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<b>Owners &amp; Acres Board Meeting</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Owner Agenda Workshop	10:00 am	4/2/24	Annex
Owners & Acres General Assembly Meeting	7:00 pm	4/4/24	CH 2
Owners Agenda Workshop	10:00 am	4/16/24	Annex
Owner Board Meeting	9:00 am	4/18/24	Annex

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# Presidents Letter

I thought last month was my last article, but they tell me this one is...

SO: I would like to congratulate the new Board and wish them well.

Again, I want to thank you the members, it was a honor to represent you as your President.

Thank you and Good Bye as your out going President.



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## NEW RESIDENTS/ADDRESS CHANGES

Olstrom, William	36745 Niles Ave	MI
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Thayer, Raymond & Donna	36956 Beth	ME
Kirk, Colleen & Alexander, Robert	36639 Dina	MI
Melhorn, Sue & Seaward, Brian	36645 Dina	FL
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### **TABLE & CHAIR ASSIGNMENTS BY MONTHS**

<b>Month</b>	<b>First Half</b>	<b>Second Half</b>
October	O & P	S
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### **SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES**

Clubhouse 2, 37137 Lakewood Drive

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

#### **April Musicians**

6 – Bill D. Williams

13 – Will Yancy

#### **Hawaiian Theme Dance**

20 – Lady & The Outlaw

27 – Karl Sapp



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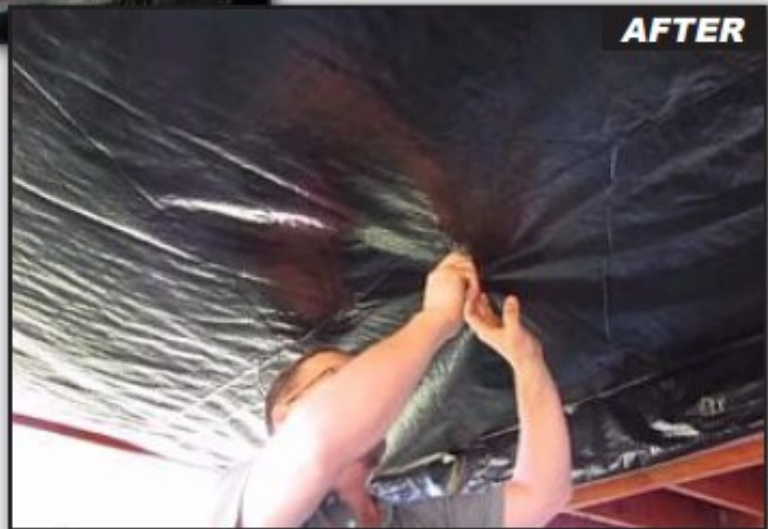
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# CLUB NEWS

## **BANDSTAND**

Well, the first season of Betmar Bandstand is coming to a close. Our last Wednesday night show will be Wednesday, April 17 when the Jam Bandits will entertain us.

The year will end with the Jam Bandits on stage on March 27, April 10 and April 17.

This first year has been a year of learning how best to present this new venue. Based on your continued kindness and generosity, it would appear we were successful.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who helped us achieve that success. Through the wonderful efforts of our Betmar volunteers and friends, we were able to bring you some great entertainment, a couple of hours of music and dancing and a chance for fellowship with friends.

Thank you for all your support, your help and your talents. We wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe summer. We'll see you in November when Bandstand will resume.

Janet Seibert

## **BEGINNERS ART**

It is hard to believe that this is our last bulletin until Fall.

We want to thank everyone who attended our art classes. Whether you came weekly or just once, we enjoyed having you be a part of our group. I want to thank those people who gave of their time to help teach. We have evolved into a community of people who enjoy painting, helping and teaching others and having fun.

We couldn't continue without you. Jan, Michele, Vera, Mike, I totally appreciate and thank you.

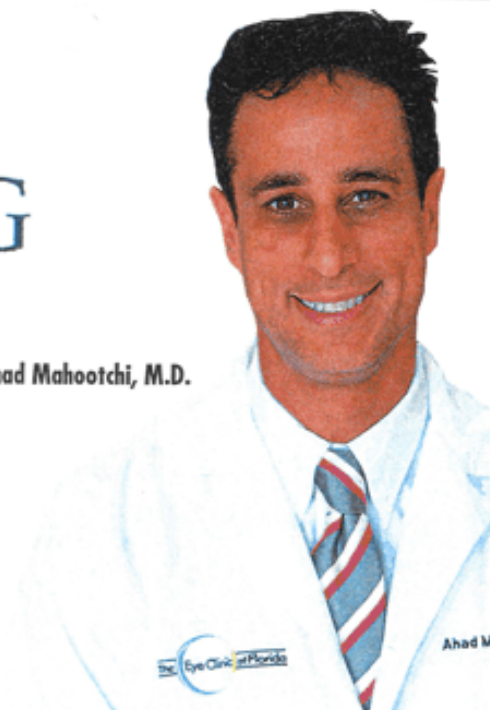
If you are in Betmar, there is still time to come and see what we are about. We will be in Clubhouse 3 every Wednesday at 1 pm until the last one in April. For those who stay longer or year-round, we move the first Wednesday in May to Apache Blue room at 1 pm. \$1 donation per lesson.

Remember us in the Fall when you return. Safe travels and an enjoyable summer to all.

Colleen King

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## CARPORT CONCERT

Thanks to all who came out, danced, and enjoyed catching up with your friends and neighbors at March's SPECIAL three-hour concert!! BIG thanks to 'Mayor' Harpo Withers for his hospitality, infused Jello shots, love and commitment to Betmar! Truly, his lot is the *Pearl of Betmar* out there under the oaks.

Our local artisans, Chuck Riley and Mark Shane did not disappoint! All the players were born and raised right here in Tampa Bay area and have been playing since their youth. You could feel the connection!! LOVE, PEACE, and HARMONY fills the air of our beautiful park every time ANY music is played!!

Carport Concert Club membership SPONSORS events open to all Betmar residents and their guests. Concerts are monthly on the SECOND Thursday, starting in November through April. Memberships are \$25/pp. Our goal is 100 renewing members to sustain the six-concert series.

### MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE THIS MONTH FOR NEXT YEAR

*Checks preferred: Betmar Carport Concerts Club*

*Mail to: Rick LaBranche, 5636 Arrowhead Dr., Zephyrhills, FL 33542*

Club meetings are the FIRST Thursday 4:00pm, open to all members and hosted at that month's concert location.

### NEXT CONCERT:

**SnakeFarm w/ Josh Nelms**

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## **CREATIVE WRITERS**

The Creative Writer's Group will hold our last meeting for the spring season at Conne's home on April first starting at 9 am.

We will resume in the fall of 2024 as schedules permit and as "snowbirds" return.

Conne McCormick

## **DANCE CLUB**

April is the last month of the season to enjoy a fun-filled Saturday night dance and we have some great musicians lined up. See the attached poster. The Dance Club thanks you for your support and hopes those of you heading elsewhere for the summer have a safe trip and return soon.

## **CHANGE IN OFFICERS**

On April 9, 2024, the following volunteers will assume their new roles.

Steve Ward, President

Janet Blair, Vice President

Pam Ward remains the Treasurer

Joyce Smith remains the Secretary

## **DANCE CLUB GENERAL MEETINGS**

April 9 is the last meeting until November 12. All meetings are in the Apache Clubhouse Blue room at 3:00 p.m. As always, this is an open meeting and your suggestions and constructive comments are welcome.

**DANCE CLASSES** – All classes scheduled for November through April are held in CH3. Summer line dance classes (May through October) are held in the CH2 annex.

To participate in dance classes, residents need to pay a yearly \$15.00 membership fee to cover November 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Non-residents may participate if a member sponsors them and an additional \$2.00 fee is paid per session. Give line dancing and or clogging a try! Your first class is free! We're here to have fun, exercise and meet new people. Class schedules are subject to change and will be announced at the weekly Coffee meeting.

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## Line Dance Classes

November - April

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Thursday, 10:30-12:00 is a mix of beginner through improver line dances.

## Clogging Classes

November – April

Tuesdays, 9:00 -10:15

Thursday, 9:00 -10:15

Contact Karolyn Dowell, 317-512-2610 for more information.

**SUMMER LINE DANCE SCHEDULE** – Last summer’s line dance class for sun birds was very successful so we’re going to schedule it again. The class will be held Mondays from 10:30-12:00 in the CH2 annex.

**DANCE CLUB WEBSITE:** <https://betmar.org/club-dance/>

The Dance Club website has the latest dance schedules. Select the comment button to ask a question or leave a comment. President Steve Ward will review the questions/comments and pass them along to the appropriate people.

For the latest Dance Club news, follow us on **Facebook** – Betmar Dance Club

See you on the dance floor!

Joyce Smith, Dance Club Secretary ~ 207-944-7335

## **GARDEN CLUB**

The club members and guests learned about raised bed gardening from Master Gardener Steve Cox at our March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. The meeting was well attended by our members and other Betmar residents. Steve explained raised bed construction, planting and fertilization. In addition, he answered our general gardening questions.

During our brief business meeting, we elected the new board as proposed by the nominating committee as follows:

President	Diana Hobart
Vice President	Brenda Moody
Secretary	Kim Pheil
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## **GOLF**

The April Golf Board meetings will be Monday, April 29th at 9:00 am in the Annex of Clubhouse#2. If you have questions for the board, please try to submit them to one of the board members one week before the meeting so answers or possible solutions might be in place at the meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the board meetings.

## **Men's Golf**

The men's golf scramble takes place on Friday. All men who are full members of the golf club are invited to participate. Card draw is at 7:45 with a shot gun start at 8:00. The cost is \$1.00.

## **Activities**

Tuesday, April 2nd - Biscuit or Risk it Check in 1:30

Saturday, April 6th - Breakfast 8:00am - 9:30am

Friday, April 19th - Game Day Tourney Check in 1:30

(dress in your favorite team clothing)

Thank you for a great season! Have a great summer!!

Marilyn Williams & Terri Williams

## **Clubhouse Director**

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Brenda Moody

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Congratulations to Preston Ward for shooting a 23 on the white course on 2/10. There were 3 aces in February and 3 so far in March. Henry Brown on 2/9, Gold #3. Tim Fisher on 2/23, Blue #3. And Bob Langtry on 2/27, Gold #9. Jim Van Leir on 3/6, Gold #7. Paul Marichal on 3/9, White #8. Mike Gumser on 3/12, Gold#6. Great golfing guys!!

Karen Emery ~ Golf Board ~ Communications

## **HOSPITALITY**

The Hospitality Club have had a busy year. All our events would not have been possible without the members. From the coffee greeters, the card party, assembling and delivery of Valentines and our entertainment show, we have had a successful year.

We want to extent our gratitude to Tom Brown and the ones who set up and take down our tables. Also, many thanks to communications for all they do for us.

On April 4th at 12:30, we will do a luncheon with chicken fingers, and everyone will bring salads or desserts. We decided to invite Michelle and Melinda and the husbands that helped us with the card party and invite any new members to join us with a RSVP response.



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*Elizabeth McCracken*

*The Library Board sends a huge thank you to the board of trustees' spear headed by Dave Gregg and The Properties team spear headed by Bob Coutx for all the help and encouragement in getting our Library ready for remodel. We are very excited to see and work in the newly remodeled Library.*

*We also want to thank the many volunteers that put hours in each week keeping things running smoothly.*

*The Kiosks will be in Clubhouse # 2 by April 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a lot of books to choose from.*

*We will have lots of new books to choose from when we reopen. If you wish to donate any books you buy while we are closed, I will have a box on my lanai. Feel free to stop by 37432 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.*

*We will keep you updated with the coffee news articles.*

*Toni*

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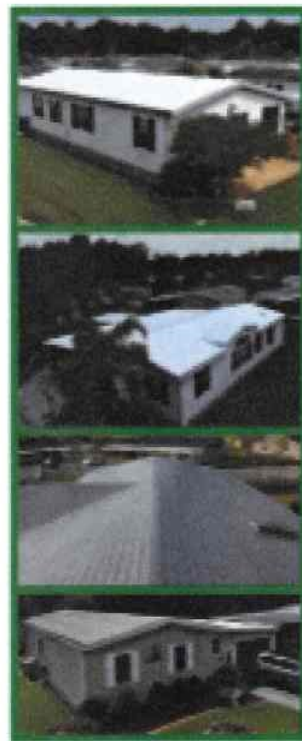


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## SHUFFLE

We hosted a well-attended State tournament at the beginning of March. Two Betmar shufflers placed in the main event. Tim Baker took first place and Earl Ball finished in third place. Congrats!

On March 13 we elected our new slate of officers: President Rick Johnson, 1st VP Fred Leger, 2nd VP Lorraine Merrifield, 3rd VP Pat Norton, Secretary Gay Herman, Treasurer Janet Send, and Directors Judi Gearsbeck and Len Loughran. That same day we gathered later on for our Volunteer Appreciation Pizza Party where we had an awesome turnout. Our very own Mr. Turkey was there to hand out the Turkey Shoot awards for the season as follows: Novices: 1-Marv Hayward, 2-Chuck Clifford, 3-Dick Alwood; Amateurs: 1-Dave Fuller, 2-Irene Bauer, 3-Gay Herman; and Pros: 1-Len Loughran, 2-Judy Leger, 3-Rick Johnson. Top winners got \$20, 2nd place got \$10 and 3rd got \$5. Many thanks to Allan Hammond for suiting up again for the occasion and congrats to all!

It's been a wonderful season of fun, competition and camaraderie at the Betmar Shuffle Courts. Remember that Hoss Collar and Round Robins continue throughout the year. And we also continue to recycle the aluminum cans and other aluminum items. Many thanks to all who devote so much time to make our club so successful and to those who work to maintain our outstanding facilities. It takes a large number of volunteers to make it all happen. Due to the income from our many shuffle lunches and aluminum recycling, we were able to donate \$8750 to Betmar.

Our next shuffle club general meeting is April 10 at 10:00 when our new officers will be installed. Please attend. Now that spring has arrived we wish everyone a safe and healthy summer and we hope to see you all back on the courts in the fall. For those who are staying here, happy shuffling!



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Mark your calendar for our Poker Run on March 13. The poker run starts at 12 pm at the pavilion at Clubhouse 2. Tickets are available for a \$12.00 donation and includes cash prize for the top 4 poker hands and a picnic lunch. There will also be a ticket auction for items and a Share the Fun drawing. For more information or tickets please contact Laraine Roberts at 517-230-2231.

The Facebook group: Betmar Tennis & Pickleball is now up and going. All members may join and post information to our group. This is an additional way to communicate to all of our members.

Submitted by Robin Meek, Secretary

## **APPRECIATION**

### ***THANK YOU KAREN & BOB RHOADES***

It was a beautiful day for a picnic at Tarpon Springs. This picnic is hosted by Bob and Karan Rhodes and their crew, all from Betmar.

Bob and Karan have been hosting for many years, with great success. This picnic is open to all Betmarians and the costs is a dish to pass and a small donation.

Karan and crew baked 5 hams for everyone to enjoy, and they were delicious. At last count, there were 40 plus people in attendance, but more came.

The picnic is always held the Saturday before Easter, at Howard Park in Tarpon Springs. If you have never been, it is a very relaxing day in a beautiful park.

Thank you Karan and Bob for hosting this Betmarian get together.

### ***BILL ROBERTSON***

Our family would like to thank the residents at Betmar Acres who attended the lovely memorial held in Bill's honor.

We sincerely enjoyed everyone's stories, kind words, your prayers and condolences. You filled our hearts with joy knowing Bill touched each of your lives. We felt so honored that you each took the time to show your support.

Sending each of you many blessings,  
Wilma, April, Scott & Nick

### ***SHEREE HOUGHLIN***

The family of Sheree Houghlin thank you so much for your support with help, donations of food, flowers and your attendance for her "Celebration of Life" service held on March 16, 2024.

She would truly have been grateful to know so many of her family and friends came together to enjoy food and fellowship in her honor.

Fay MacFarland