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BETMAR COFFEE NEWS

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Video Club

GOOD MORNING BETMAR FRIENDS!!

TUESDAY AT COFFEE:



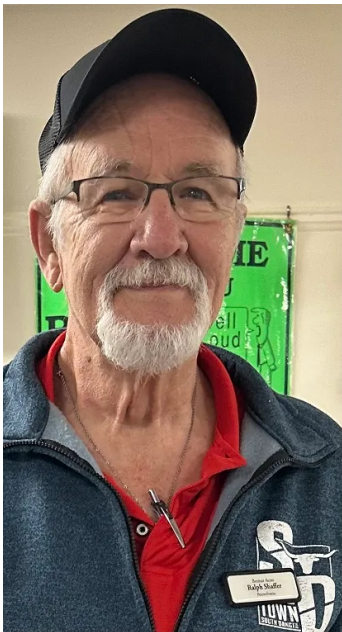






MICHELLE'S MESSAGE

This is definitely a busy week. There are so many things going on I had to write it out on a plain piece of notebook paper so I wouldn't forget anything. If you haven't been out and about at night, I recommend you do so to check out all the lights. They are beautiful! Thank you, David Dandaneau and Stephen Libby for providing donuts and coffee for us today! Merry Christmas!!



VOLUNTEER SHOUT OUT

*From New Castle, Pennsylvania

*Pittsburg Steeler Fan

*In the park since 2015

*Swim Club Member

*Enjoys car racing

*Golfer

*Helped with bingo last year

*Volunteers for What Not

*Video Club four years-President 3 years

*Records Video Shows/parades/ladies golfapalooza/dances/etc

Who is he??

RALPH SHAFFER

NEW RESIDENTS

Jim and Jeannette Richie on Barbara



New Residents-Lew and Bob Trenoweth from Maine-
living on Plant Street

ACTIVITIES:

THANK YOU STAN FINCH FOR THE AWSOME SONG THIS MORNING

Christmas Gift Exchange-bring one in next week-\$1-\$5 or so

Christmas Golf Cart Parade-this Sunday-Line up 5:45-start at 6PM

BETMAR PARADE ROUTE

Betmarians enjoy decorating their cart for our Park Parades. The route is planned to make sure we have Security at each of seventeen intersections. For your viewing pleasure we have outlined the streets we use. We leave Clubhouse 2, make a loop through the park and finish at Clubhouse 2. There is a street map of the layout of Betmar streets in the center of your Betmar address book.

Clubhouse 2

Lakewood to Betmar Drive

left on 8th Avenue to Betmar

right on Lois

right on Flint left on Lois

right on Jo
left on 8th
left on Jo
left on Kay
right on Plant
left on Strand
right on Dakota
right on Jodi
left on Cheyenne
left on Kiowa
right on Tara
right on Apache to Strand
left on Plant
left on Lakewood
back to Clubhouse 2

Christmas Tree Raffle- drawing is next week at Coffee Hour 12/19/2023 -ONE lucky person will win the tree with almost \$1,100.00 worth of prizes. Please remember this supports the 3 clubs that partnered together to provide this fundraiser to help the clubs provide the best clubs possible to Betmarians.

REMEMBER-NO COFFEE HOUR DECEMBER 26TH AND JANUARY 2ND

I WILL BE DOING COFFEE NEWS FOR CLUBS TO GET ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS OUT!

Please note the following closings for ALL CLUBHOUSES for the holidays:

Christmas Eve: closed at 5:00pm

Christmas Day: closed all day, will open at 7:00am on Tuesday 12-26-23

New Years Day: closed all day, will open at 7:00am on Tuesday 1-2-24

Golf courses will be open for play.

COFFEE HOUR ONLY-NOT NEWS

Please drop off your Thomas Promise Cookies TODAY in the Annex between 12:30 PM and 3 PM. Thank you one and all who baked, made throws, donated toys or helped wrap the toys to make the Dinner With Santa a Huge Success for the less fortunate children in Zephyrhills!!

Today is the last day to buy your Quilt Raffle Tickets to support Let's Dress The Girls. We are set up in the Annex this morning and at the Shuffle Lunch today. The winning ticket will be drawn on Friday afternoon. Thank you for your support!!

MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

Music Entertainment tickets on sale at coffee or contact Carol Kelly.

\$5 donation Show time:

12/15 Fri. at 7:00 p m

12/16 Sat. at 2:00 p m

Come and enjoy a great show to put you in the Christmas spirit. There will be no Music Entertainment at CH #3 Friday as the big show is right here in CH #2.

GAME CLUB:

Bocce ball has started Mon and Thurs at 1pm. Come and join the FUN.

Are you interested in learning bridge?

If you are already a member of the game club you are half way there.

Beginning bridge is available and there are instructors available and time slots available.

Call me and let me know...

Planning on doing in January.

Give me a call Bailey Johnson 207-812-2093

Beginning cards will begin on Tuesday, December 19 at 10:15-10:30 or following Coffee Hour at Apache Clubhouse. Learn to play Pony and/or Liverpool Rummy. If you have questions call Janet Seibert at 248-568-5243. See the notice on the Simply Betmar group page and Facebook.

BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS

Sue, Cheri and the Bountiful Blessings volunteers are working very hard to organize all the Christmas Baskets. A huge thank you to all those residents who are making them possible. Distribution Day is December 20th between 11:00AM and 1:00PM.

Bountiful Blessings would like to remind our residents that The Food Cupboard is open daily. Please come to 36721 Strand (corner of Plant and Strand), ring the doorbell. As long as the white van is in the driveway, Sue is home. If there isn't an answer, please call or text Sue at 813 469 4653 or Cheri at 813 310 7861 – we will open The Food Cupboard for you. Should you need transportation, we are happy to pick you up. You can also text us with your list and delivery arrangements will be made. Remember, Bountiful Blessings only has shelf stable items and is limited to the items stocked. Follow us on FaceBook page Betmar Bountiful Blessings for updates.

Bountiful Blessings has a Wish List posted on FaceBook pages Betmar Bountiful Blessings and Simply Betmar and the Club Houses.

CARPORT CONCERTS

Carport Concert is THIS Thursday!!

Time: 4-6pm

Carport: 36609 Strand Drive

Come early to set the lines with your carts! Don't forget to bring your coolers, chairs, and blankets!! Expect a great show with Eddie Wright and his special guest, Chuck Riley on bass! Definitely a must see!

SHUFFLE CLUB

No turkey shoot today, Tuesday, December 12th due to a tournament

Congratulations to Linda Dwelly and Diane Beaulier for winning gold medals playing shuffleboard doubles in the Florida Senior Games in the 75 to 79 age category at the Zephyrhills Shuffle Club today. Linda won a bronze medal yesterday playing shuffleboard singles and Diane won a gold medal in shuffleboard singles. Way to go ladies!!



JAM CLUB

We are forced to make some changes. Jim Powell is resigning due to health problems. Our Finance person will be traveling this January and February, so she needs to be replaced. Our secretary was temporary, so she would like to be replaced soon.

There will be a meeting Tuesday, January 2 at 9:00 AM in the White Room of Apache Clubhouse to elect new officers.

You don't have to be a performer to serve, you only have to enjoy the Jam and be willing to keep it going. We'll see some of you enthusiastic volunteers on January 2nd, at 9AM in the Apache Clubhouse. Plan to volunteer and have fun.

TOPS:

"My doctor told me I had to stop throwing intimate dinners for four unless there were three other people." Orson Welles

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) invites you to join us on Wednesdays, with suggested weigh in at 8:15 am. and our meeting at 8:45 am.

TABLE AND CHAIR SET UP:

Block assignments for Table & Chair volunteers are published in each month's Betmar Bulletin. Blocks are mapped out on page 28 of the phone book. The block assignment for the second half of December is Blocks E & F ((east end of Lakewood, Joyce & Barbara). A map with blocks shown is on page of the phone book.

Schedule for this period follows:

Wed 12/13 8 am Betmar Bandstand (major)

Thu 12/14 8 am Betmar Dinner (major)

Fri 12/15 8 am M&E show (major)

Sat 12/16 4 pm Dance (major)

Mon 12/18 8 am Bingo & Chorus (major)

VIDEO CLUB – FROM THE CUTTING ROOM FLOOR:

VIDEO OF THE WEEK.....**"The What-Not Sale"**.
Check it our here !!

WHAT NOT SALE VIDEO.....CLICK HERE

AROUND BETMAR:

AROUND BETMAR CHRISTMAS







CHORUS:

The chorus will begin practicing for the memorial services Jan 21 on Dec 11 and resume practice in January 8 on Mondays 12:45.CH2

Spring chorus will also begin. Come and join our joyful sound!

BETMAR TRAVEL GROUP:

Wednesday the bus will leave at 1:30 p.m. FOR BUCA DI BEPPO AND THE GAYLORD PALMS ICE! Please be there no later than 1:20 p.m. as we need to let everyone know what bus they will be on and get everyone checked in.

Remember, Coats will be provided but bring a pair of gloves, hat and scarf, if you're someone who isn't used to nine-degree temperatures. (I'm sure that's all of us.)

BETMAR BANDSTAND:

Please join us tomorrow, Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00 pm at Clubhouse 2. The Jam Bandits will entertain you along with special guest Chuck Riley. We look forward to seeing you then. Good music, dancing, fresh popcorn and a chance to see friends.

DANCE CLUB:

Dance Club General meeting today at 3pm in the Apache blue room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Saturday Night Dance – join us in Clubhouse 2, 7-10 pm for dancing to the music of Charles Williams. \$5.00 per person, doors open at 6pm. Contact Pam Ward for advanced tickets, 989-859-6905

New Year's Eve Dance – Karl Sapp will play us into the new year. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and include light refreshments, party favors and a champagne toast. Contact Mary Shedd, 813-715-2051 or Maxine Bailey, 813-715-4323 for tickets. New Year's Eve is fast approaching and once again time for the hootenanny in clubhouse three from 8 to 12 PM the tickets will be five dollars and will go on sale December 1. Carol Kelly and Danny Jackson will provide the music for dancing. Bring your own snacks and beverages. You may go to the clubhouse at 11 AM to set up your tables and decorate. Fou tickets call Shirley Fisher at 788-7525 or Lynda Cutter at 317-750-4618 or buy them at coffee.

GOLF CLUB:

- For any Golf Starters, Rangers, or golf members who have questions about any type of membership registration or renewal, we will be addressing this topic and answering any questions at the Golf Board meeting on December 18th at 9:00am in the Annex. There are various important topics to be discussed so please plan on attending if you are a golf member.
- Breakfast tickets are available for the Jan. 6th Casserole breakfast. Remember \$5.00 pre-event pricing and \$8.00 at the door. So, save money get your tickets early as this helps the breakfast crew to plan accordingly for the needs of the breakfast.
- Quilt tickets are still available for the drawing, winner to be drawn at the Uno Fun run for all Betmar residents, planning on the week of 20th of February 2024.
- Golf Outing – New member Intro outing December 14th. If you're a new member within the last three years, please sign up in the Golf Clubhouse.
- What Not Sale Jan – Callaway representative is planning on being here during the What Not Sale.

COMPUTER CLUB:

There will be no 1:00 meeting today because of Shuffle Lunch. At 2:00 we will help you solve your problems you have with your devices.

Next Tuesday we will review Android Phone Settings

CREATIVE WRITERS:

Creative Writers meets on Mondays at 9am in the White Room at the Apache Clubhouse.

"There are three rules for writing a novel. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are" —Somerset Maugham

We hope you are writing while we await gathering together.

TENNIS/PICKLEBALL CLUB:

Eleven pickleball players from Betmar participated in the Florida Senior Games held at the Sarah Vande Berg Tennis Center from December 6 through December 9 along with the other 472 athletes. Those Betmar residents winning medals included Jimmie Stokes (3 gold medals in women's doubles, mixed doubles and singles), Sandy Bedingfield (gold medal in women's doubles), Robin Meek (bronze medal in women's doubles), Karen Quinlan (bronze medal in women's doubles), Rita Jones (bronze medal in women's singles), Tom Frain (silver medal in men's singles) and Jim Pfleidner (silver medal in men's singles). Other Betmar players participating in the Florida games included Terri Tracy, Michelle St. Jean, James St. Jean and Jim Wencel. Congratulations to all!

The pickleball club is holding an event in CH2 on the 7th of JANUARY. It's a comedian... Corky T. Cultler... standup comic...very funny... WE only have a few weeks to sell the tickets-get them at coffee hour or the office.



THEATRE:

Theater will begin practicing for their desert theater Weds Jan,3 and on weds and Fridays after that. Looking forward to a new season. No practice Jan 10 in CH2

The spring play is looking for a pianist that can record music for the March play. We also need a flute player- one that can record and a harmonica player that can play live during the beginning of the play.

Also looking for artists and a few that can sew. phew! We have a busy season before us!

TRIVIA:

Another great night on Sunday with two teams tied at the end of the evening.

Several rounds including picture, audio and current events could not separate them.

The tie break question? How old was John Wayne when he died?

The answer? ...72.

The winning team guesstimated 73 and landed closest to the pin.

Lots of fun was had by everyone. Come and join us on Sunday at 6.30pm. Up to 4 people per team.

HEALTHORAMA:

Onspot is out there checking out skin. They do have walk-in availability if you would like to go see them today.

WHAT NOT SALE:

January What-Not Sale

WHAT NOT SALE VIDEO.....[CLICK HERE](#)

Here is the current list of where we need additional volunteers. **Department Heads**, please contact the volunteers on your list to see if they are still available. Once you determine how many more volunteers you need, let us know. We will not be sending any volunteers to your department unless you inform us of your needs. Please let us know if you are all set as well. This list will be updated weekly.

HELP WANTED

(volunteers needed for the January 11-13th What-Not Sale)

Number & lengths of shifts flexible

Department	Additional volunteers needed
ANT MARCH – need all able-bodied persons (anyone who can carry a box) to help unload the What-Not Barn at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan 10 th . No need to get your name on a list. Just show up and we will direct you, PLEASE!!!!!!	200+
Books, Toys & Games	2 for setup on Wed. AM
CLOTHING MEN'S	1

GLASSWARE & DISHES	4 men to carry boxes during Wed. AM setup
SHARE THE WEALTH — Judy Whitkopf needs more people to help with selling tickets. If you are not a shy person, she needs you for some short periods to help give away money to lucky people.	3
LINENS	2

If you would like to sign up to help in these areas, please notify Tom/Diane (Dee) Brown.

Email: tomdianebrown@yahoo.com

Diane's cell phone: (call or text) 603-534-3304

Tom's cell phone: (call or text) 603-978-92

BIRTHDAYS:

December 16th Happy 55th Birthday to Dave Russ, now your finally legal to live in Betmar!

Elaine Lange 12-11

Rose M Hasemann 12-12

William Rood Turning 68 12-17

Phil Hawkins 12-11

Brenda Moody 12-14

Pat Armendinger 12-17

Judith Hall 12-11

Shirley Sell 12-10

Debbie Torrey 12-17 63 years

Randy Torrey 12-19 68 years

Lyle Evans 12-12 83 years

Homer Seitler 76 years 12-14

Karen Nemeth 12-11

Linda Parkhurst 12-11

To Submit a Birthday Announcement, Click [HERE](#)

ANNIVERSARY:

Jim and Sandy Shaw 12-16 41 years

Ron and Marilyn Williams 12-11

To Submit an Anniversary Announcement, Click [HERE](#)

SICK BAY:

NONE

MEMORIAL:

A memorial service will be held Jan.14 for Linda LaFayeete from 1-3 in CH 2.

We are looking for volunteers to bring fingers foods at 12 noon on Jan 14. No pies or cakes please.

JOKE OF THE DAY:

Pat Armendinger's guest Homer Seitler

JOKE OF THE DAY:

Managing your weight around Christmas just requires a little planning.....

For example, I took the batteries out of my scales yesterday.



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