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BETMAR COFFEE NEWS

Jan 16, 2024

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Videos Betmar Video Club

GOOD MORNING BETMAR FRIENDS!!

TUESDAY AT COFFEE:







MICHELLE'S MESSAGE

Well, the busy What Not Sale week is over. Thank you so much to Tom and Dee Brown for putting in so much time and energy!! Their leadership, love of Betmar, and willingness to work is admirable. Would love to have everyone that lives here have a similar work ethic and desire to make Betmar truly a wonderful place to live! We are fortunate to have so many of you volunteering to help out-a big thank you goes out to you as well!!! Get caught up on your rest and continue to enjoy the perks and benefits of living in Betmar!! Oh.....Way to go LIONS!!!

VOLUNTEER SHOUT OUT



From Maine

Participates in water aerobics

Volunteers as a bingo worker

Golfer

Plays pony, bunco, etc

Helps decorate the park for Christmas

Organizes the golf pro shop volunteers

Puts many hours in the summer and winter making surer the gardens are taken care of

One of the wonderful photographers for events

VP of the garden club

WHO IS SHE??

Brenda Moody

10th Annual
SHRED EVENT
WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 17, 2024
9:00AM—11:00AM
Betmar Acres Office Parking Lot

NEW RESIDENTS:



New Residents- Gail Schleif and Cleon from Michigan

ACTIVITIES:

AED-Still room for a few more in AED-Emergency class tomorrow Wed Jan 17th 2-4pm in the Annex. Hands on training. Call Bailey Johnson to register for this. 207-812-2093.

The **Five Plus Picnic** will be at Clubhouse 3 on Saturday, February 11, with social time at 11:00 and lunch at 12:00. Meat and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and your own table setting. There is a \$3.00 donation at the door. We will have share the wealth, door prizes, and entertainment. The states included in this picnic are Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, D.C., West Virginia. Please wear your name badge if you have one. Questions? Call Holly Hefner 937-844-9458 or Gerry Stormer 330-321-1248 We would like to have a meeting with anyone that is interested to help with **Five State Plus**

Picnic on Tuesday, January 23, after coffee. We will meet back by the sound booth in Clubhouse 2.
Thank you

The following concurrent Betmar Owners, Inc and Betmar Acres Club, Inc Board of Directors **meetings** will be held this week:

Agenda Meeting – Tuesday, Jan 16 – 10:00 am – Clubhouse 2 Annex

Board of Directors Workshop – Thursday, Jan 18 – 9 am – Clubhouse 2 Annex

Car Show-Sunday March 24th in the parking lot near the shuffleboard courts

New England Picnic mtg Jan 17th at 11:30 AM Golf Club House

Get to know your community through a fun **Cooking Show!** We already have our four host homes; There are four more openings for attendees. The cost is \$10 per person. We put a few recipes together and have a sit-down meal and get to know each other! Perfect opportunity for any of our 2023 NEWCOMERS to join in the fun! Please call or text me ASAP at 707-628-2791 Melinda Graves

WHATNOT SALE:

While we don't have hard numbers yet, we can say the sale was a great success in terms of crowd size, amount of merchandise sold and the fact the weather held out in our favor.

We have received many "pats on the back" this week during the What Not Sale. However, we realize it never would have happened without all of the volunteers that stepped up to the plate and said yes. We are overwhelmed with the true sense of volunteerism here in the park.

With all of the peeps in the Ant March, and with the 448 volunteers involved in the different departments, we saw another successful What-Not Sale for 2024.

We planned on feeding our department workers on Wednesday, which is the toughest day of the sale as workers set up every item brought in from the What-Not Barn, by feeding them delicious soups cooked up by Judi Gearsbeck, however, Judy Gugerty and Kendra Pfleidner saw the value of the hard work put into this event and provided delicious cinnamon rolls and tea sandwiches to help sustain our workers. Saturday's meal deal allowed us to feed our workers and make a little more money. Thanks to Dave Godfrey and his kitchen crew!

This event would not have been possible without all of you, including table movers, the set-up crew, take-down crew, Don Maxey who cleaned up after us every day and Security/Parking teams as well as the What-Not Barn volunteers who work all year long in "the Barn". A special thank you to Marie and Stan Finch who diligently worked by our sides for set-up and take-down. It truly "takes a Village." We appreciate each and every one of you.

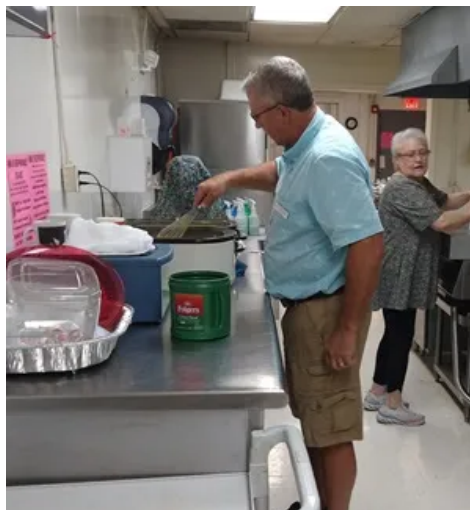
Betmar Bakers: Please remember to pick up your containers as soon as possible.

Worker tags: If you haven't already returned your worker tags to your Department Head, please return them to us at Coffee Hour (table #1).

Department Heads: The **Critique meeting** is schedule for Wednesday, 1/24 at 9 am next to the Video Room in Clubhouse 2. Comments can be sent in by e-mail before that date if you are unable to attend.

Tom and Diane Brown

SET-UP





THE SALE







SALE – DAY 2



CHILI COOK-OFF:

Come & Enjoy Betmars Best Chili. Meal includes Chili, Cornbread, Dessert and Drink all for only \$5 or \$8 at the door while supplies last.

Wednesday, January 24th 1pm to 3pm CH2 Annex.

Tickets sold @ office, Coffee & Golf Club. You may also contact Terri Williams 269-501-4752/Marilyn Williams 269-352-0844 or Mac McKinnon for tickets.

Come join us for a great time and enjoy our entertaining panel of judges MC'd by our own Carol Kelly.

Hope to see you there 😊

TRIVIA:



This week's trivia quiz was very well attended, but Team Butlerite swept all before them with a record score, so congratulations to them.

Everyone is welcome to come join us and see what all the fuss is about. 6.30 in clubhouse 3 every Sunday

SISTER & SISTER-IN-LAW LUNCHEON

This is coming up on January 20th in CH3. Lunch will be served at 12pm.

Bring your sister or sister-in-law, a gift to share, and a dish to pass and enjoy an afternoon of fun.

Tickets will be sold for \$3 and will be available in the Betmar Office until Thursday, January 18th.

-If you have any questions, please contact Karan Rhoades at 813-782-7342 or Judi Gearsbeck at – 813-780-9811

THANKY YOU "JUST PULL IT" FOR THE DONUTS AND COFFEE TODAY

The Betmar Memorial

The Betmar Memorial will be held January 21st at 2PM in clubhouse 2. On the bulletin board is a list of our residents who passed away in 2023. Would you please check the list of names and if anyone is missing please add their names as we don't want to forget anyone. Hopefully all that passed in 2023 have been added to the sheets on the bulletin board. If you have pictures please take them to communications with name and phone number on the back.

We need cookies and bars delivered to the kitchen by noon from all you wonderful bakers.

Thank you so much! Carol Kelly

Newcomers of 2023

Newcomers of 2023 are being honored January 25th with a nice luncheon, lots of great raffle gifts and entertainment in BETMAR Fashion! If you know of any Newcomers in your area, please take time out to

greet them and hopefully get their names and phone number to be so we can get a personal invitation to them. ❤️ 😊

Any Clubs being represented in Clubhouse 2 that day can set up their tables at 10am. Judy Gearsbeck will have lunch for our club vendors. We're going with a Mexican theme! Please have your raffle gifts at your own club table.

If we haven't heard from your club yet, please don't assume you'll have a table available that day without letting us know you're coming. You can contact Cindy Cutter at 208-249-0308 or myself (Melinda Graves) at 707-628-2791 Thanks Everyone! This will be a great event! 🎉 🎊 🎈 🎁 ❤️ 😊

Michigan picnic

Michigan picnic Friday February 9 Tickets go sale at coffee hour January 23, January 30 and Feb 6.
Looking forward to seeing you

CARPORT CONCERT

Carport Concert is ON THIS WEEK!!! Come and join the fun!! Music is so good for the soul! 37300 THURSDAY 1/18 4-6pm 37300 Lakewood Drive featuring SnakeFarm with Perry Murphee and Josh Nelms!

CREATIVE WRITERS

"A synonym is a word you use when you can't spell the other one".

Creative Writers continues to meet on Mondays at 9am in the Maple Room of the Apache Clubhouse. Come check us out!

MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

Music Entertainment, Friday night in CH#3. 7:00 p m Danny Jackson our English Entertainer will be in charge of the show. Sure to be a great night of music.

BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS

The Cupboard here at Bountiful Blessings is different. We do not hand you a bag full of food of our choice. You actually get to go shopping – just like the grocery store. BB is totally resident supported and everyone is so grateful for the items received. We thank everyone who has donated to The Cupboard. There are times when we are overwhelmed by the generosity.

The Food Cupboard 36721 Strand (corner of Plant and Strand) has been and will continue to be open all year. When the white van is in the driveway, Sue 813 469 4653 is usually home. If Sue is not home or does not answer, call Cheri 813 310 7861 and she will come right over so you can go shopping. As a result of the volume of food we have, distribution days will no longer be held. We talk to each resident in need to determine what their story is and we do not share this information. Bountiful Blessings is a judgment free zone. We are here to help those residents in need.

TOPS:

How To Weigh Yourself

1. Remove ALL clothing
2. Remove all jewelry.
3. Pee like a racehorse.
5. Step on scale.
6. Reject number, get off scale.
7. Put \$20 in the swear jar.
8. Gingerly step on scale again.

9. Mourn the metabolism of your youth,

10. Remind yourself you are not defined by the number on a scale, throw the scale out the window, and go shopping with your swear jar money. 😂

We hope to see you at TOPS Wednesday. 8:15 weigh in. 8:45 meeting.

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 January is Block T (parts of Benton, Cheyenne, Pawnee & Apache).

Schedule for this period follows:

Mon 1/15	8 am	Bingo & Chorus (major)
Tue 1/16	N/A	Agenda meeting after Coffee (Tom will do)
Wed 1/17	8 am	Bandstand (major) w/AED & Darts
Thu 1/18	8 am	Dinner & Board meeting in Annex (major)
Thu 1/18	N/A	Corral for Dinner after Board mtg (Tom will do)
Fri 1/19	8 am	Let's Dress the Girls (minor)
Sat 1/20	8 am	Dance (major)
Sun 1/21	8 am	Betmar Memorial w/chorus
Mon 1/22	8 am	Bingo & Chorus (major)

DANCE CLUB

Saturday Night Dance – It's the 50's theme dance this Saturday in clubhouse 2, 7-10 p.m. Come join your friends for dancing to the 50's and 60's music of Rockin Ron.

Doors open at 6pm. Advanced tickets are available in the CH2 annex on Tuesday mornings from 8-9 a.m. or contact Pam Ward at 989-859-6905. Advanced Tickets — We have not eliminated advance ticket sales yet. This trial will begin with the March 9th dance. From that night through the end of April, everyone will pay at the door on the night of the dance

DART CLUB

Attention Betmar, dart players are needed for the winter season starting January 17th every Wednesday at 6:30 for 9 weeks. Please contact Cindy Cutter 208-249-0308. Come join the fun..

HOBBY CLUB

Hobby Club will start selling raffle tickets next week at Coffee Hour (January 23rd) for the Mary Tucker blue quilt. Mary made the quilt top before she passed last year and her family asked Hobby to finish it and raffle it off. We will also have a red reversible quilted bag for the raffle. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Two items, two tubs for your tickets, two chances to win!! Drawing will be at Coffee Hour on February 13th in time for Valentines Day!!

Hobby club will be meeting today at 1;00 in the annex. We will be finishing the cast iron handle holders that we started last week. We are also going to work on card holders made from CDs and we also have someone to show us how to make beautiful cards! This is a no cost club! We encourage you to come and check us out! If you don't know how to craft, no worries, we'll show you how! The items we create are sold in our bazaar on Feb 29th and Mar 1! The proceeds will go right back to our wonderful Betmar community!

BETMAR BANDSTAND

Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday, January 17 at 6:00 at Clubhouse 2 and enjoying the music provided by our very own Jam Bandits. C'mon out to sing a little, maybe dance a little, enjoy the friendly atmosphere and have a snack or two including fresh popcorn.

GOLF CLUB

The Ladies Golf League What Not Sale Raffle donated \$536.00 to the Club.

Come & Enjoy Betmar's Best Chili. Meal includes Chili, Cornbread, Dessert, and Drink all for only \$5 or \$8 at the door while supplies last. Wednesday, January 24th 1pm to 3pm CH2 Annex. Tickets sold @ office, Coffee & Golf Club. You may also contact Terri Williams 269-501-4752/Marilyn Williams 269-352-0844 or Mac McKinnon for tickets. Come join us for a great time and enjoy our entertaining panel of judges MC'd by our own Carol Kelly. Hope to see you there!

Well, the weather was a little better this year than last and it showed as our participation of the What Not Golf Challenges increased. Although we didn't bring in the usual amount of challenge money, we were able to provide the option for some to win a little cash and the golf club to offer some fun events for all.

I would like to start by saying THANK YOU to the Betmar Properties for their help in setting up the event locations. Jay- you the man!!! You stepped in during Chuck's absence as he was sick. Your support and knowledge of the how to; is greatly appreciated. Jeff Warner and Bob Coutz your insight and execution of the vision is an immense help to our success.

So now to All the volunteers that braved the chilly weather and were just instrumental in pulling this event off, THANK YOU!!!

Putting 5-hole Team – **Department Head Terri Bosley**

Sandy Reardon, Sue Lane, Fay MacFarland, Jo Wille, Toots Walts, George Walts, Dave Mace, Al Peterson, Carol Sambol, Vic Sambol, Mike Gumser.

You rocked again by leading the way with the number of volunteers and bringing in the most money.

Men's Winner- Rob Shaffer

Ladies Winners- Karen Emery, Judy Gugerty, Judy Leger

Golf Club –

Chipping In the Pool Team – **Department Heads Sonny Thompson and Marv Hayward**

Dan Ankney, Dick Legacy, Charlie Spears

Winners – **Keith Bertrand, **Dave Gregg, Jake Smith and Rob Shaffer

Golf Club – \$50.00

** Donated their winnings to the Golf Club – Thank You

Closest to the Pin Team – **Department Head Mike Williamson**

Randy Stewart, Joel Ide, Tim Lange, Brian Ducharme, Steve Hobart

Winners (2 Hour Windows)

Alan Faraday, Rob Shaffer 2X, Jake Smith

The Closest to Pin Overall was 26"

Golf Club – \$57.00

As an addition we had the Callaway fitter here and we had a good turnout. He liked what we provided and will be talking to his boss about the possibility of coming back on March 1st for the Men's Club Championship for scheduled fittings.

On the business side of the Golf Club there are open positions for the Golf Club Board. So please get ahold of Mike Gumser or Roger Staley to see how you can be a part of the solution by running for a board position. Thank You Mac McKinnon Golf Board President

COMPUTER CLUB

Today at 1:00 Bruce Myers will be our guest speaker. He will talk about online security and give us tips about using the Internet. Everyone in the park is welcome. We hope to see you there.

Next week we will be explaining how to safely pay for items on the Internet using Apple Pay, Apple Cash, Pay Pal and Zelle.

LIBRARY

Another year is upon us! Welcome one and all to 2024.

The definition of Change: to make (someone or something) different; alter or modify.

Great news! The Betmar Library is changing. We are scheduled for a complete remodel starting on 01 April 2024. There will be many changes coming up prior to the start date. The books, equipment, and supplies will all have to be moved to storage. No books, puzzles, or other items will be checked out after the 19th of February. All books, videos, and puzzles will have to be returned no later than 10 March. During the time we are closed we will have kiosks set up in one of the club houses as a lending library for our patrons to bring a book and take a book. As we get more information we will keep you posted, in the mean time, come in and see our friendly staff. We will help you find a book. We have many new puzzles and books. Please do not forget our shut-in services.

We have a lot of books for sale! Great sale prices will be posted. Come and see our inventory.

Our February Library Meeting will be on February 8th at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers please attend.

THEATRE

Before coffee on January 16,23,30 Desert theater tickets will be sold for \$7.00

Come join the fun! Performances are Feb. 2 @7pm, Feb 3rd @2pm Feb 4th @ 4th @7pm

Tickets also available from Jo Anne Stepler 585-334-8344 Thanks Terry Phifer

TRAVEL GROUP

The travel group will be leaving Wednesday morning at 8:30 am for our Madeira Beach and Calypso Breeze Cruise. Please arrive no later than 8:15 am.

We will arrive at John's Pass at 10:30 for some shopping and then head to the Calypso Breeze for boarding at 12 o'clock.

The Calypso Breeze is enclosed on the lower deck, but still dress warm. The upper deck is open for those that wish to experience the outdoor freshness.

WEB TRAINING

Barry Mohlman Will be having a web training on Friday, January 19th, at 9 AM until noon and Saturday, January 20th from 1 PM to four. Anyone can attend this these meetings. This is mandatory meeting for all club members who need to contact the Webmaster and anyone who is running for office. It would also be beneficial for board members to attend one of these meetings.

Friday and Saturday's dates will be the same material so only one session is needed.

The following clubs still require representation at this training to maintain Web Support for your Club or Organization.

Beginners Art Group

Carport Concerts

Chorus

Computer Technology Club

Creative Writers

Dance Club

Dog Park

Game Club

Garden Club

Hospitality Club

Music Entertainment Club

Nurses and Allied Health Group

Shuffleboard Club

T.O.P.S.

Vespers

VISITORS/GUESTS

Surprising Janet Send for her birthday is her brother Bill, daughter Barbara, granddaughters Grace and Emily. All are from Michigan. Totally surprised!!!

Visiting Chris and Frank Jones-Rick ad Marsha Burckland

Diana Slough from Millington,Michigan staying with Jan Pedrotti

BIRTHDAYS:

Johnny Ellis January 18th Over the hill and back again.

Dewey Coon 88 on the 20th

JoAnn Steppler January 19th

Holly Hefner 1-18

Toni Ziegenfuss January 18th

Judy Harding 1-19 78 years

Robert J Stankiewicz 01/11/1947

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

ANNIVERSARY:

Tom and Sharon Fisher January 22, 52 years



Linda and Richard Balzer-Celebrating their 43rd Anniversary

Kelly and Mark Garrett-Celebrating their
44th Anniversary



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

SICK BAY:

NONE

JOKE OF THE DAY:

Late one night Jack takes a shortcut through the cemetery. Hearing a tapping sound, he becomes scared and quickens his pace. The tapping gets louder, and Jack is now scared out of his wits. Then he notices a man chiseling a tombstone. "Thank goodness," Jack says to the man. "You gave me the fright of my life. Why are you working so late?"

"They spelled my name wrong."



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