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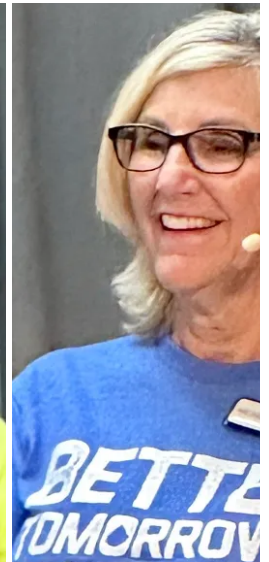
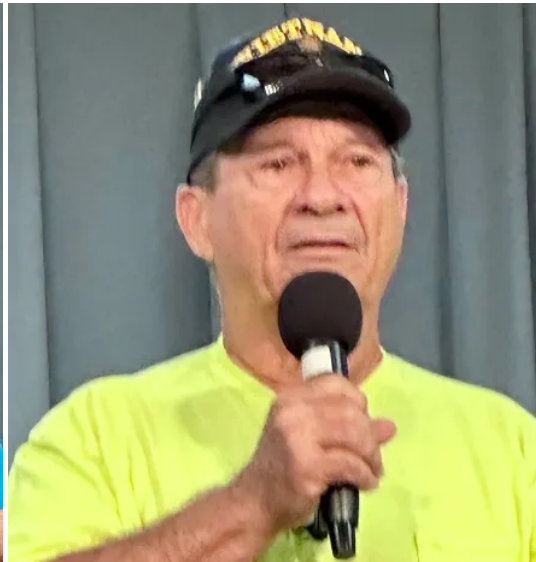
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GOOD MORNING BETMAR FRIENDS!!

TUESDAY AT COFFEE:





MICHELLE'S MESSAGE

Well, the end of August has come and gone and Labor Day was Monday. The summer has really flown by. If those of us here thought summer slowed down a little bit, it has not. We have had a very busy week here at Betmar. Thank you goes to those that helped stay after coffee hour to put chairs and tables away so the floors could be cleaned. A huge shout out goes to those that came to help put the chairs and tables back the next day. Great job Tony and Dave for running the machines to clean them. Last Thursday was the awesome Lavender and Lace tearoom tour. Then, Sunday was the fantastic Ray's baseball game, once home, we were all busy getting ready for the hurricane-which wasn't much-thankful it went further north. A big thank you to Judi for the Labor Day BBQ-delicious.

Any club or group wanting information to put in coffee news, please send it to activities@betmar.org by Monday night at 7PM. Please know that Melinda and I will be going on the Mystery trip next Tuesday, Ms. Judi will be back to fill in.

GRANDPARENTS

September 10th, 2023 is National Grandparents Day. Today we celebrate those grandparents from Betmar at coffee hour with four prizes-winners are:

Female with the most Grandkids: Irene Manning

Male with the most Grandkids: Darryl Ertel

Female with the newest/youngest Grandchild: Jan Tjepkema

Male with the newest/youngest Grandchild: Rich Hensley (new resident)

LAPALOOZA

Tickets go on sale today for the Lalapalooza on Saturday, Sept. 16th in the CH2 Annex from 1pm-3pm.

Tickets are \$5 each. We will have a light lunch and there will be three outside vendors there for you to do some shopping. These vendors will NOT approach anyone. They will simply be there with their products for you to check out if you want. It is really just a last get-together for the summer. The vendors that will be here will be selling Jewelry, Scentsy and Spa products. They were here last year and had very nice items.

So head down and enjoy and afternoon with your friends and neighbors and meet some new ladies in the park and make some new friends. Of course, we will be happy to have any men that would like to join us!! Any questions call, Judi Gearsbeck at 813-780-9811

Volunteer of the week-last week since it was not put out in the news.



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This volunteer

*loves to play nickels nickels

*loves pineapple walnut cake

*assists with the outside golf activities during the What Not Sale

*helps with the golf breakfast

*works in the kitchen for dinners

*assists with the Memorial

*is a golfer and helps trim trees

*is a bingo "payout" person

*helps with the Share the Wealth at Teeny Weenie

Who is this?

Mike Gumser

COFFEE WORKERS-August

Thank you to these coffee workers who served us the month of August. If you are able and willing to help cover a month, please let Melinda know! We greatly appreciate your help!

Maxine Bailey Joanne LaVere

Linda Ames Barb Vliek

Lillian Campbell Jim Kollodge

Bobby Silva Judy Hall

Kelly Garrett Janet Gagne

Sue Flynn Julie Miller

Jerry Heyl Sharon O'Hara

NEW RESIDENTS



New Resident-Cindy and Richard Hensley-residing on Kimela Avenue

BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS

On September 3, 2022, Bountiful Blessings had the first food distribution. We knew there was a need, but can honestly say we had no idea of the great need in our community. Our original thoughts were that we would have 15 to 20 residents who would go shopping – BBB provided food/personal care products to over 90 residents. We ran out of food. We have learned so much over the past year. The

biggest is that our residents are so generous and helpful. We even have people who no longer live here contribute. We could not have served our residents without the volunteers. We have learned a lot about our community and the needs. We now carry a wide variety of aftercare equipment (they are posted on our Face Book page), wide variety of personal care products, laundry and dish soap, dry bleach just to name a few. We also have a list of organizations and churches who help. We have gone from being open on the Distribution Day to being open daily.

NEEDED ITEMS: Dollar Tree laundry washing powder and dry bleach; mixed fruit, diced tomatoes; canned peaches and pears; women's body wash.

We are signing residents up for the Thanksgiving Basket. All you have to do is contact Sue or Cheri. We will need your name, address and phone number. You can even leave this info in an envelope placed in the bin.

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 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. .

BETMAR COOKING CLASS – HELD ON August 31, 2023

Thank you Bobbie Martucci for hosting last week's cooking class.-and Dominic and Sam! Thank you, Melinda, for heading it up for us-great fellowship and food!











GAME CLUB

"Summer Bunco" is being played in Betmar, every Thursday night, thanks to Melinda Graves.

The game is played in the Apache Blue Room at 6:30 pm. Two weeks ago, Thursday, 22 residents had a great time playing "Summer Bunco" with their Betmar neighbors. Everyone is welcome to join the fun every Thursday evening.

Congratulations to the winners at Mahjongg! Linda Dwelly, 1st place, Sherree Houghlin, 2nd place at Highlands Marathon!

BETMAR LABOR DAY DINNER CELEBRATION









BLOOD DONATION:

A NOTE FROM ONE BLOOD:

I hope your summer is going well. Besides the heat wave we are having, it's been a struggle. Donations have been way down, but I can promise you that I am super thankful for whatever amount we may collect at these drives.

I have attached the PDF and the Donor Link for your **September 5th** blood drive.

Thank you so much for all your help in making these **Life Saving Drives** the best they can be. I truly appreciate each and every one of you.

NEW CLUB:

We are happy and excited to announce a new activity for your fun and entertainment...coming soon.

Wednesday evenings, beginning Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 6:00 pm in Clubhouse 2...

BETMAR BANDSTAND will be a weekly event with our very own JAM BANDITS (formerly Jam Band) entertaining us and including special invited guests from time to time. The opening show will be the Jam Bandits with special guest Johnny Ellis.

So watch for more announcements and updated information. We will offer snacks, beverages, and space for dancing at the back of the chairs. All this for a \$1.00 donation at the door. But in the meantime, mark Wednesday, November 15 at 6:00 pm on your calendar.

TRAVEL GROUP:

Another successful trip Sunday as 45 Betmarians traveled to Tropicana Field to see the Rays beat the Yankees 7 to 4 in an exciting game. A couple of our group were not too happy with the game results but agreed that it was a good game!

Our Mystery Trip is on a waiting list as the first venue can only hold a certain number of people. Check either Facebook or Betmar.org for future trips and sign up early so you don't miss out.

Our next trip will be Sandy's mystery trip on Tuesday, September 12. We will leave at 8:00 AM from clubhouse 2. You will have to miss coffee that morning, so have something to eat at home before we leave. We have openings for the dinner theater on October 7 to see "Tootsie." Flyers are available for upcoming trips.

AROUND BETMAR



Post Hurricane Flooding from Hurricane Idalia.....





PICKLEBALL:



End of season pickleball party at Jack and Dick's house. A GREAT SEASON HAD BY ALL!

MICHIGAN PICNIC-From Jan Kiessel:

I am looking for a new chairperson for the Michigan picnic. I have been chairperson for nine years. I enjoyed working with all the volunteers who did an excellent job. We have donated to Thomas Promise, Bountiful blessings, mini golf, Michigan garden, communications, and the kitchen. It is time for a new leader and new ideas. Please call Jan Kiessel for more information. My phone number is in the directory

LIBRARY:

Everything you need for a better future and success has already been written. And guess what? All you must do is go to the library.

-Jim Rohn

Greetings from your treasure trove, the Betmar Community Library. We are a lending library for all our Betmar residents. We have bestsellers, classics and much, much more. Stop on by!

CRAFT FAIR:

BETMAR FALL CRAFT FAIR

This year's Fall Craft Fair will be held in CH2 on Fri. Nov. 17th & Sat. Nov. 18th. Set up will be on Thurs. Nov. 16th.

The setup hours will be from 9am-2pm and the hours for the Craft Fair will be 9am-1pm both days. On the sale days, vendors can come at 8am.

There will be donuts and lunch in the CH2 kitchen hosted by the Bingo Bistro Staff for everyone.

Applications will be in CH2 in the rack inside the front door. They can be mailed to me or delivered to the Betmar Office.

Table rentals are \$20 per table for Betmar residents and \$30 per table for outside vendors. Money will be collected on the day of setup.

If you have any questions, please contact me at judi.nuanez@aol.com or call me at 813-780-9811.

Thank you, Judi Gearsbeck

THOMAS PROMISE:

The Thomas Promise Foundation packs weekend backpacks of food for homeless and underprivileged children in the Zephyrhills area year-round. Summertime vacation for our area starts at the end of May until the first of August. Any monetary put into the special box or donations put into the gray bins helps the children and their families during the weekends. Clothing for children and adults along with bedding, etc are greatly appreciated.

If you are going north and looking for a place to giveaway close to expiration dates, consider giving to Thomas Promise or Bountiful Blessings.

Thomas Promise Foundation needed items

Non-perishable, Non-refrigerated items, Unopened packages

Boxed or canned foods

Canned veggies and fruits (pop tops preferred)

Canned tuna and chicken (pop tops preferred)

Snack items and juices — individually packaged preferred

Cereals (small size)

Noodles

Health Care and Toiletries (non-liquid)

Activity Items—— pencils, colored pencils, crayons, markers, paper pads & activity books

Bedding, towels, washcloths, pillows, throws & blankets

Children's clothes, socks, underwear, jackets, and adult clothes

Think ahead for Christmas items: hats, scarves, throws, toys & games and wrapping paper

WHAT NOT BARN:

Couches& loveseats are still \$35.00 this week. Crazy deals on dining sets- Recliners \$25.00. Come over Friday 9-12 and see what you can find.

TEENY WENIE:

Due to the hurricane last week, teeny weenie was postponed. The last one will be this Wednesday September 6th at 4:30PM

GARDEN CLUB:

Hello, (Saturday) there was a Betmar couple feeding corn to the ducks near the pond. This is not the thing to do! For all the reasons we have noted prior- Unhealthy for these ducks, Betmar forbids it, and they are constantly in the Betmar gardens making a mess.

Also, two items are missing this week in the Betmar Gardens. One is a statue of a Frog and the other is a painted mushroom. Hoping this can stop! Thank you! The members of the Betmar Garden Club.

BIRTHDAYS:

EAT CAKE !! It's someone's Birthday somewhere !!



Martha Wilson August 30th 98 years.

Martha Wilson would like to thank all of you that sent cards, called, or stopped by to wish her a 98th birthday!! "THANK YOU, ALL SO MUCH-IT MEANT THE WORLD TO

ME!"

Jim Voss August 30th 76 years

Pam Coleman September 3rd 71 years

Jim Conzone September 3rd

Richard (Dick) Nelson 82 birthday 09/04/...

Donna Meddaugh on Kimela Ave turns 97 on September 13, 2023. Still going strong ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

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

ANNIVERSARY:

Joe and Tesha Allison, celebrating 7 years August 27th

Mac and Michelle McKinnon 18 years September 4th

Sandy and Dewey Coon August 28th 8 years

Kelly and Randy Mattson 36 years August 29th

Gary and Diana Robinson 38 years August 30th



Asenath and Harry Taylor celebrated their 75th Wedding Anniversary on September 4, 2023. They have two children in Betmar, my sister Stephanie Wolfgang and me Jan Tjepkma. Wedding day September 4, 1948. They reside on Sandra Avenue here in Betmar. Jan has written more about her parents on her FB page.



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

SICK BAY:

Ada Tombs-knee surgery-doing ok

Robert Tombs-in the hospital

SNOWBIRD UPDATE:



Sonny & Jane Hamilton. Clint & Diane Delano, Mike & Lynn Arbour, Bill & Linda Rood, Randy & Lorna Bradstreet, Dave and Debbie Fuller, Vite & Linda Vitel, Doug & Pam Tatham, Ron & Lynn MacDonald, Garrett & Ginny Zwakenberg, Jeanne Frost & George Cram, Hilton & Cindy Drake , Nancy Hodges

JOKE OF THE DAY:

I asked old Maud how she lost her husband. She told me her sad sad story-

Well, he needed a blood transfusion, but his blood type was not on record, so the doctors asked me if I knew what it was, as they urgently needed to know, in order to save Norman's life. Tragically I've never known his blood type, so I only had time to sit and say goodbye. I'll never forget how supportive my Norman was. Even as he was fading away, he kept on whispering to me-

Be positive, be positive!

That was my Norman, always thinking of others.



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