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# **BETMAR COFFEE NEWS**

## **Jan 9, 2024**

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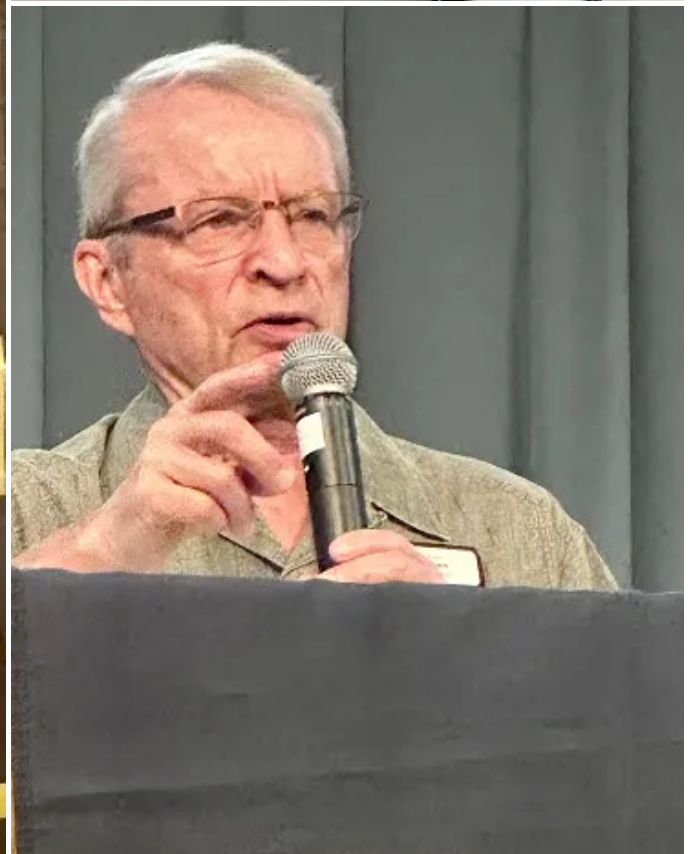
## **GOOD MORNING BETMAR FRIENDS!!**

## **TUESDAY AT COFFEE:**









Well, our first coffee hour for 2024. I look forward to an awesome year! Today we are focusing on BETMAR POSITIVITY!! Residents received a pair of scissors that say Betmar Positivity on them-then took strips of paper saying, "WE'VE NEVER DONE IT THAT WAY" or "IT'S ALWAYS BEEN DONE THAT WAY" and cut them up. This year's goal is to focus on the positive aspects of all that we are involved with here in Betmar. We are volunteers that do the best we can! Take time to thank someone for the time



and energy doing something for Betmar! With being POSITIVE we can make BETMAR even a better place!!

## VOLUNTEER SHOUT OUT



SHE and her husband are from Maine.

They've re-done the Maine Garden 🌱 on the Blue Golf Course 🏌️

She mapped out all the streets and counted every single house in our HUGE community here in Betmar for the Annual Valentines 💖 Cards everyone receives every year (that alone is quite an undertaking!)

She's been a part of Hospitality Club for years—- serving as our awesome President for one year so far....

For 3 years, she, along with Linda Smith, started laying the foundation for welcoming our newcomers via BVC Betmar Volunteers Committee.

Who is this Lovely Lady?

Lorna Bradstreet of course!!! 🙌🎁🥳🥳🥳🥳🥳🥳💖🥳 Thank you Lorna!!! We appreciate your hard work and dedication to our growing community!

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

**NEW RESIDENTS:**



New Residents-Deb and Mick Reith from  
New York on Jo Street



# ACTIVITIES:

Coffee hour protocol: if you have a guest, birthday, or anniversary, please see Melinda before we start at 9:00 AM.

Coffee news protocol: if you want something announced at coffee hour and in coffee news, please send the information to [activities@betmar.org](mailto:activities@betmar.org) by 7:00 PM the Monday night prior to coffee hour. Thank you!

Thank you Hootenanny for donating \$100 to Betmar!!!!

JOHN PERRY-THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC TODAY-WILL BE IN THE PAVILLION JANUARY 12 AND 26<sup>TH</sup> 2-4 PM

AED Training, Emergencies

Jan 17th 2-4pm Annex

Registration required

Bailey Johnson

207-812-2093

THANK YOU, VIC AND CAROL SANBOL AND ALL THE CHRISTMAS DECORATORS FOR AROUND THE PARK CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS-AWESOME JOB!

We had such an overwhelming response to our Card Making Class we must divide it into two different classes. So, we are planning Thursday, March 14, and Thursday, March 28th for these classes.

Please sign up for one or the other class (not both!) Sign-ups will be in the Annex beginning some time in February.

We're looking to a future date to possibly do an Essential Oils Informational. We'll keep you posted!

Any questions please text or call me at 707-628-2791 Thanks so much!

Our 25th **Betmar Memorial** will be January 21st in CH#2 at 2:00 pm

Please check the list on the obituary bulletin board for any names missing. Pictures of our passed residents can be dropped off at Communications and please put your name on back of picture and phone number. To our great bakers yes, we do need cookies and bars for refreshments after the service.

Thanks, Carol Kelly

The **Caregivers Support Group** of Betmar will meet this Thursday, Jan 11 at 2:30 pm at 5144 Ava Ct. Please note the change in time – this is so Betmar residents can shop at the What Not Sale at 1pm. For more information contact Laraine Roberts at 517-230-2231

Mark your calendar for Saturday March 9, 2024, for the **New England** picnic. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday January 17 at 11:30 at the golf clubhouse. If you would like to help with the picnic or be on the committee, please attend the meeting or call Linda Parkhurst 207-861-1042.

**Newcomers of 2023** are being honored on 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 particular 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! 🎉🎊🎁❤️😊



*I'm (Melinda) doing Cooking Shows for Snowbirds in February exclusively. (No others this Spring, there's so much going on in Betmar) I still have a few openings for attendees. Cost is \$10 per person 11-1pm; two dates left to schedule about eight more people. Please text or call Melinda Graves 707-628-2791*

**Michigan Picnic** meeting today after coffee hour

**Thank You**

for hosting a blood drive on **January 2nd at Betmar Acres**

and sharing your power to save lives!

**WOW WOW WOW, Look at these NUMBERS!!!**

We were able to collect **27 units** of blood. Each blood donation can save up to

three lives so that means that **81 patients** will benefit blood

donations from the lifesaving efforts of blood donors at **Betmar Acres**

**2023 Totals-Collected 107 Pints- Possibly Saved 321 LIVES!**

## **WINTER DART LEAGUE:**

WINTER DART LEAGUE 2024 STARTS JAN 17TH THROUGH MARCH 13TH. SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN ANNEX. LEAGUE NIGHT IS WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30. FUN DARTS ARE PLAYED

TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:00 COME JOIN THE FUN... QUESTIONS CALL CINDY 208-249-0308.

## MILITARY WHIST:

Military Whist is this Saturday January 13th at Clubhouse 3 Please be there by 6:30 P.M.

Anyone interested in playing Hand Knee & Foot can go to Apache Club House white Room on Tuesday mornings after coffee. Judy Ledger is this activity leader.

## 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

**Be careful of the "don't say yes" scam. The callers want you to say "yes" so they can use it to authorize charges to your credit card accounts or signed up for some sort of services.**



## HEALTHOTAMA

Monthly visits January, February, and March from OnSpot Dermatology, a full service Mobile dermatology clinic. 15 minute appointments available. Call 941 444-0011. 10 scheduled appointments are needed for the unit to make the trip from Sarasota.

WHEN: Tuesday, January 16th

TIMES: 7:30AM – 3:00PM

WHERE: Clubhouse 2 parking lot

During their initial set up in December, six(6) cancers were discovered and treated. They accept most insurances and have competitive self-pay rates. This is not a free service.

## MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

Music Entertainment, Friday night at 7:00 p m, CH#3. Sue Hovious is putting on the show. Don't want to miss it.

## TOPS

"I try to avoid things that make me fat. Like scales, mirrors and photographs."

Join T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) on Wednesdays in the Apache Clubhouse for fellowship and support from Betmar friends. Weigh-in is at 8:15 am, the meeting is at 8:45 am.

## VIDEO

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our February 29th Magician Show.

Still looking for volunteers for the Video Club especially people to work with Ralph Shaffer on Pinnacle and/or other video editing software.

We still are offering Music and Entertainment Show DVDs for \$10 each. More coming up.

Don't forget to check out our YouTube site. YouTube. Then search for Betmar55.

***Dave Domino***



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

Schedule for this period follows:

Wed 1/10 7:30 am What-Not Sale (major)

Sat 1/13 1 pm What-Not takedown & Dance (major)

*(Can use extra help at 12:30 getting boxes to Salvation Army trailer)*

Sun 1/14 8 am Lafayette Memorial w/Chorus (major)

Mon 1/15 8 am Bingo & Chorus (major)

Wed 1/17 8 am Bandstand (major)

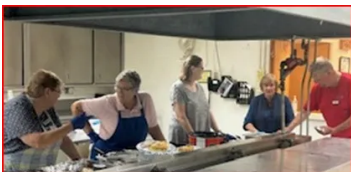
## DANCE CLUB

Saturday Night Dance – join us in Clubhouse 2, 7-10 pm for dancing to the music of Will Yancy. \$5.00 per person.

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.

The Dance Club General meeting is today, Jan 9th, at 3pm in the Apache Blue Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## AROUND BETMAR:





## SHUFFLE:

Turkey Shoot is going on weekly on Tuesday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30. It only takes a few minutes to try your luck at 3 different challenges. You could win \$5 if you score the highest in your ability group. Come give it a try! We have sticks you can use.

Beginner shuffle lessons are available for January and February—sign up on the sheet in the shuffle courts. The shuffle office also has booklets on shuffleboard that you can purchase—one for \$1 and one for \$5.



## BETMAR BANDSTAND

This is a reminder that there is no Betmar Bandstand this Wednesday, January 10 due to the What not Sale setup. Please join us on Wednesday, January 17 at 6:00 at Clubhouse 2 when our wonderful Jam Bandits take the stage again. 🎵 🎵

## BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS

Please donate canned vegetables and brown rice

## BETMAR TRAVEL GROUP

For those signed up for the Calypso Breeze luncheon cruise with time to shop at John's Pass, the motor coach leaves at 8:30 on January 17th. If you need to cancel, get names from Sandy or Bonnie from the waiting list.

A new trip has been scheduled for March 8 in Myakka City "Lunch with the famous Herrmann's Royal Lipizzans. details soon.

There are many openings for the dinner theater on Thursday, February 8 to see "One Slight Hitch" at the Early Bird Dinner Theater.

For those wanting a longer trip, we will be going to the Ark and Creation Museum in Cincinnati, Ohio in October 2024. Mark your calendars. Sandy Bedingfield [sanbed800@att.net](mailto:sanbed800@att.net)

## COMPUTER CLUB

The Computer Club will meet in Clubhouse 3 today because of the table setup for the sale. At 1:00 we will show you how to easily set up or join a Zoom meeting without stress. At 2:00 we will have problem solving.

Next week our meeting is open to the park. Bruce Myers will be coming to speak on online security and tips on new threats we may experience in the future. Everyone is welcome to attend. Mary Ann Gifford

## GOLF CLUB

The Betmar Pro Shop has Windbreaker jackets for these cooler Florida days. Ladies skorts have arrived in the shop. Ben Hagen label; navy blue color only, for \$21.95 each. Please check the hours on the door, as the shop will be closed on Friday and Saturday, during the What Not Sale. Have a great day, Brenda

We hope your new year is off to a great start. Our first breakfast of 2024 was a great success, thank you to Elaine Lange for donating the home-made cinnamon rolls ingredients and time for the breakfast. Elaine was the primary chef for the casserole with the help of Michelle McKinnon and Diana Hobart, so than you as well. Rumor has it those that chose gravy over the top casserole were the ones that raved how awesome the breakfast tasted. But a thank you also goes out to ALL the volunteers that worked the event. We had 2 Share the Wealth winners as well, so a couple of people left full and with a little extra cash in their pocket. Next Breakfast is 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of February, hope to see you there.

The finalization of the Blue wall "Betmar Golf" sign proposal is expected by the end of the week for the 3 options.

## GOLF WHAT NOT SALE WEEK

**Wednesday – ALL COURSES ARE CLOSED January 10<sup>th</sup> until the ANT MARCH is Completed. WHITE remains closed.**

**Thursday – BLUE OPEN, White and GOLD CLOSED till Sale Closes Till typically 2:00PM**

**Friday – All Courses Closed till Sale Closes Till Typically 2:00PM**

**Saturday – All Courses Closed till Sale Closes Till Typically 2:00PM**

These Closures are in support of the What Not Sale, which benefits your Golf Club and helps maintain our property values for all residents.



Extra Maintenance will be taking place during these closures, so if you are not working the What Not Sale, please grab a rake and help out on the course.

Thank you for your cooperation and for supporting your Golf Club

**\*\*\* NOTE: Please remember that the Callaway representatives will be here at Betmar with two hitting nets and putters available to try on 1 White green area!!! Please stop by and check out some great equipment.**

And later this month:

Wine N Nine Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>

Chili Cook off Contest – January 24<sup>th</sup> And Night Golf to Follow that evening Thank You Mac McKinnon

## VESPERS

Vespers is BACK! 🎉🎊🎊 Reverend Lamb will be ministering this next Sunday in Clubhouse 3 at 4:30! Coffee, snacks and fellowship afterwards. Y'all come! Bring a dish if you wish 😊❤️

Any questions? Give me a call or text me.

Blessings, Melinda Graves

# LIBRARY

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 or puzzles will be checked out after the 19<sup>th</sup> of February. All books, videos, and puzzles will have to be returned no later than 11 March. 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 January Library Meeting will be on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers please attend.

Of special note to all, Our Large print Bible has been out for a very long time. If you have it, please return it. Thank you.

# ART

Beginners Art will be cancelled for Wednesday 1/10/24 due to the What-not sale. Class will resume Wednesday 1/17/24 at Clubhouse 3 at 1 pm.

## MAINE DUO + ONE IS NOW DEB MORIN AND THE MAINE TRIO

Now playing in the pavilion on Tuesdays 1-3 weather permitting-therefore, not today

## CREATIVE WRITERS

"The beautiful thing about writing is that you don't have to get it right the first time, unlike, say, a brain surgeon." Robert Cormier

Creative Writers meet on Mondays at 9am in the Maple Room in the Apache Clubhouse. ALL writers are welcome!

## TRIVIA

It's bigger, it's bolder, it's better and it's back! Like Jeopardy on steroids Trivia quiz has returned on Sunday nights at 6.30. Bring your friends and enjoy the fun.

Are looking for something to do on a Sunday night, now that your under achieving football team did not make the play offs *again*, then this is the fun activity for you.

Learn useless facts like President Nixon performed at the Grand old Opry and have some fun on the way. See you there...

## CARPORT CONCERTS

This Thursday's Carport Concert is POSTPONED to Next Thursday (1/18) due to cold and winds.

## TENNIS/PICKLEBALL CLUB:

The Tennis and Pickleball Club had a great turnout of 260+ in attendance to see Comedian Ed Tyll on Sunday, January 7, 2024, in Clubhouse 2.

Ed shared his life living in "The Bronx" and how his Italian father and mother reacted to his mischievous ways. Most of us related to his upbringing in those days long ago.



## WHAT NOT SALE

January What-Not Sale (1/11 Thru 1/13).

**WE ARE ALL SET FOR BAGS & NEWSPAPERS AND ALL DEPARTMENTS ARE FULLY STAFFED WITH VOLUNTEERS. Thank you!!!**

**ANT MARCH** – need all able-bodied persons (anyone who can carry a box) to help unload the What-Not Barn at 9 AM on Wednesday, Jan 10<sup>th</sup>. No need to get your name on a list. Just show up and we will direct you.



**Dollies and carts:** Use one if you wish. Take a box (or boxes going to the same place) and leave the dolly/cart at the door of Clubhouse 2 and the Annex. If you can't carry the boxes in, just leave them there and our Ant March monitors will have them carried in. Feel free to drive them into the high-bay Equipment Building where there is more room.

**BETMAR BAKERS** – Our volunteers survive on and appreciate any goodies you would care to bring in on Tuesday through Friday.

### **SPECIAL SALES ON THURSDAY**

- What-Not volunteers can shop from 11 to 1. Worker nametags will be provided by Department Heads. Ant March helpers, if you plan to shop, Diane will be out by the Barn. See her if you would like a Worker Tag.
- Residents, renters and guests can shop from 1-3. Your Betmar nametag will get you in. Otherwise, we will check you against a list provided by the Office and give you a temporary nametag.

### **PUBLIC SALES**

Friday: 8 AM to 2PM

Saturday: ½ price from 8 AM to 10:30 AM — \$5 bag sale from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

**KITCHEN IS OPEN** – Sloppy Joes, hot dogs, and other goodies will be on sale. Breakfast sandwiches will be available on Saturday.

**TAKEDOWN** – Hall must be set up for the evening Dance as early as possible. Will take all the help we can get to move boxes out of all four buildings over to the Salvation Army trailer.

Tom/Diane (Dee) Brown.

Email: [tomdianebrown@yahoo.com](mailto:tomdianebrown@yahoo.com)

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

Tom's cell phone: (call or text) 603-978-9250

## BIRTHDAYS:

Janet Send January 16th. My mind tells me one thing but the calendar tells me something different

George Duck Jan 5th

Shirley Hilbrandt January 15th is Shirley Hilbrandt birthday. Will be 84 years young.

Jim Thyng on Kimela Ave. Is turning 67 on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>

Walt Carroll 83yrs on 8 January.

Gerry Stormer January 10 78 years young

Jan Provencha January 13th

Sandy Johnson Evans Jan 1-15

Karen Coalter Jan 6<sup>th</sup>

Marilynn Williams 1-5

Bonnie Coutz 1-11

Linda Cutter 1-11

Carol Sambol 1-7

Wilma DeMaagd 1-9

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

## ANNIVERSARY:

Danny and Laurie Ziemer celebrate our 17th wedding anniversary on January 9th

Lyle and Sandy Evans Jan 8<sup>th</sup>



Carol and Kerry Fritz will celebrate their 53rd Anniversary on Tuesday, January 9th. Time flies when your having fun.

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

## SICK BAY:

Kip and Judy Aubertine

## JOKE OF THE DAY:

One Sunday our pastor told us in the congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked us to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three songs. After the offering plates were passed the pastor glanced around and noticed that someone had placed a \$1000 bill in the offering. He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with our congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate. A very quiet elderly and saintly lady all the way in the back shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and in thanks asked her to pick out three hymns. Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three handsomest men in the building and said, I'll take him, him, and him.

THANK YOU, VIRGINIA, FOR LEADING US IN SONGS TODAY-DAVE THEIL'S GRANDDAUGHTER



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