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GOOD MORNING BETMAR FRIENDS!!

TUESDAY AT COFFEE:





Melinda's Message: Michelle is in Peru this week!! She will return next week. We pray for safety and traveling mercies over her. You can be sure she's having a GREAT TIME!!!

Volunteer Shout Out

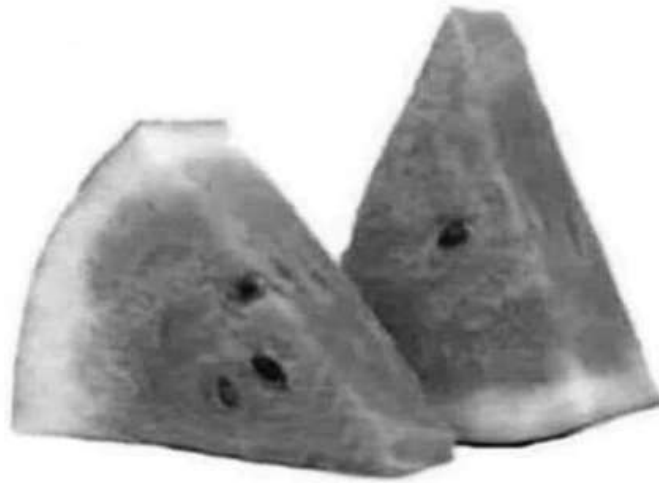


This couple served in the What Not Barn; One helped with the furniture there; They both assisted with Theater Props; One has been an actor in our theater productions; Cleaning up after Bingo; they've both

volunteered to serve here for Coffee Tuesday; they both help with tables and chairs for several events here in Betmar; Help clean up our miniature golf course; They love water volleyball in the pool! They're one of our very cool neighbors on Tara Avenue!! Woohoo!!

Who is this delightful couple, you ask? Well, we're talking about Bill and Linda Rood of course!!! We love you both so much! Thank you for all you do here to make Betmar a great place to live!

EYE TEST



If you see this watermelon as:

- RED** - You are a normal person
- GREEN** - You are a bit odd
- BLUE** - You need to volunteer at Betmar

We ended our Coffee Hour today with a **VERY SPECIAL TREAT** with a lovely song of Louis Armstrong, "It's a Wonderful World" on the guitar by our very own Bobby Sliva! It was beautifully done. Thanks so much, Bobby!

NEW RESIDENTS:



New Resident-Pete Salazar from Southern California! He lives on Lois Avenue.
Welcome to Betmar, Pete!

FUTURE RESIDENTS:

Kim and Bob Douglas from Kentucky & Tara Avenue announce the arrival of future Betmar resident Great Granddaughter Delilah Jo, seen here with her mother (granddaughter) Evey Lynn Gregory/Evans. Delilah Jo arrived on 9/8 at 6lbs 6.3ozs ...but we're assuming she'll be a little taller when she moves to Betmar in 55 years.







BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS

We are signing residents up for the Thanksgiving Basket. All you have to do is contact Sue 813-469-4653 or Cheri 813-310-7861. We will need your name, address and phone number. You can leave this info in an envelope placed in the bin at 36721 Strand. If you have previously received a holiday box, you are on the list. Please let us know if you no longer have a need. You can also follow us on FaceBook page Betmar Bountiful Blessings for updates. E-mail: betmarbountifulblessings@gmail.com NEEDED ITEMS: Dollar Tree laundry washing powder and dry bleach; mixed fruit, diced tomatoes; canned peaches and pears; complete meals; raisins; cooking oil; women's body wash; juice (no prune) small bottles; gravy (cans or packets); toilet paper; cranberry sauce; dish soap. NO green beans. NO GLASS JARS please! Big risk of breakage. If you have any suggestions for something special to be put into the Thanksgiving boxes, please let us know.

BETMAR COOKING SHOWS:

We've wrapped up our August Cooking Shows and have only ONE left for this year for this season. We all had a great time at Linda Carillon's house on September 7th — we cooked up some fun and then off we went next door to Bernie Novak's kitchen to learn how to make his yummy biscotti! We all enjoyed great comradery putting things together. Our own Brenda Ward Moody took some great pictures! Thank you everyone! Fun times! Our last one will be September 28th of this year. February Snowbird Special! I've got an ongoing list for those of you who said you were interested in joining us, please let me know! I'm game if you want to host one in your home (for 5-9 people) and/OR if you have recipes you'd like to show yourself; We have some amazing cooks here in our community! Remember.... It's not about the food so much as it's getting to know more folks here in Betmar around the table while we share a delicious meal. Cost is \$8 per person (except for the hostess home) Contact Melinda at 707-628-2791

GARDEN CLUB

The Betmar Garden Club "Summer Crew" enjoyed a luncheon together on Thursday, September 14th. Members attending were Kathy Brooks, Donna Ciukaj, Theresa Daniels, Judy Hall,

Brenda Moody, Kathy Downer, Geri Heyl, Marie Hutchinson, Pennie Jefferson, Judy Bubar, and

Jim Van Leir. Two long time members of the club were honored as they are moving away:

Theresa Daniels and Judy Bubar. They will be greatly missed. The club, also, welcomed two new garden members: Kathy Brooks and Jim Van Leir



LaPoozala:

I guess everyone is now aware, it was cancelled. If you'd purchased a ticket, please go to the Betmar Office for your refund.

SCARECROW PAINTING! HAPPY FALL YA'LL:

I'd posted an opportunity to paint scarecrows together a month or so ago, and one brave and REALLY EXCEPTIONALLY TALENTED ARTIST joined me, (who can only draw a stick person!) Kelly Garrett helped me finish my Fall guy (Did I mention she's also very merciful?) Thank you, Kelly — They are both sooooo handsome don't ya know!!

CHORUS:

The Betmar Chorus is alive and well despite the tragic loss of our beloved director Linda Lafayette. Your chorus will still provide music for the Christmas Tree Lighting Concert, the Memorial Service, and the Spring Concert.

We will start rehearsing on Monday, October 2nd at 12:45pm under the direction of Dawn McDowell. If you would like to sing, please join us in the Annex. No auditions are required. (If you sound great in your shower, you'll be amazing in our chorus!) 😊

THE STABLE:

Okay Ya'll! We're going to caravan together to THE STABLE in Lake Alfred in Winter Haven on Thursday, October 12th— We'll have lunch and shopping (all on our own); no tickets for this fun venture. Let me know if you'd like to join us. Their menu is very affordable, and I'm told delicious! If you would like to come and/or can drive, please let me know! 707-628-2791

NEW CLOCKS:

NEW CLOCKS were purchased and hung for the pools and Apache Blue Room!
(This is how you know, folks, that the news can be somewhat scarce when snowbirds are gone!) LOL!

TRAVEL GROUP- Mystery Trip:

The mystery is over! Sandy took us to Palmetto, Florida to the Southeastern Guide Dogs where we participated in the "Beyond the Dark" demonstration. We learned how guide dogs were trained and used, and then we heard a few testimonials from people who were actual recipients of their guide dogs. This was sooo informative and interesting! That was stop number ONE, (no one from our group had ever been there)

Stop number TWO was Lunch in a private room at the Der Dutchman in Sarasota. We all had our fill at their delicious buffet and pie was included!! Their Gift Shop is pretty amazing too! Loved that! (only three in our whole group had ever been there before) I definitely want to go back to that restaurant!!!

Then further on into Sarasota for destination number THREE! to the Siesta Rum Distillery Company where a tasting room was the first order of business for several. We learned how rum is made and that this particular company is receiving many awards for their extensive refined process. (No one had ever been there from our group) The tour guides were soooo funny and kept us all laughing, whether you were into rum or not, it was very enjoyable! They made Mai Tai's and Pina Colada's for those who ordered them and some purchased variations of

flavored Rum! There were no complaints! So, needless to say..... Sandy's Mystery Trip was a GREAT SUCCESS and she has agreed to have another one for us, with new attractions, next year! It was well worth the few bucks we paid. We all had a great time together.

Our next upcoming trip will be the October 7th production of "Tootsie", at the Suncoast Broadway Theater. We still need 14 people to sign up and fill this gap right away if this trip is a GO! (Needs to be at least 30 people) Cost is only \$95.











AROUND BETMAR





Snake on Memorial Park walkway

LIBRARY:

"The librarian's recipe for a long life; Keep Breathing!" by The Frugal Librarian. Let's go into the past and start reading the Classics, like:

"Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen OR "The Great Gatsby", by F. Scott Fitzgerald, OR "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee.

You can also rent puzzles, audio books or movies! Even have some for sale!

Greetings from your treasure trove, the Betmar Community Library — hours are 10-noon Monday through Friday. We look forward to serving you!

WHAT NOT BARN:

WHAT NOT BARN is still open Fridays 9-noon. Come check it out!!

TEENY WENIE:

Tony Mastrogiacomio has Coordinated and served us well here in Betmar April through August every Wednesday afternoon for THIRTEEN YEARS!!! — Our last one was Wednesday, August 30th for this season. He has passed the baton to Mark and Kelly Garrett for next year! Congratulations to them! And many thanks to Tony for his amazing service all these years!! (Ewe's AWESOME Tony!)

Tony Mastrogiacomio who is stepping down from Chairperson of Teeny Weenie this year.



Kelly and Mark Garrett will act as coordinators of Teeny Weenie next season.



VISITORS:

Vince and Linda Smith's two children (Jen and Nick) have flown in and will be here for a bit to assist their parents. Their son was trained as a chef out of high school, so guess who's in charge of meals? 😊
What a blessing! Please know, Linda and Vince you are dearly loved here with your Betmar family, and our prayers truly are lifting you all right now.

BIRTHDAYS:

I couldn't find anyone with birthdays so IT'S MINE! today, Sept 19th (I'm not sure I'm old enough to be in this park..... but that's for another day!) Lol!

Dean Baumgartner is 87 yrs young Sept 21st!

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ANNIVERSARY:

NONE

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SICK BAY:

NONE

JOKE OF THE DAY:

*My husband said, "That's the 4th time you've gone back for dessert! Doesn't it embarrass you?" I said, "No, I keep telling them that they are for YOU!"

* A 17-year-old boy who works part-time at Pizza Hut drives up to park in front of the house in a beautiful Porsche.

Naturally, his parents know that there's no way he earned enough with his after-school job to buy such a car.

"Where did you get that car?" his mom and dad screamed in shock.

"I bought it today," replied the teen calmly.

"With what money young man?" his mom demands. "We know how much a Porsche costs and you cannot afford it!"

"Well, it's used and I got a good deal" says the boy, "This one cost me 20 dollars."

"Who on earth would sell a car like that for 20 dollars?!"

"The woman up the street," the boy replies. "I don't know her name—she just moved in. She ordered a pizza and when I delivered it to her, she asked me if I wanted to buy a Porsche for 20 dollars."

The boy's parents both hurry over to their new neighbor's house, ready to demand an explanation. Curiously, their new neighbor is calmly planting flowers in her front yard.

"I'm the father of the kid you just sold a sports car to for \$20," the dad says. "I need an explanation from you!"

"Well," the woman says, not looking up from her garden. "This morning I got a phone call from my husband. I thought he was on a business trip in Florida, but it seems he has run off to Hawaii with his secretary and doesn't intend to come back."

"What on earth does that have to do with selling our son a Porsche for \$20?" The boy's mom asks, utterly perplexed.

The new neighbor smiles very big and pauses for a minute..... "Well, my husband asked me to sell his new Porsche and send him the money.....So..... I did!"



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