*

*Happy Birthday.*

*Cheers to you for another trip around the sun!*

## PALMETTO BUCKS — MAY 15 AUCTION

As a form of appreciation, each time you attend a Palmetto Club function, bring in a food donation (pet or human), bring tabs, or a guest, you were (or should have been) given a Palmetto Buck.

These bucks can be used at the auction at our May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting for valuable items. Make sure you get yours. If you are missing your Palmetto Bucks, see **Irma Pickering**.

## TAKING CARE OF OTHERS

When you come to the Palmetto Club, do not forget to bring pet food, Toys and/or linens for Halifax Humane Society (**Nancy Rogers** Liaison); and bring people food for Halifax Urban Ministries (**Judy Langston** Liaison).



**Nancy** reports 15 pounds of food were taken to the Humane Society thrift store.

**Judy** reported at the February Board meeting that 40 pounds of food has been donated to HUM.



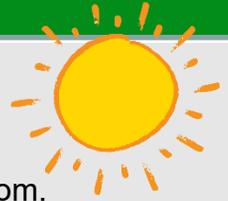
“Thank You” to those who contributed for your generosity!

## PALMETTO CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewal is due in May and no later than June 30 to be included in the Yearbook. A renewal form is found below in this newsletter. Please be sure and include the form with your payment so the information in the Yearbook is correct. We are also asking for Alternate Contact Information in case we can not reach you.

## SUNSHINE CHAIR

Please let our Corresponding Secretary **Donna Reisch** know if you become aware of a member who is ill or having other problems and could use our support and good thoughts, Donna will follow up with a card from the Palmetto Club. Donna's Number is 386.257.3457 or nanadonnasix@yahoo.com.



## 2026 PALMETTO CLUB FACES



l - r: Past President Gail Wootten; Paulette Wolff; New member Pat Wolf; and Janet Vacchiano



l- r: Victoria (Vicki) Teel; Ruth Snyder; Vicki's sister Nancy Rogers; and Corr. Sec. Donna Reisch

## 2026 PALMETTO CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

If you know of any seniors who are graduating May 2026, let them know that the Palmetto Club is offering a \$1,000.00 scholarship at each of the following high schools:

**Atlantic, Mainland, Seabreeze, and Spruce Creek.**

Information can be found on the school's "scholarship" website and in the guidance office at each school. The Palmetto Club has been offering scholarships for over 50 years. Scholarships are provided by the Palmetto Club Past Presidents, a Palmetto Club member or through Fund Raisers throughout the year. .

Submittals should be in by March 27, 2026. Once the application date ends, a committee made up of Palmetto Club members will evaluate the applications and determine the winners. Scholarships will be awarded at our May 15<sup>th</sup> Mid-Month Meeting.

The scholarship money is sent directly to the financial office at the college the student will be attending. If you would like to participate on the selection committee, make a financial contribution or have any questions, call or see (see above) Victoria Teel, 386-212-9330.

## COMING UP AT The Palmetto Club



**You've Got Mail** .....is a 1998 American romantic comedy film starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan alongside Parker Posey, Jean Stapleton, Dave Chappelle, Steve Zahn, and Greg Kinnear. It tells the story of two people in an online romance who are unaware they are also business rivals. Kathleen Kelly runs *The Shop Around the Corner*, an independent children's bookstore she inherited from her mother. Kathleen uses her AOL email account, under the screen name "Shopgirl", to exchange messages with "NY152", whom she first met in a chatroom. They agreed not to share specifics about their personal lives, though their exchanges are extensive and intimate. "NY152" is Joe Fox's screen name. Joe's family runs *Fox Books*, a major bookstore chain. Joe is overseeing the opening of a new storefront, just a few blocks from *The Shop Around the Corner*. While on an outing with his 11-year-old aunt Annabel and 4-year-old half-brother Matthew, Joe takes them to Kathleen's store for a story time event. He and Kathleen meet, but when she expresses disdain for the new Fox Books store, he withholds his last name. Later that week, Kathleen learns Joe's true identity when they meet again at a book publishing party. She accuses Joe of deception and spying, while he belittles her store, earning each other's hostility....the plot thickens...



**April 24 ... Michael Jude Chitwood** is an American politician and law enforcement officer who currently served as the sheriff of Volusia County, Florida. He previously served as Chief of Police of the Daytona Beach Police Department from 2006 to 2016 and as Chief of Police of the Shawnee, Oklahoma Police Department from 2005 to 2006.

Chief Chitwood always comes with good advice for us and is always entertaining.

**2026- 2027 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM – If it's May, it is time to pay!**

*The Palmetto Club*

**Membership Renewal Form 2026 - 2027**

Annual membership dues of \$60.00 (\$15.00 for Lifetime Members) are payable on May 1st. . . and must be received before June 30<sup>th</sup> . . .to be included in the Yearbook/Directory

**Please indicate below how you would like your listing to appear in the Yearbook/Directory**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Since \_\_\_\_\_

Backup Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form, with your check payable to The Palmetto Club, to:  
The Palmetto Club, 1000 S Beach Street, Daytona Beach, FL 32114  
Attention: Cecilia Farrell**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

Daylight Savings Time

Begins

Sunday

**March 8**



Don't forget to change the batteries in your Smoke alarms  
(Daylight Savings Time Ends November 1st)



***Bingo, Bingo, Bingo***  
*Hosted by*  
*The Palmetto Club*

Gift Cards for prizes and  
extra bingo cards available for purchase  
Benefiting our Scholarship Fund

**Friday March 20, 2026**

**Doors open at 10:00 AM**

**Palmetto Club**

**1000 S. Beach Street**

**Daytona Beach**

**\$30.00 donation includes lunch**  
(chicken alfredo or chef's salad) plus

**3 bingo cards per game**

**Reservations are required**

**For reservations call 386-334-9304**

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AT The Palmetto Club

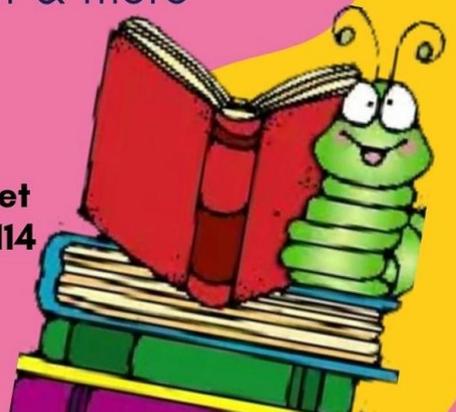
# Yard Sale

March 27  
Open to Public  
9 am - 2 pm

Come and find jewelry, clothes, toys,  
kitchen finds, books, décor & more



The Palmetto Club  
1000, South Beach Street  
Daytona Beach, Fla. 32114





**THE PALMETTO CLUB**

presents

**Daffodils Bring Hope**

Charity Luncheon with a  
Fashion Show by Peppers  
and  
Masterpiece Jewelers  
on site for sales

Benefiting the American Cancer Society and  
The Palmetto Club

**Saturday April 18**  
**11:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Donation \$50.00**

RSVP by April 11 - 386.341.0479

Luncheon: Boneless chicken breast layered with ham,  
fresh basil, and cheese blends over pasta with bacon-  
alfredo sauce served by GEI Catering & Events



The Palmetto Club  
1000 South Beach Street  
Daytona Beach, Florida 32114  
386-253-6163

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



## **The Palmetto Club Summer Bingo Games**

**Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM - Bingo starts at 10:30 AM**  
Extra Cards Available for Sale / All prizes are worth \$25.00 or more

Friday, **June 5** – Americana Summer Bingo

**Entrée:** Chicken Piccata or Chef's Salad

Friday, **July 10** – Summer Beach Bingo Party

**Entrée:** Beef Tostada or Chef's Salad

Friday, **August 7** – Happy Summer Birthdays Bingo Party

**Entrée:** Broccoli Cheese Soup w/ Chicken Salad on a Croissant  
or Chef's Salad

Reservations: Via email invitation or 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Hostess  
**Judy Langston** 386-334-9304