



Times, They Are A Changing.

After 15 years at the helm of the Macaw, and 22 years at RCR, Marion and Ralph Barnes are moving on. They have purchased a unit in our sister resort, Bay Indies, will be selling their park model on Sandpiper, and leaving RCR in April. Marion and Ralph have dedicated much of their time and expertise to bringing the residents of RCR a timely and interesting newsletter. We thank them so much and wish them the best.

Accepting the job of Editor is Chuck Genrich whose background includes editing and publishing a magazine at his post at Fallon NAS. To learn more about Chuck and his career see the biography on page 8.

Also joining the staff as a reporter and feature writer will be Gina Haisley. Hailing from Albany, Indiana, Gina is also in charge of the bi-monthly Craft Market held in the Clubhouse. We welcome her writing skills to the group. We welcome contributions and leads for stories. Please contact Chuck and he will arrange to cover your event.



Ralph & Marion Barnes

New Volunteer Photog Group



Activity Directors please take note: The first Photog Group planning meeting was held in January. Dick Waughtal, with the help of Pat Lang, Linda Milne, Lori Lilly and individuals of like mind, has formed a small but active group that dedicates itself to providing photographic coverage for RCR volunteer activities. The objective will be to meet and discuss what can be done to help the various volunteer groups publicize their needs and activities for the residents through photos and videos published for use in "The Real Macaw" newsletter, RCR website, or other media. Already they are underway. Pictures are being taken, and being used on the website and the newsletter.

This should be a very rewarding fun activity that will only be made better by the involvement of all who are interested in learning photography; and the more members involved, coverage for the individual photographer will kept to a significantly lower and more tolerable level. Major events such as senior games, variety show, car show and chorus will be assigned by the Photog Chair in advance to ensure adequate coverage to meet the needs of both the Activity and Photog Groups. Next planning meeting is Mar. 3rd in the RCR Card Room.

Beginning assignments for each member and each event are being set up. Photo coverage will evolve as events, photographer availability and other issues such as requests for coverage dictate. The Photog Group has dedicated itself to providing reasonable photographic coverage for any RCR Volunteer Activity.

All pictures are welcome, no matter the photographer or event, for the website and the newsletter or other purposes such as the park needs. Volunteer activities chairs wishing support, please call Photog Chair Dick Waughtal to schedule coverage sufficient to your needs.



News Around the Park

The RCR Wilderness: This is the first of a series of articles about animals, birds, etc. inhabiting the resort and surrounding lands. We hope that you enjoy it.



The Gopher Tortoise

The **gopher tortoise** is a species native to the southeastern United States. Gopher tortoises are residents in the RCR Encore Park's tortoise preserve and are interesting to observe on warm, sunny days. They are seen as a keystone species because they dig burrows that provide shelter for 360 other animal species. They are threatened by predation and habitat destruction



Their diets contain over 300 species of plants. As gopher tortoises usually get water from the food they eat, they usually only drink standing water in times of extreme drought. Gopher tortoises are known for their digging ability which is enabled by large, strong front legs and nails. Gopher tortoises spend most of their time in long burrows, up to 48 ft in length and 9.8 ft deep. In these burrows, the tortoises are protected from summer heat, winter cold, fire, and predators. Except during breeding season, gopher tortoises are solitary animals, inhabiting a small home range. Within their range they dig several burrows. On average, each gopher tortoise needs about 4 acres to live.

RCR residents are privileged to watch gopher tortoises up close and personal.

Info from Wikipedia. Photography by Betty Baird

Geeks on Tour



**Attentive Computer Discussion Group
Watch Geeks on Tour**

On Friday, January 31, 100+ residents of RCR met Jim and Chris Guld. Their business, Geeks on Tour, is to teach about the computer-based devices and software they think are the easiest and most useful. They were invited to RCR by the resort's computer discussion group to present their seminar "Technology for Travelers". During the two-hour presentation the seminar included a vast amount of "how to" information by both Jim and Chris and via several five-minute videos on various subjects directly from their web site using the Clubhouse Internet connection. This information included how to use blogs, maps, photos, and anything else the group had questions about.

Saturday morning they had a table at our Craft Cafe and answered questions and sold monthly and yearly memberships and flash drives containing 260 videos that are also available from their website - www.geeksontour.tv. Their free monthly newsletter is available from this site also. RCR's computer discussion group meets in the Clubhouse every Friday from 10 AM until 11 AM. If you have a Microsoft-based computer and/or tablet come and join the discussion. You are guaranteed to learn something each week.

Carol Genrich

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Coming Activities at RCR

Lights, Action, Showtime!

Can you believe that we are already booking more fun times for next year? The concert series for the 2015 season is going to be fantastic. To start us off in January will be "The Sounds of Soul". Get ready to relive the hits of Motown and beyond, as this exciting, high energy group unleashes superior vocals and slick dance moves powered by pure soul! The group has been delighting audiences across the nation since 1996 and is



Lori Lilly

composed of six seasoned performers who have excelled as outstanding singers, dancers, songwriters, and recording artists. February "New Odyssey" will take the stage. The New Odyssey three-piece takes command of some 30 different musical instruments yielding an incredible assortment of musical styles you must see and hear to believe! Outstanding vocal harmonies and hilarious comedy routines, mixed with a unique combination of audience participation, allows New Odyssey to unleash sheer zaniness upon an audience at any given moment. Do you like the movie "Mama Mia"? If so then you will not want to miss March! "Abracadabra" is a dazzling show, produced and delivered with such energy and detail, that fans have sworn that the original ABBA members have reunited. Performing 20 of ABBA's greatest hits from 1973 through 1983, Abracadabra precisely recreates all the excitement and passion of their record breaking 1979-80 world concert tour experience. "Dancing Queen", "Take a Chance on Me", "Fernando", "Waterloo" and "Super Trouper" are all the songs you will remember and love.

Season Tickets holders from this year will have a chance to repurchase their reserved seats again the first two weeks in March. Then we will be selling more reserved seating for the 2015 concert series. The cost for the season tickets will remain the same as this year, \$36pp. This will also include the parties prior to the show again. If you choose not to repurchase your seat from this year it will be available for sale the last two weeks in March to all residents.

Other shows that will be presented next season, 2014-15, will be another Christmas Show the 6th of December. A dinner show featuring Jamila, who has toured worldwide, appearing in a myriad of Broadway style productions and was hired as the newest member of the legendary and world renowned group "The 5th Dimensions". I am also considering an authentic Luau and the possibility of Johnny Rogers returning with Elvis & Beyond this time. I'm sure it will be another super entertaining season for sure. The Halloween Party will start us off again in October with our favorite entertainer Dave Daviski. So rest up this summer!

17th Annual RCR Car Show

Mark your calendars for the 17th Annual RCR Car Show to be held on Saturday, March 15th, in the Mail Room Parking Lot. (Rain Date will be Sun. 3/16) Once again Ron Cournoyer has rounded up a great collection of classic and antique automobiles for your viewing pleasure. Hamburgers, hot dogs and Bentley's Ice Cream will be available, as well as a 50/50 Raffle.



RCR Craft Show

Sunday, March 23rd, is the time to see all the wonderful things your friends and neighbors have created over the year when the season-ending Annual Craft Show is held in the Rec. Hall from 1PM to 3PM. Sewing projects, wood carvings, stained glass items, works of art and much more will be on display.





News Around the Park

Dulcimer group enjoys workshop with Gary Sager of Prussia Valley Dulcimers



Dulcimer Group Hard at Work

Members of the RCR Dulcimer Group enjoyed a workshop in February with Gary Sager, talented dulcimer player. Gary is a fine luthier of mountain dulcimers and has been building mountain dulcimers for over ten years. He also teaches workshops around the country. The Sagers are owners of a music store in Waverly, Ohio.

The morning session was devoted to learning cords and learning fingering techniques by playing new music provided by Gary. After lunch, the group was able to “jam” with Gary, his wife Toni (who is an autoharp instructor and player) and their friend, Carol. The group really enjoyed playing their dulcimers with them.

Gary and Toni love our Park and are friends of Jeri Vermillion. They are willing and want to visit any time that they are in the area.

Pat Lang

Strutting Their Stuff

Line dancing has become the thing to do on Thursday evenings this season. After several years the group found themselves without a leader. Mike Shaw drafted Jill Cross, Valerie Qurion and Joan Beaudry, an old friend who was a line dancing instructor up north, to assist him. In December they averaged about 26 dancers and since then they have had 50+ almost every week. They are working on dances that they can do at the park dances.

There are new people every week so join them for a lot of fun and a good workout.

Jill Cross



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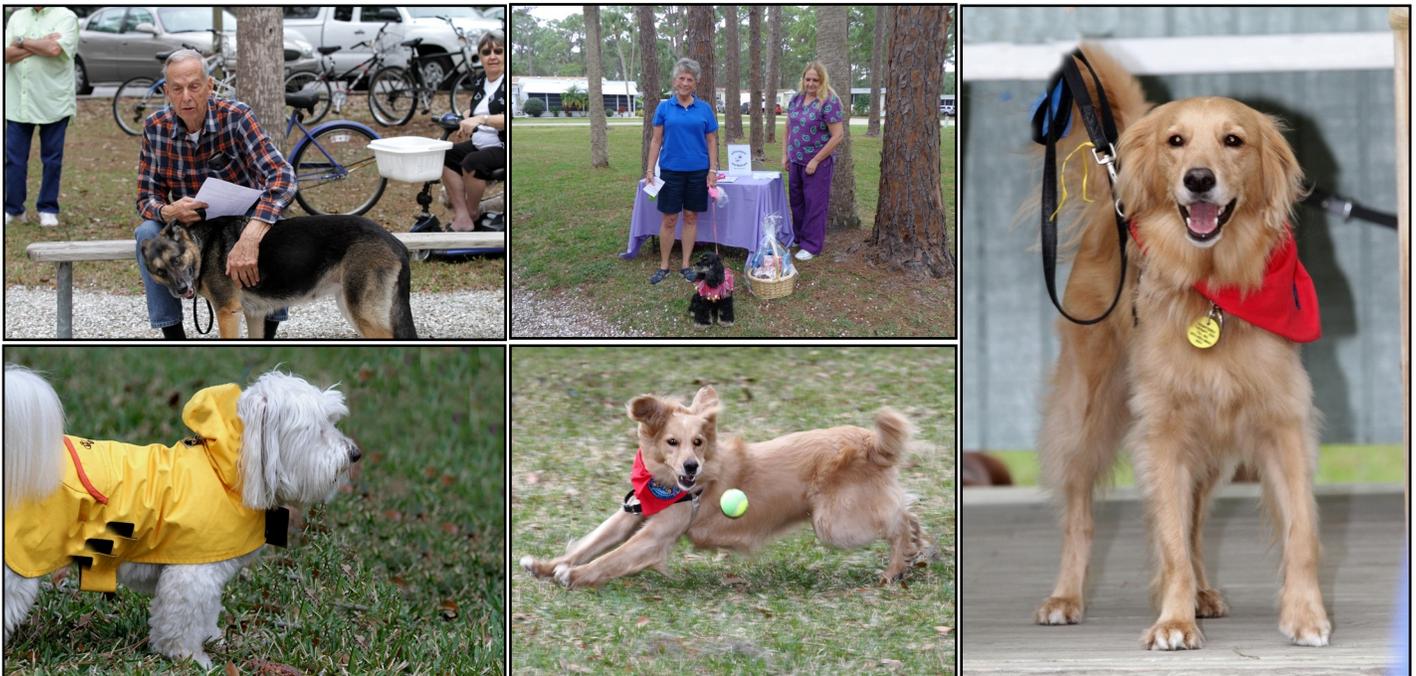
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2nd Annual RCR Dog Show

Tail Waggin' Fun

The 2nd Annual RCR Dog Show hosted more than 30 dogs this year with lots of fun, cheering and giggles. Starting with a parade of adorable dogs that are here in the park, we followed with costumes of all kind from the California Girls to Puttin' on the Ritz. Classes that followed included Best Trick, Best Jumper, Fetch, Oldest Dog, Youngest Dog, Tallest and Smallest as well as Basic Heel, Sit, Stay and Down Classes. Prizes of Grooming from our own groomer Pam (Canyon Hill Havanese) went to Best Trick and Costume Class. Affordable Pet Wellcare also donated a beautiful basket of goodies won by Weesie Livinghouse and Katie. We will be offering agility training next year as well as fun "Doggie Chats" to share training ideas and questions. Thanks for all the support!

Sarah Boehmer



Photographs Courtesy of Betty Baird





Time To Get This Show On The Road!

SENIOR GAMES

ROYAL COACHMAN RESORT 2014

Once again our Senior Games were great. I think that everyone will agree the weather was excellent. This year there were 370 people entered and 468 ribbons awarded. While some 70 players from last year did not sign up we had about the same number of new players. Ben Green, Bernie Elliott and Dale Pawlitzka were the top three in ribbons won. After two years of humiliation the men finally won the Bocce Grand Championship again. Everyone should give a big "thank you" to all of the coaches who gave of their time and efforts to ensure the games were successful. Without the coaches there would be no games. Registration for the 2015 Games is tentatively set for January 26-28, 2015 with the games beginning on Saturday, February 14, 2015. Thanks to all who participated and or helped in any way. See you next year.



L-R (rear) Joyce St John & Chuck Genrich. (Front) Carol & Bill Maier host the Victory Banquet. Thanks to all who participated this year and we will see you next year.

Not enough pictures of the Games? You know where to go.
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People You Should Know

Anchors Aweigh

Over the last couple of years I have endeavored to enlighten the residents of RCR on the lives, past and present, of their fellow residents. Sitting down with the subject for this article, Chuck Genrich, his opening statement where he declared he was “aviation centric” alerted me that this man was going to have a lot to say and I had really better pay attention or I was going to become lost pretty quick. However, over the next three hours I was mesmerized by all he had to tell me about his career as a naval aviator, and then how he used all his knowledge from his military career to perform such an important job in civilian life. Following is the story of Commander (Ret.) Charles Genrich US Navy: which, is as much a story of technology and military life, as it is of the man himself.

Growing up on his parents’ ranch in southwestern Missouri Chuck was fascinated by the roar of the B-36 bombers flying overhead. This distinctive plane powered by six prop engines and four jet engines was the largest bomber ever built and probably the first built for the Cold War. In its own way it was the beginning of the era that Chuck would be a major part of. Chuck had a normal early life attending high school, meeting and dating his wife Carol, attending Pittsburg State University and receiving a degree in Business Administration. He married Carol while attending college and the two of them experienced his career together. However, cruising through the student union one day he came upon a Naval Aviation Recruiter. Stopping to ask some questions he was invited to take a plane ride. As Chuck discovered later, this was the first opportunity he had to “wash out”. This recruiter flew around to colleges in a twin seat trainer and when he took a young man up for a flight he could judge if the man could make it. Air sickness, a show of fear or nervousness, or maybe just a feeling could make the recruiter turn you down. But, Chuck passed the test.



Cdr. Charles Genrich USN

In October of 1965 Chuck reported to NAS Pensacola to begin Aviation Officer Candidate School. Designed specifically to provide men for the modern Navy, this program began with a 16 week training session basically designed to change a civilian into a military officer. Every week a new class of 60 men would begin the process of physical training, classroom training, and military discipline training. Those who passed this would become our naval pilots (fighter, attack, and helicopter), navigators, and air intelligence officers. From here Chuck traveled to his next post, Saufley Field, also in Pensacola, to begin his flight training in T-34s. Here was where he first soloed an airplane and was first introduced to the daunting job of landing an airplane on an aircraft carrier. This was also where pilot candidates were separated into jets, props, and helicopter. Chuck scored high enough to qualify for jet training.

NAS Meridian, MS, began his long association with the T-2, a tandem seat jet training aircraft. Training in this aircraft exposed him to faster speeds, ordnance delivery methods, and further carrier landing training back in Pensacola. Pensacola NAS had its own aircraft carrier which went into the gulf on Monday and returned on Friday providing the platform for all these pilots to train on. Chuck remembers looking down from 5000 feet at that carrier and thinking “that is so small, this is not going to be easy”. However, his training paid off and he began a long list of 650 carrier landings.

Kingsville, Texas, was his next stop where he had advanced jet training in the F-9. More advanced training in formation flying, ordnance delivery and additional carrier landings all led to receiving his wings in March 1966. He was now a full-fledged Naval Aviator. The boy who had stared into the sky in Missouri and marveled at those bombers flying overhead had become a jet pilot in his own right. Now it was time to get to work.

The rest of 1966 he was assigned to NAS Lemoore in California flying the A-4 Skyhawk. Using the deserts of the American West he practiced ordnance delivery, low level navigation, long range navigation, and readied himself for assignment to a fleet squadron. Every carrier has its own Air Wing which consists of a complete complement of squadrons of fighters, attack planes, helicopters, and specialty aircraft (reconnaissance and logistics aircraft). All these aircraft are assigned by aircraft type at various locations around the US and are brought together to form an Air Wing for a tour of duty on a carrier. (More on this later.)

January of 1967 found Chuck assigned to the USS Enterprise flying A-4 aircraft and heading for the South China Sea by way of Japan. Their stop in Japan was controversial since we had attacked Japan with nuclear weapons in WWII and the Enterprise was powered by a nuclear reactor. Chuck remembers there were some protests and writings opposed to their visit; but, overall they were treated wonderfully by the Japanese people. Leaving for Vietnam they realized they were headed north, not south. The North Koreans had taken the USS Pueblo and they went north to be part of a presence. Supplied for tropical conditions they found themselves in cold weather and in cold seas. A chance decision by the squadron ground crew meant they had 20 “poopy suits” available for the whole air wing and these were used on a round robin system by all the pilots. Essentially a rubber dry suit, they were worn over normal flight gear in case of having to ditch in the cold waters. By the end of the day, going from pilot to pilot, these suits were pretty gross. As a ploy the US decided to send a massive feint of all aircraft straight at Korea. They flew right to the legal boundary and then turned off; however, it sure scared the Koreans. At this point they returned south and took up station off the coast of Vietnam.



People You Should Know continued

After his deployments Chuck served a 3 year assignment at the NWC China Lake facility in California on shore duty. Working on tactical developments, weapons testing and training, and other operational aspects he enjoyed the most satisfying work of his career. He and his fellow pilots really had the ability to impact what the pilots online would be doing and using. Mostly he worked on a cluster weapon and a TV guided bomb. Results of his work would be seen in the first Iraq war. In 1973 he deployed on the USS Coral Sea and held the spot of Asst. Strike Operations Officer handling the daily Air Wing schedule of operations. While he did not fly A-7s, he did fly the ship's logistics aircraft which was used to ferry personnel and supplies to and from the ship. During his time aboard the Coral Sea the ship participated in the evacuation of Saigon and So. Vietnam.



Cruising the California Coast

1975 saw him join the Air Force, in a manner of speaking. Because the Air Force had its own version of the A-7 he served an "Exchange Tour" at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. These Exchange Tours sometimes included members of the RAF and they were designed to make the participants totally aware of what their fellow services were doing. Chuck had an interesting take on the Navy vs. the Air Force. In the Navy you can do something until you are told you can't do it. In the Air Force you can't do something until you are told you can. And the RAF fits somewhere in between. From 1977 through 1980 he was stationed at NAS Cecil Field in Jacksonville, Florida, again assigned to a Navy squadron flying A-7s. During this tour he made one deployment to the Mediterranean.

1980 saw a big shift in Chuck's assignments. He was stationed in the Pentagon on the Joint Staff in the National Military Command Center. This was the group responsible for developing and maintaining the "Football", the briefcase carried by the Military Advisors to the President, Vice President, and other high ranking individuals with nuclear responsibilities. This group controlled nuclear weapons across all branches of the service. He served in this capacity until 1983 and then was placed in the Navy Nuclear Operations Area which helped control all naval nuclear

weapons in the air and on (or under) the sea. In 1986 he retired as a Commander after 20+ years of service, 3500+ hours in flight, 650 carrier landings (1/3 at night) and 210 combat missions during five overseas deployments with port visits or assignments to 17 countries. His military career saw Vietnam, the Cold War, and many important & interesting assignments.

So, what to do. He answered an ad from a defense contractor, The Allen Corporation, who had been selected to create the Naval Strike Warfare Center. Placed at NAS Fallon near Reno, Nevada, this Center brings together all aspects of training to ready an Air Wing for deployment to a carrier. Over the years all the major aviation tactical training centers in the Navy, including the famous TOPGUN School, have been transferred to this facility. As I alluded to earlier, all the aircraft are stationed according to aircraft type at various stations across the country. When setting up a carrier deployment all the elements of the Air Wing assigned to that carrier are brought together at Fallon and train together as a wing. This allows everyone to become acquainted and work together. Chuck worked for Allen Corp. for 4 years and then, after Allen Corp. was discharged and the Navy assumed command of the project, he worked as a civilian for 13 additional years at Fallon. He became a civilian Division Head and his primary work was to develop training systems and "train the trainers" who would actually train the wing. In addition, his division produced a quarterly magazine which the command distributed to every Naval Aviation command. It is easy to see how all his years' experience and training had led him to this important position. His service with this training organization spanned a changing world scene which saw the end of the Soviet Union, the growth of organized terrorism, and the Mid-East Wars. Chuck was proud that when the press asked a pilot just back from the initial strikes in the first Iraq War what it was like the pilot said, "It was just like Fallon." His training had done the job.

In 2003 Chuck finally retired and he and Carol moved to Clever, Missouri, which was 60 miles east of Carthage, Missouri, where they grew up. Over the years of Chuck's career they had lived in 10 different homes and Carol had supervised all those moves along with raising three kids. Chuck claims military wives become "very competent" in handling all these moves and his kids grew up being very adaptable. Asked if he has continued to fly he smiles and says he flies radio controlled planes now. He is a member of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots Association and also the E.A.A. Unable to enjoy the RV lifestyle while in the Navy they purchased a fifth wheel trailer in 1991, upgraded to a Class A gas motorhome in 1997, and then to a Class A diesel motorhome in 2003. Residents here in RCR since 2004, Carol has been an active member of the Friday Morning Computer Discussion Group and crafting and this year Chuck has become the computer person of the Senior Games Committee.

Kerry Gonnam



Chuck & Carol Genrich



News Around the Park

Ladies Day Fashion & Fun

"A Day In The Tropics" was the theme for the Ladies Day Fashion & Fun for 2014. Palm trees, flamingos and hibiscus were tastefully scattered throughout the Rec Hall. Approximately 275 ladies attended and a good time was enjoyed by all. The food, catered by Annie's Sub Shop, which included chicken and tuna wraps, accompanied by cole slaw, veggies and chips, was a big hit.



L-r: Barbara Dorgan, Judy Spiller, Sandy Brent, Janet Crich, Elaine Boyce, Jan Anderson, & Carolyn Avery

Washable, affordable fashions were presented by ATu of Sarasota, who specializes in updated missy clothing for mature women (obviously, not us). They are known for their moderately priced jewelry collection. The store is located at 3900 Clark Road, next to Millie's and is open seven days a week. A few of the lines shown were Focus, Lulu B, Caribe and I. C. Collections. The clothes were very attractively modeled by Jan Anderson, Carolyn Avery, Elaine Boyce, Sandy Brent, Janet Crich, Barbara Dorgan and Judy Spiller. Shopping at a 10% discount was provided by ATu both before and after the show.

Lori Lilly did an amazing job. However, she did try to book the Chippen- dales for the ladies, but they were otherwise engaged. So, she brought in The Royal Coach Men, a somewhat scruffy group of shirtless guys with pink beards who danced their way through the crowd, even sitting on a few laps along the way. Check with Lori if you want to book them for future shows. All in all, it was a fun day.

Gina Haisley

Proud Parents

Norma Weller, our chorus director, and her husband, Jim, are very proud parents these days. Their son, Jim Weller, was one of six college athletes inducted into the George "Trigger" Burke University of Massachusetts Athletics Hall of Fame on Jan. 26th this year. Equally proud is Jim's sister Karen Coles who also is a resident of RCR along with her husband, Jeff.

Jim Weller was honored as one of the top offensive players in the history of UMass lacrosse and was a 3-time All American. His 162 career goals still ranks No. 1 all-time for the Minutemen. The 62 goals he scored in 1981 along with 98 points that year still remain single-season records.

Weller also was an outstanding player with the Canadian National Field Lacrosse Team in the 1980's and was named Most Valuable Player in the 1984 World Championship Tournament won by Canada.



Jim Weller, center, with parents Jim & Norma Weller at HOH Induction.

Calusa Park

Our neighboring development is moving right along on schedule. It is easy to see that the front wall and gate area is well advanced to completion. The fence and landscaping along our border is being installed. The builder for the development is D.R. Horton although they are not prepared to show models or floor plans just yet.

So, by the time we return next fall they should be open for business. Other news from Vanguard is their plans for a commercial/residential development on the northeast corner of Knights Trail and Laurel Rd just east of I-75. And, adjoining that property is the old Stay and Play RV Park that they are also planning to develop as a residential area. Vanguard is becoming a major player in local development.

Kerry Gonnam



News Around the Park

RCR Volunteers

It has been a busy season here at RCR and many, many residents have volunteered their time and energy to making the events and activities successful. While the “season” isn’t over yet, the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for March 25. Preparations for the luncheon are underway. Reporting forms for March and April events and on-going activities are due by March 1. (You should have received a form in your mailbox. If not, call me.) Please submit the completed forms to Site 544. Invitations will be in mailboxes around March 11 with an **absolute** RSVP date of March 18.

The following information was given to each resident via the mailboxes early in the Fall, so that everyone would know about the new procedures and requirements whenever they arrived.

Volunteer Luncheon Requirements:

Residents must volunteer in a minimum of three activities. In the case of an on-going activity such as Pancake Breakfast, Setup Committee, etc., a volunteer must be actively involved in three separate dates.

Leaders of On-going Activities are automatically invited.

Private activities such as block parties and state- or area-sponsored events are not included in the requirement of volunteering in 3 events (even if the event is open to the entire Park).

Pat Lang

Reflections by Marty

I recently had a conversation with Marty Nowosad and he gave me the following which he wrote last year. Marty is in charge of the chair committee and provides a great service with all of his volunteers setting up chairs/tables for all events.

Marty wrote the following;

This park is great due to its excellent and dedicated volunteers. These folks make the extra efforts to plan and lead the many Art, Craft and Social activities throughout the season. We often lose sight of this when we take these activity leaders too much for granted. These leaders make commitments to run these activities. They give their time and commit to run them on a schedule to meet our needs. Please remember this when you sign up to partake in these activities by your attendance and participation.

All too often the leaders must add extra sessions and repeat previous sessions because we participants are too busy or want to participate in another activity. The occasional doctor appointments, family visits, etc. will occur and the leaders understand, but remember your leader’s commitment to provide you with the activity they are offering.

I believe we have the best of the best when it comes to our park, the activities and the people who head up those activities. If you get a chance, give someone that you know a big hug and thank you.

George Shepard

John Deere Fan

As a product of an Illinois farm environment rich with John Deere equipment I was taken by the display David Jury has in front of his motorhome on Site #80. David and his wife Pat come from Bucyrus, Ohio, where, amongst other things, he is a 3rd generation farmer of 2200 acres. They grow corn, soybeans, and wheat and he also has some cattle. The first John Deere he drove was a 4020 which, coincidentally, was the last I drove. They have some antique tractors but use both Deere and International to do their farming. When I stopped to get the picture we had an interesting conversation on farming changes over the years. Definitely a man worth a few minutes of your time.

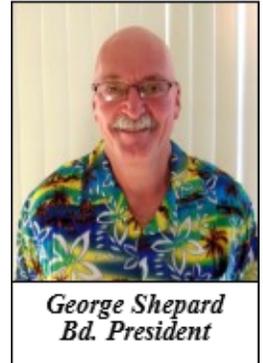


Kerry Gonnam



Residents Association News

This is my first article for the Macaw as your new president. I want to personally thank all of the board members for their support appointing me, and the residents for all of the support that I get on a daily basis. I will work hard for each one of you and I welcome your suggestions. Please feel free to come by and visit or send me an email. I would like to also thank Kerry for all of his hard work. As he stated in last month's article he has been able to get a lot of things accomplished for the residents during his tenure. I intend to keep this momentum going; I am looking forward to a very productive relationship with new management.



Newly elected board members are Maddy Trimby, Patty Hicks, and George Hendry. Congratulations to them and I look forward to working with them. Please use your board members as a conduit to management with ideas, questions or concerns.

One of the items I would like to mention in this edition for those of us heading back to our northern homes at the end of March: please clean up around your home. Each year we always publish guidelines in the April issue. I would like to make sure we give the maintenance staff easy access around your unit with the mowers and weed eaters. Please put hoses in your shed, clear all grass areas and secure anything that might be blown around in a wind storm. If you have something that is too heavy for you to move put in a blue card; the maintenance staff will be glad to assist you. Please check next month's issue for the complete "Before you leave...don't forget" article.

Looking forward, we have many events upcoming and so many things to do before the end of the season. Enjoy, have fun and be safe.

George Shepard

Spring Break Safety

Garry Duram provided me with the following information to help us all have a safe and enjoyable Spring Break with the little ones and sometime not so little ones.

How quickly time goes by and before we know, it will be March and we will have the Spring Break visitors that we all look forward to. With the visitors come more traffic, more bikes and more walkers. And, what a mixture of ages we have. More people, many children, means it is really the time to think about the **safety** of us all.

Just some reminders:

Speed limit is 10 mph!!! **Please watch your speed!**

Stop signs mean **STOP**. Whether you are driving your car, golf cart or bicycle, **please stop**.

Make sure you are in control of grandchildren/great grandchildren when they are out walking or riding bikes.

Bicycles out at night **must** have lights on them.

Inform those who are staying with you in the park and will be driving in/out of the park that it is **one vehicle** though the gate at a time.

Also, it is necessary to keep our security in mind: **Lock up** your bikes, cars, golf carts and units.

We have had a fairly safe and secure season so far and we want that to continue. Remember, we are the ones to control that. **Please be responsible** in our driving and the securing of our property.

As your association board we strive to maintain an environment that you and your family can enjoy but, we all need to do our part. Thanks for your help and cooperation!

George Shepard