



## CHATTER

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### **Fun Club Welcomes All**

How the time just seems to fly by. A big welcome back folks! Looking forward to a great time this winter. Our first Fun Club meeting for the upcoming season will take place Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> following coffee and donuts at the Community Hall. Just a reminder for all Section Leaders, the Executive Board always meets the Monday before the regular business meeting at the West Club House. Hope to see you there.

Betty Church, President

### **Co-Op Update**

A reminder.....Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM at the Community Hall. Please note, future Board meetings will take place the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.

#### Winter Office Hours

Mon - Tue - Thur - Fri.....8:30 AM to 3:30 PM  
(Not 4:00PM)

Sat.....8:30 AM to Noon  
Closed Sundays and Wednesdays

In order to resume your mail delivery, please stop by the office when you return and fill out a resume delivery card, otherwise, Avon Park Post Office will not restart your mail.

The Co-Op has hired a part time employee for the office. Her name is Peggy and she will replace our other seasonal employee, Carol who has decided not to work and enjoy her retirement.

The laundry room issue has not been completed but hope to have them finished soon.

We have started to prepare the budget for 2010. If anyone has any ideas they wish to see in our Park, kindly present them to me for consideration.

Ron Medema, President

### **Tampa Tribune Subscribers**

The Newspaper has discontinued this service so I will be unable to take subscriptions for you. I wish to thank each and everyone of you who subscribed through me over the years. Call me if you have any questions. The phone number to call for the paper is 863-386-5800.

Thank you again. Barbara Woodruff

### **Ladies Wednesday Shuffleboard**

A sign-up sheet will be at both club houses starting October 1<sup>st</sup>. Our first game will be November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. We need regular and subs to come join our group. Any questions, call or email me.

Looking forward to another year of fun.

Linda Turner

## Folks In The News

Once again, Jean and I had the pleasure of interviewing another resident, Marjorie Schroeder who resides with her husband Jack on Oakwood Drive.

Both were born in Indiana—Marjorie in March of '37 and Jack in May of '33. At age 6, Marjorie started going to the Assembly of God Church and has been involved ever since. She met Jack at church and he told some of his friends, "I'm going to marry that girl". He soon joined the military and served in Austria for two years. In the meantime, Marjorie finished school and graduated from high school. Jack returned and they were married. They are proud of their family—pictures throughout their home shows it. Two sons, one daughter, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren so far. An interesting time during their early married life, they both decided to take a missionary job in Jamaica for three weeks. Having roosters "crow" at midnight, waking in the morning to chickens running throughout the house, having to dip water from an outside container with bugs all around to use for cooking etc. and unusual foods to eat, Marge just knew future missionary work wasn't for her! They both felt God's calling and were ordained and licensed in the late 60's. Their desire was to help start small churches and accomplished this task for years...all free will. Their greatest desire was to start a church of their own. They were able to rent a small church in Bargersville, Indiana that needed a lot of repair so the both of them cleaned, repaired and restored this small non-denominational country church. Marge did the preaching; Jack did the teaching. Also Marge played the organ while Jack led the singing. The church is still in operation. Marge held full time jobs for years with trucking companies. She set up deliveries as well as did tracking of loads. Jack worked for Western Electric as well as trucking companies but had to retire early due to health issues.

In '99, they bought a motor home and decided to check out Florida. Some folks they met told them

they didn't care much for the East or West Coast of Florida so that influenced the Schroeder's—they decided to check the center of the State. They landed in Sebring and found Lake Bonnet Village. They both fell in love with it and the gracious people. That following Spring, they found their present home. Here's something interesting....for the past 30 years, Marge does the cooking and Jack does the dishes! Now that's what you call truly sharing!

On one Easter Sunday, Marge was preaching and Jack noticed the cup of water normally placed at the side of the pulpit was not there. Knowing she may need some, during the sermon he quietly went to get her water and upon reaching the pulpit, Marge was reading from the Book of John where Jesus says, "I thirst". She looked and saw Jack just as he was handing her the water....the entire congregation broke out laughing...what timing! All Marge could think to say was..."this was certainly an illustrated sermon."

Jean Elliott/Joanne Sylvia

## Sunshine Report

I'm pleased to say it's been a quiet month. I've only had to send out two get-well cards—one to Paul Blitz and one to Ken Church. Eileen Borndal

## Appreciation Notes

We want to thank all of our Lake Bonnet friends for all the get-well cards, phone calls and food prepared for us while Bob was in the hospital. Also want to thank Rodney for being there for us—you were a great comfort for me. Also want to thank all the friends who came by to visit me while I was sick during the Summer. Thanks for caring. Bob and Diane Noyes

## 2008-2009 Fun Club Officers

President.....Betty Church  
Vice-President.....Byron Townsend  
Second Vice-President.....Rita Blitz  
Secretary.....Joanne Hodges  
Treasurer.....Barb Woodruff

### 2008-2009 Section Leaders and Subs

Freda Hale 2964 Bristlecone  
No Sub  
Helen Walden 2947 Lake Drive  
Freda Hale  
Betty Church 3075 Bristlecone  
Virginia Scholl 2981 Bristlecone  
Virginia Scholl  
Betty Church  
Imo Gilbert 3071 Lake Drive  
Donna Lloyd 3020 Bristlecone  
Barb Woodruff 2624 Canal Road  
Mildred Lovett 2608 Canal Road  
Hyacynth Badlamente 2683 Canal Road  
Thelma Chase 2950 Sandy Beach Road  
Linda Lane 3078 Lake Drive  
Don Lane  
Doris Rutan 2702 Redwood  
No Sub  
Millie Hedrick 2639 Driftwood  
No Sub  
Susanne Scharff 2841 Oakwood  
Anna Sullivan 2825 Oakwood  
Eileen Borndal 2743 Oakwood  
Sharon Schweinhagen  
2751 Oakwood  
Joanne Sylvia 2850 Elmwood  
Bert Gregory 2851 Elmwood  
Billie Coon 2704 Elmwood  
Vickie Starbuck 2729 Elmwood  
Jackie Peach 2771 Cedarwood  
Linda Turner 2707 Cedarwood  
Alice Geswin 2861 Cedarwood  
Jean Elliott 2860 Cedarwood  
Byron Townsend 2757 Cypresswood  
Judy Berlin 2732 Cypresswood  
Patty Grimes 2836 Birchwood  
Lorraine Parenteau  
2624 Birchwood

### Thoughts to Remember

The best vitamin for making friends....B1

Every person is guilty of all the good he or she didn't do at one time or another.

Life really doesn't have to be perfect to be wonderful.

If you don't care where you are going, any road will get you there.

The factory that produces the most important product is the home.

Something is wrong when kids run wild and dogs go to obedience school.

Anyone who doesn't cultivate a sense of humor will grow weeds on his or her disposition.

You can't antagonize and influence at the same time.

The surest way to knock a chip off a fellow's shoulder is to pat him on the back.

You can't get much done by starting tomorrow.

If you stand still and watch the world go by, it will.

Money will buy a fine dog but love will make its tail wag.

It's more tempting to be ruined by praise than improved by criticism.

There is no change of seasons in a loving heart; its always Springtime.

Memories shared are blessings that keep on giving.