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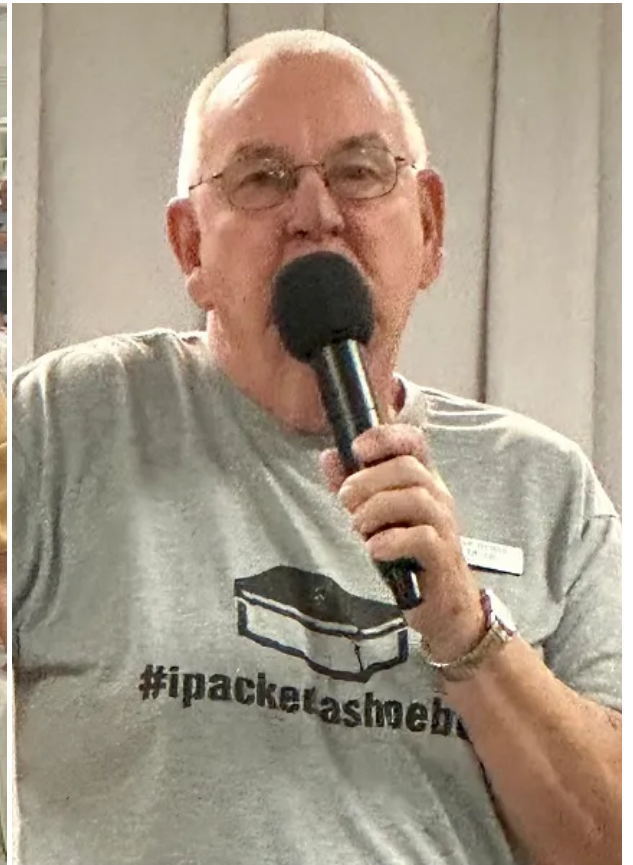
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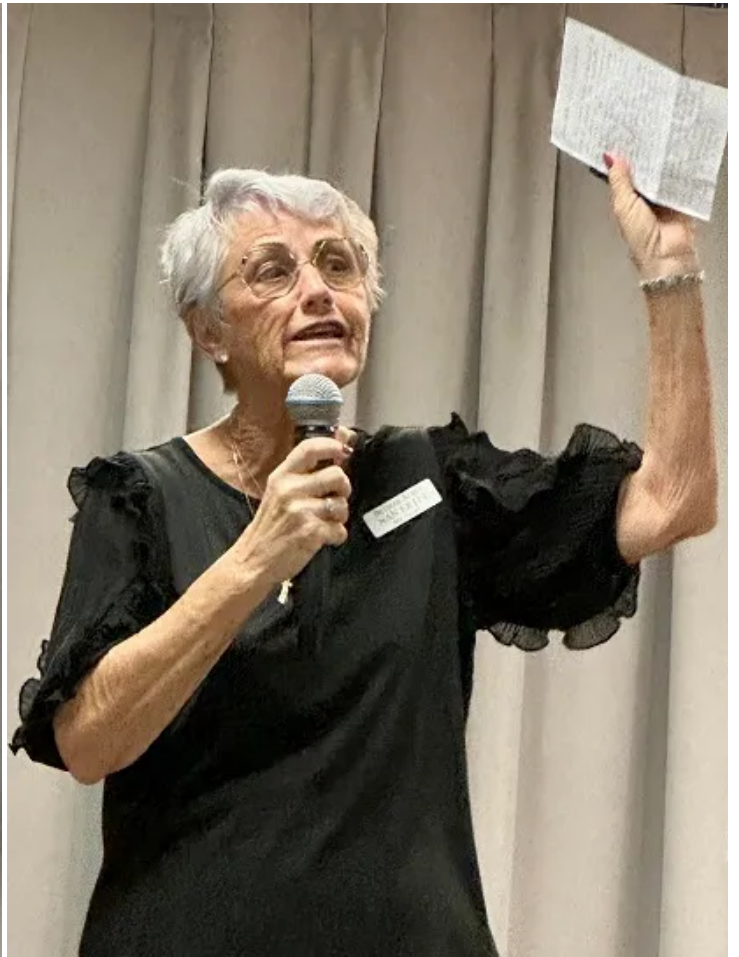
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GOOD MORNING BETMAR FRIENDS!!

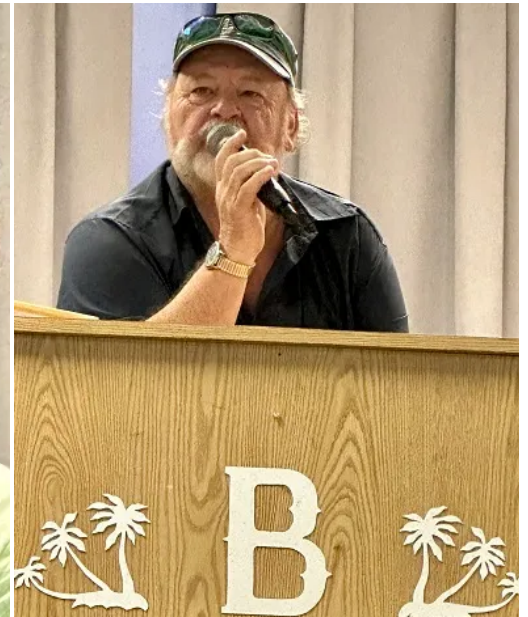
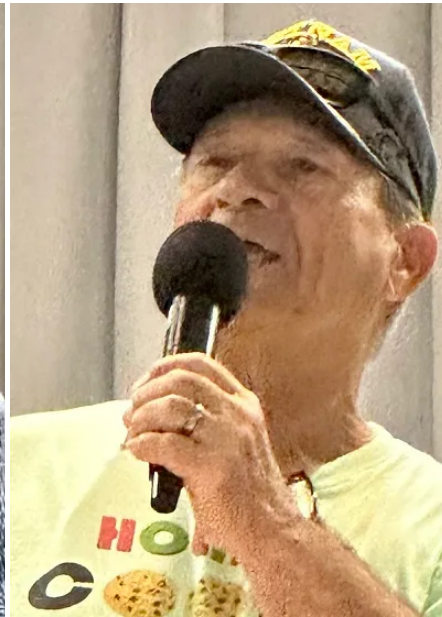
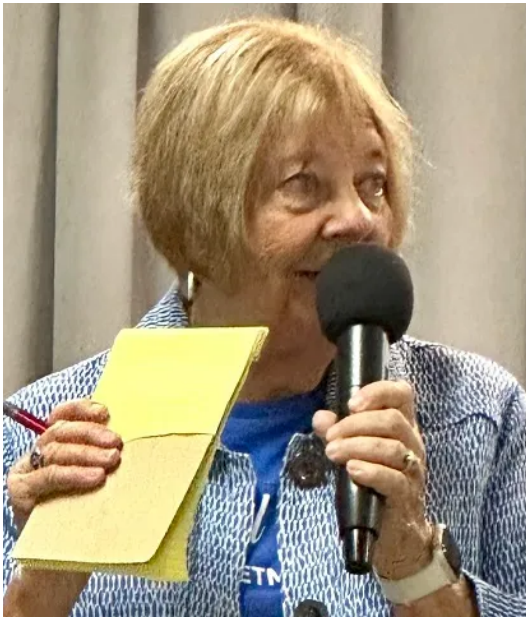
TUESDAY AT COFFEE:











MICHELLE'S MESSAGE

Good day to you! I've been in this position for a year now and am still learning. I'm thinking about putting together a manual so that I'll have a better idea of what needs to be done. More and more snowbirds are coming back, and the park is starting to get very busy. Please check out the calendar and find out all that you can get involved in. Betmar is such a great place to be and offers so many opportunities for everyone. Have a great week!

So sorry coffee hour went so.... Long today....aaaahhh!

ACTIVITIES

Thank you to the coffee workers for the month of October: Sue Flynn, Nancy Kraft, Lilian Campbell, Maxine Bailey, Kelly Garrett, Judy Hall, Gail Williamson, Joyce Smith, Barb Vlieg, Linda Ames, Linda Wittig, Joanne and Randy Lavere, and Janet Send. We greatly appreciate it and couldn't do it without you.





Thank You BETMAR,

for hosting a blood drive on **October 31st at Betmar Acres.**

and sharing your power to save lives!

We collected **16 units** of blood. Each blood donation can save up to

three lives so that means that **48 patients** will benefit blood

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

Mark your calendar, next blood drive: January 2nd, 2024

Sending thoughts to Betmar residents who are from Maine (especially those in Lewiston) during this tragedy. Lewiston Strong

Please head to the Betmar office to get your yellow voting card so you are able to vote at our meetings.

Don't forget that the Veteran's Day Parade and Picnic will be this Saturday, November 11th! The parade will line up in the parking lot in front of the Shuffle Club and will begin at 11am. We will be using the same route as we do for the Christmas parade.

There will be a lunch on the pavilion immediately following the parade for the parade participants only.

Please come out and show your support and THANKS to our Betmar Veterans.

FOLLOWING WILL BE A FREE GOLF OUTING FOR ALL VETERANS-MEMER OR NOT!

NEW RESIDENTS/NEW TO COFFEE HOUR



New Residents-Barbie and Bill Ryan from Michigan

New residents-Marsha Bennett and Hazel McMillan from Michigan



New residents-Linda and Bruce Fifield from Maine

New residents-Colleen and Bruce Carson from Canada



New Residents-Les Lambrecht and April Edwards (absent) from Michigan

The Thomas Promise Foundation

1).....The last day to donate food items for the Thanksgiving Baskets is Sunday, November 12th. Still need cranberry sauce, canned yams, and stuffing mix. Please leave it in the gray bins or Connie's home bin on Jodi.

2).... The Thomas Promise Christmas Dinner with Santa for Zephyrhills kids who receive the weekend food backpacks is on December 14th. Betmar is collecting toys, coloring books, crayons, hats, mittens, throws, sports items, and wrapping paper!!! Our Betmar Pickleball players will be wrapping all the toys collected not just from Betmar but other parks too on December 1st under Darlene Paine's leadership. Please drop off all items either into the gray bins or Connie's home bin on Jodi by November 30th.

3).....Cookies for Thomas Promise Christmas Dinner are needed!! Since the Swim Club is not having their Cookie Sale fundraiser this year, and in the past people donated cookies and all extra unsold cookies at the Cookie Sale were given for their dinner so Connie Simoneau is looking for at least 25 people to make 3 dozen cookies each to donate for their dessert. Please call Connie at 813-788-5851 and leave a message on her answering machine if you can help bake. The cookies need to be turned in Tuesday, December 12th.

Let's Dress The Girls Quilt Raffle

Our Betmar Chapter of Let's Dress The Girls is having a Quilt Raffle in time for Christmas with the drawing on December 15th. The quilt top of this quilt is one of many hand sewn ones donated to our chapter to finish. One of our members hand quilted it. The quilt will be shown at the Betmar Craft Fair on the 17th and 18th, but the raffle tickets go on sale at Coffee Hours starting Tuesday, November 21st until the drawing. Raffle tickets are \$3 each or 2 tickets for \$5. Members will also have tickets for sale.

All funds raised by this raffle will be used to purchase underwear that we include with each dress we make for missions, to purchase elastic for our shorts, diapers & dresses, to buy cording for our backpacks and to buy Velcro for our diapers. We are very thankful to Betmar residents for donating fabric, notions, laces, ribbon and T-shirts for our "Made With Love" items.

If anyone would like to join our chapter, please call Connie Simoneau as she is the coordinator at 813-788-5851. You don't need to sew to be part of our missionary to children. We have various other tasks a person can do to help. We meet once a month from October to May for a 3-hour Party With A Purpose.

DOG PARK: If you attend the dog park and would like an occasional newsletter about their activities, please forward you email address to Marsha Frain at RNnMICH@hotmail.com and you will be added to the list. The list is also used for Doggy Amber Alerts. Has worked several times. Thankyou

MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

Friday night, clubhouse #3 Music Entertainment, 7:00 p.m. Come out for some great listening pleasure.

PRESENTS: "POP and COUNTRY" on Friday, November 17th. 2023 at 7:00pm. Clubhouse "THREE"

Master of Ceremonies is Dawn Houthoofd

We have a great evening planned for you, with some of your favorite entertainers to delight you. Come early and bring your friends.

Submitted by Dawn Houthoofd

BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS

Bountiful Blessings is pioneering a silent auction for the garden decorations set up on the front of the stage. Each decoration has a signup sheet. We will be posting the bids on our Facebook page Betmar Bountiful Blessings along with the picture of the item being bid on. Bidding will continue in the Annex every Tuesday up to and including November 21st. Payment is a gift card.

Bountiful Blessings needs your help – we are buying turkeys and need freezers to store them. We will pick up the turkeys between 8:00 and 8:30am on the 20th of November. Please see Sue or Cheri so they can get your information and how many turkeys you can store. Also please see Sue or Cheri if you can deliver Thanksgiving Baskets – you will need to be able to lift boxes.

CARPORT CONCERTS

Carport Concerts are back in the 'hood!! Come on out THIS THURSDAY (11/9) Happy Hour (4-6pm) @ 5718 Arrowhead!!

We need a few VOLUNTEERS to help count money, direct parking, setting up. Please COME EARLY to help. "Bring a chair, cooler, and happy feet!"

JAM CLUB

We've started the 2023-2024 Season of Live Music for your entertainment and enjoyment. It is every Monday evening at 6PM in Club House 3.

Old-timers, New Betmarians and favorites from other parks will get your toes tapping and your hearts singing.

Join us for fun and good old time country music.

TABLE AND CHAIR SET UP

Block assignments for Table & Chair volunteers are published in each month's Betmar Bulletin. Blocks are mapped out on the phone book centerfold. The block assignment for the first half of November is Block W (east side of Apache and Lakota). A map with blocks shown is in the phone book centerfold.

Schedule for this period follows:

Sat 11/11 8 am Dance (major)

Mon 11/13 8 am Chorus & Bingo (major)

DANCE CLUB

This week's Saturday Night dance features Bill D. Williams. Tickets go fast when Bill plays so don't hesitate to contact Pam Ward for advance tickets.

The Dance Club general meeting is Tuesday, Nov 14 at 3pm in the Apache blue room. Are are welcome to attend.

Clogging classes begin this week at 9am on Tuesday and Thursday at 9 am in CH 3.

Because the Board of Directors needs CH 3 on Thursday, Nov 16, clogging and line dancing will be cancelled on that date.

AROUND BETMAR





TOPS

The TOPS (Taking Pounds Off Sensibly) Mission is to help and support our members as they take off and keep off pounds sensibly.

Betmar TOPS meets Wednesday mornings. If you choose, you may weigh in at 8:15 a.m. followed by our support meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Apache Clubhouse. We hope you will join us.

LIBRARY



GOLF CLUB

And the first one of the Fall is in the books!!!

Thank you Betmar for all your support whether by buying a ticket or working the event. We had so many helpers that almost every phase of the breakfast went flawlessly.

Feedback of the name on the ticket for the drawing was a huge hit. Congratulations to the winner of next month's breakfast ticket drawing and of course Share the Wealth drawing.

Special thanks to All the volunteers that signed up to help prior to event kickoff, it made planning so much easier – Cleanup Crew – Karen Emery, and Karens fill in Nancy Downs, Janet Gagne, Hank Hosking, Larry Rancourt, Mark and Kelly Garrett, who also got the quilt raffle kicked off!!! I was amazed (shouldn't have been) at how many numbers were sold in an hour and a half on the first day!!! Cooking Elaine Lang, Ada Tombs, Michelle McKinnon. Ticket sellers, Betmar Office, Marilyn Williams, Laurie Black – who also filled in for the greeter at the table. Waitstaff Mike and Gail Williamson, Kim Gooding and Deb Rancourt, and Barb Vliek.

If you missed out on quilt drawing numbers, they will be available at Coffee Hour on Tuesday!!!!

We served 104 people with homemade sausage gravy and biscuits, applesauce, hot cider, orange juice and coffee.

December breakfast tickets will be on sale later in the week. Please get your tickets before the event so you're sure to get the breakfast... Thank you again to all but special thanks to Marilyn Williams for spearheading the activities for the Golf Breakfast. I told you that Activities Golf was one of the busiest positions to have for Golf.

Betmar is such a great place to live. Thank you, Lord, for the blessings.

Upcoming Golf Events – Veterans Outing – Saturday after the parade and picnic will be an outing for Betmar Veterans whether you're a golf member or not. If you're not a golf member you will be paired with a member so you will know where to go and we hope you decide to join as well. Go SIGN UP!

We are looking at the option to buy a punch card for Breakfasts, pay once and get several breakfasts on one card, saving Betmarians from having to track down breakfast tickets every month.

In the Annex we have some great gift ideas for everyone. Want to do something nice for your neighbor because they did something nice for you then we have an option for you to get them a ticket for the Raffles – Beautiful Golf Bags, 2024 Golf Membership, Golf Shop Gift Certificates (I used to call it the Pro shop but after seeing quite a few scores, I thought we should just go to the Golf Shop) and of course the numbers for the beautiful donated quilt.

And remember: What's the difference between a practice swing and a whiffed shot? Nobody swears after a practice swing. Thank You Mac McKinnon

COMPUTER CLUB

Our first meeting for the Computer/Technology club will be today. (Tuesday) Do you have old black and white pictures from long ago that you would like to make clearer and add color to and even add movement to? At 1:00 today we will show you how to do that with an app. At 2:00 we will help you solve problems you may be having with your computer or tablet or phone. Please join us and let us help you with your technological needs.

HOSPITALITY CLUBS

Creative Writers begins our season on Monday, November 13 from 9-10:30 at the Apache Clubhouse. Our annual dues are \$10.00. For Contact Information, call Conne McCormick at 813-715-2923. Stay tuned for more information in the weeks to come.

MAINE DUO + ONE

The Maine Duo + One is a minus one this week but will be playing at the Pavilion this Wednesday from 1-3 PM

BETMAR BANDSTAND

Betmar Bandstand and our very own Jam Bandits will be performing for your entertainment beginning Wednesday, Nov. 15. The show starts at 6:00 pm and will end at 8:00 pm and will be held at Clubhouse 2 each Wednesday.

The first show will be the Jam Bandits with special guest, Johnny Ellis. There will be snacks, refreshments, lots of room for dancing and you can take a chance on Share the Wealth tickets.

So mark your calendars for each Wednesday evening for a good listening experience and a chance to enjoy a nice time with friends. NOTE: There will not be a show on Wednesday, Nov. 22, due to the Thanksgiving holiday but we will be back the following Wednesday, Nov. 29.

We're excited to see everyone.

SHUFFLE

Betmar Shuffleboard Turkey Shoot

Do you like to have fun and meet other park people? Then join us for Turkey Shoot on the Shuffleboard Courts every Tuesday. It takes about 10 minutes and there is cash prizes. Also, for the next 2 weeks if you play the game you can enter for a chance to win a turkey. You don't have to be a member to play, and we will furnish you with a stick. There will be 3 categories. Never played or a novice, Amateur & Pro. Come join us anytime on Tuesdays from 8:30-10:30. Free to all Betmar residents.

THEATRE

Don't forget fellow Thespians there is a theater meeting Nov.8th at 1pm in clubhouse 2!

HOBBY CLUB

The Hobby Club meets every Tuesday afternoon from 1 PM to 3 PM. We will have several tables at the Betmar Craft Fair in the Annex. All proceeds from all sales made with The Hobby Club go back to Betmar Owner's Inc in the spring after the Hobby Bazaar. There is No membership fee to join the Hobby Club. Come join us for ideas and to give us ideas for crafts.

ART

Welcome back to all our Winter friends. Beginners Art is still taking place. We meet every Wednesday at Clubhouse3 from 1-3. Set up begins about 12:45. If you want to give art a try, come see us. \$1 is all it costs. Calendar has us in Apache in error. We are at Clubhouse 3. Hope to see new and old faces.

Sent from my iPad

BIRTHDAYS:

Donna Sue Toll.....11/08/.1935 88 years young

Brian Ducharme 11/11, turning 64!

Cheri Denn November 10th 78 years old

Cindy Cutter 11-3

Bobby Siliva 11-8

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

ANNIVERSARY:

Carol and David LeBlanc Celebrated their 54th Anniversary on October 24th

Mary Ann and John Isler Married 66 years on November 9th

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

SICK BAY:

Martha Wilson

Mike Herman

Jackie Merchant

JOKE OF THE DAY:

Last Wednesday a passenger in a taxi heading from Tampa airport leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove over the curb, and stopped just inches from a large plate window. For a few moments everything was silent in the cab.

Then, the shaking driver said, "are you OK? I'm so sorry, but you scared the daylights out of me!" The badly shaken passenger apologized to the driver and said, "I didn't realize that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle someone so badly."

The driver replied, "No no I'm the one who is sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my very first day driving the cab. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years."



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