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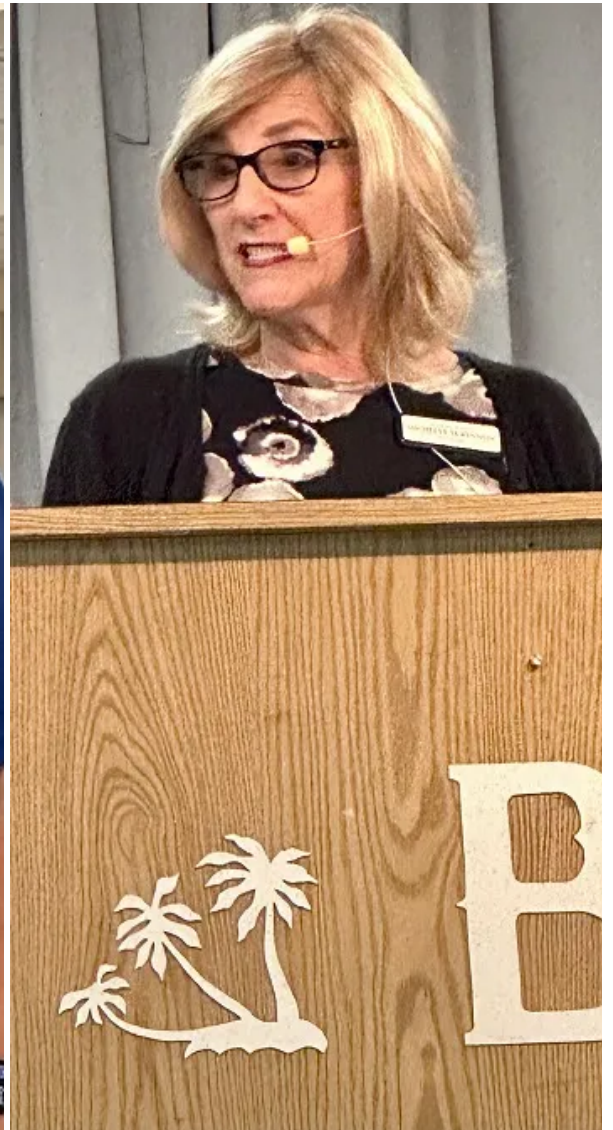
# **BETMAR COFFEE NEWS**

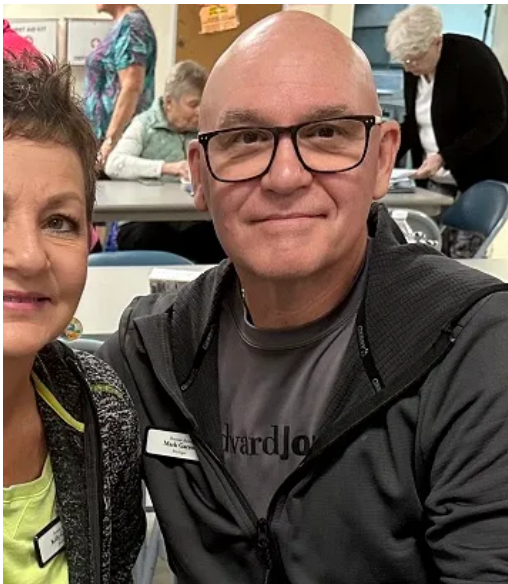
## **Jan 30, 2024**

Submitted by Michelle McKinnon and photos by Brenda Moody, Rita Jones , Kathy Downer, Mary Ann Gifford, Lynn MacDonald.  
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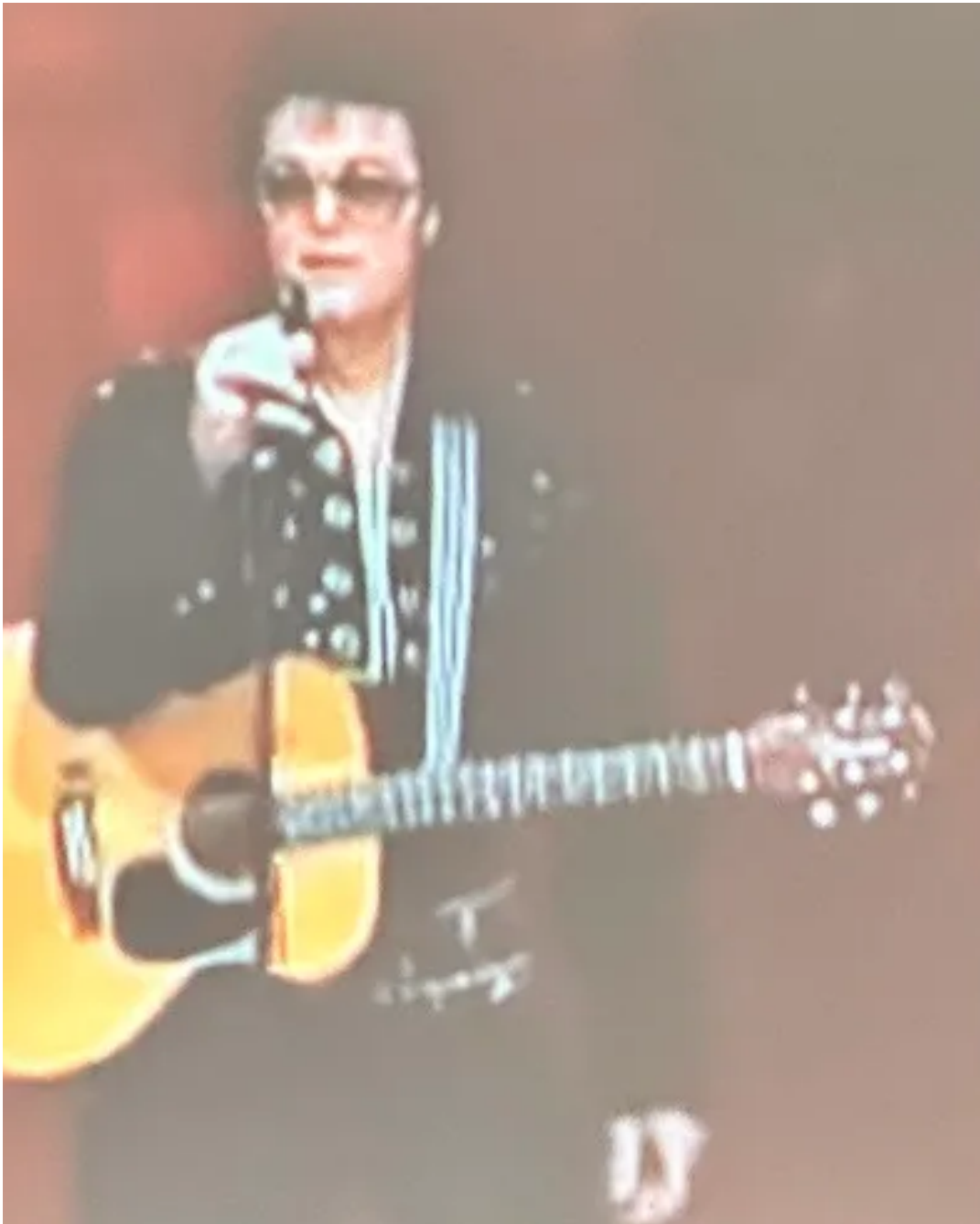
## **GOOD MORNING BETMAR FRIENDS!!**

## **TUESDAY AT COFFEE:**

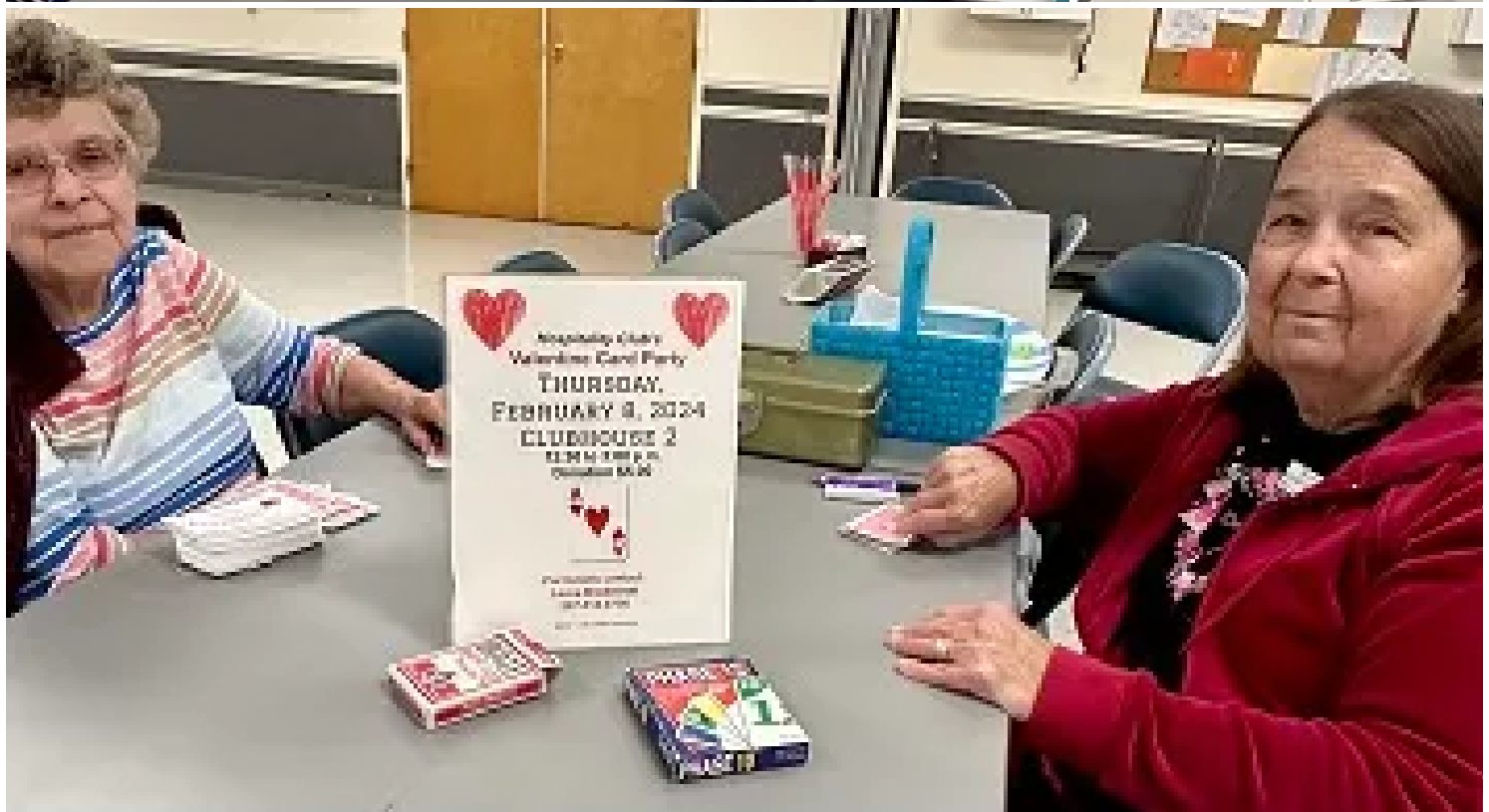


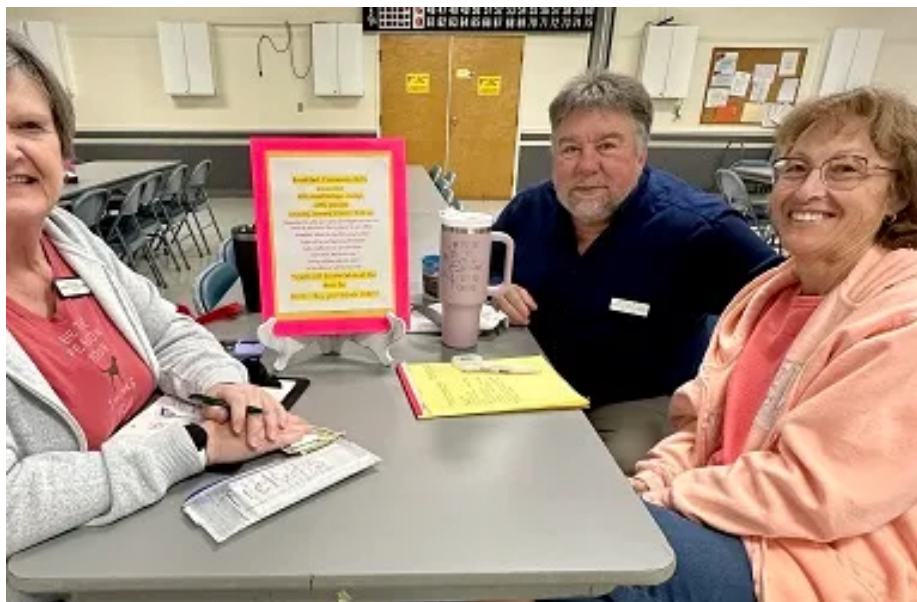












## MICHELLE'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the last coffee hour in January! I've added a quick list of special events happening this week right before my joke. Make sure you are in the know and get your ticket if necessary. Remember, tickets are sold three weeks in advance at coffee hour but can be sold earlier elsewhere. Please check out the calendar below. Have a great week!



## VOLUNTEER SHOUT OUT

She has been a snowbird from Michigan for the last 24 years

Works as a starter for golf on Monday mornings

Volunteers at shuffle lunch taking your money

Coordinator of Hobby, TOPS, and lets dress the girls

Avid card player

Swim Member-enjoys the pool

Volunteers yearly for the Michigan picnic

Works coffee hour

Sells fish fry and dinner tickets

WHO IS SHE???

BETTY BRADLEY

FANTASTIC JOB MELINDA GRAVES ON PUTTING TOGETHER AN AWSOME NERWCOMER FAIR!!

## NEW RESIDENTS:



## ACTIVITIES:

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING COFFEE HOUR WORKERS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

CHRIS SEND	ED PERKINS	EMILY FULLERTON
JOANNE LAVERE	NITA KUKBAHN	MILTON PETROSKI
RANDY LAVRERE	JUDY PETROSKI	MARCIA BURCKARD
LINDA AMES	BARB VLIK	SANDY LINDLEY
JAN KESSEL	NANCY KRAFT	BOB FETTERLY
SHELBY FETTERLY	DONNA LONG	

"This year's **Canadian Picnic** will be held in Club House 2 on February 15. The Social Hour from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. will include several fun games providing everyone with an opportunity to meet new people. The Potluck dinner will be from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Groups of 8 or 16 are encouraged but any singles will be placed at a table where they can share their meal and meet new friends. Every table will have a Host who will help in organizing the food for their table. Every guest should bring their own place setting and preferred beverages. Jesse Derringer will be providing entertainment from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be on sale before coffee hour until the event or until they are all gone! Donations for prizes would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Dianne Buynink (813) 783-4045 or Janet Shaffer (807) 221-9259."

February ONLY **Cooking Shows** are upon us and I still have five spots if you'd like to come and join us. I've got the four home hostesses already. The cost is \$10 per person, and we begin promptly at 11-1. There's a sit-down lunch with what we've just made together. Getting to know each other is so much fun, and the best part overall.

Text or call me ASAP if you'd like to join us.

707-628-2791

Melinda Graves

The next visit from **Onspot** mobile dermatology is Feb 20, 7:30-3:00pm.

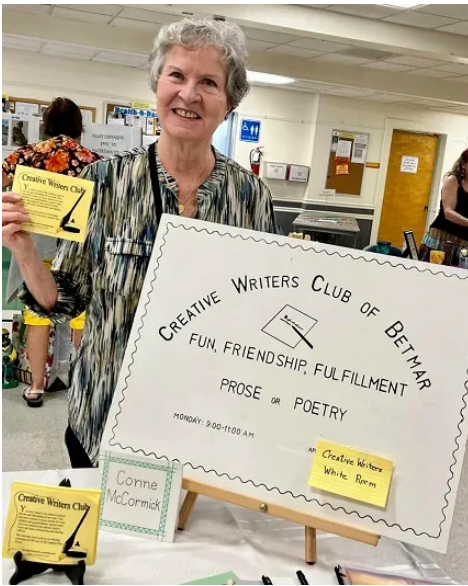
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minute appointments available. Call 941 444-0011 or via website at

**onspotdermatology.com/betmaracres** 10 scheduled appointments are needed for the unit to make the trip from Sarasota.

## 2024 Newcomer's Fair









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## Pool Maintenance Crew:

I/we are looking for folks to join my/our pool repair crew to perform small pool repairs as needed.  
"WE COULD USE YOUR HELP" Please email me, call or text me if interested.  
Just need your name, phone number, expertise & time here at Betmar to join.

Thanks

Brad Gooding  
Swim Club Equipment Manager  
802-363-2983  
[gooding1955@gmail.com](mailto:gooding1955@gmail.com)

## Pickleball Club News

On Monday 32 residents showed up to participate in the free pickleball clinic sponsored by the Tennis and Pickleball Club. The clinic, under the direction of Darlene Paine, will be happening this week on the Betmar pickleball courts from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. through Friday of this week (5 days).



## Chili Cookoff Held on January 24:

Thank you to everyone for making the 1st annual Chili Cook off such a success. It truly takes a village. It was a close race with Kelly Garrett coming in 1st place. She by the way was contestant #1. The winners of share the wealth were: Ann Brown, Jeff Antoine and John Archibald. Thank you to Carol Kelly for doing an amazing job as always as our MC. Our judges: Mac McKinnon, Ron Irwin, Owen Whitkopf, Hank Hosking and Tom Frain. Our participants: John Archibald, Kelly Garrett, Don Southwell, Catherine Bradigan, Ernest Williamson, Team Brewers (Mark & Sue Steinhofer, Mary & Pete Kimlinger), Cheri Denn, Brian Whitman, Cindy Drake & Kendra Pflaidner. The workers: Michelle St. James, Gail Williamson, Margaret Southwell, Karen Emery, Barbara Vliek, Judy Whitkopf, Ann & Jerry Brown, Nancy Russ, Laurie Paul Black, Julie Miller, Dean & Jean Baumgartner, Ron & Marilyn Williams, Steve Williams and all the other Bet Marians that just stepped in to help. I'm sorry I didn't get all your names. Tom Brown and his crew for setting up the chairs and Brenda Moody for all the wonderful pictures. I also could not possibly have pulled this off without all the Betmar Cooks. I'm sure I'm missing some names but thank you to the following for their donations of dessert and cornbread: Marsha Frain, Michelle McKinnon, Carol Kelly, Rita Wencel, Gail Williamson, Brenda Moody, Carol Knack, Marilyn Loding, Debbie Archibald, Barb Vliek, Nancy Russ, Karen Cribley, Alice Huntley, Joan Mead, Margaret Dukette, Marilyn Williams, Dianna Hobart, Penny Hall. Kelly Garrett, thank you for decorating the Chef hats. Judy

Gearsbeck, thank you for the helpful kitchen tips. And last but not least, to all of you that bought tickets to the event. I've not done an event like this before, so I've learned a lot and I thank you for your patience and understanding. **Please see the link below and provide feedback regarding the event.**

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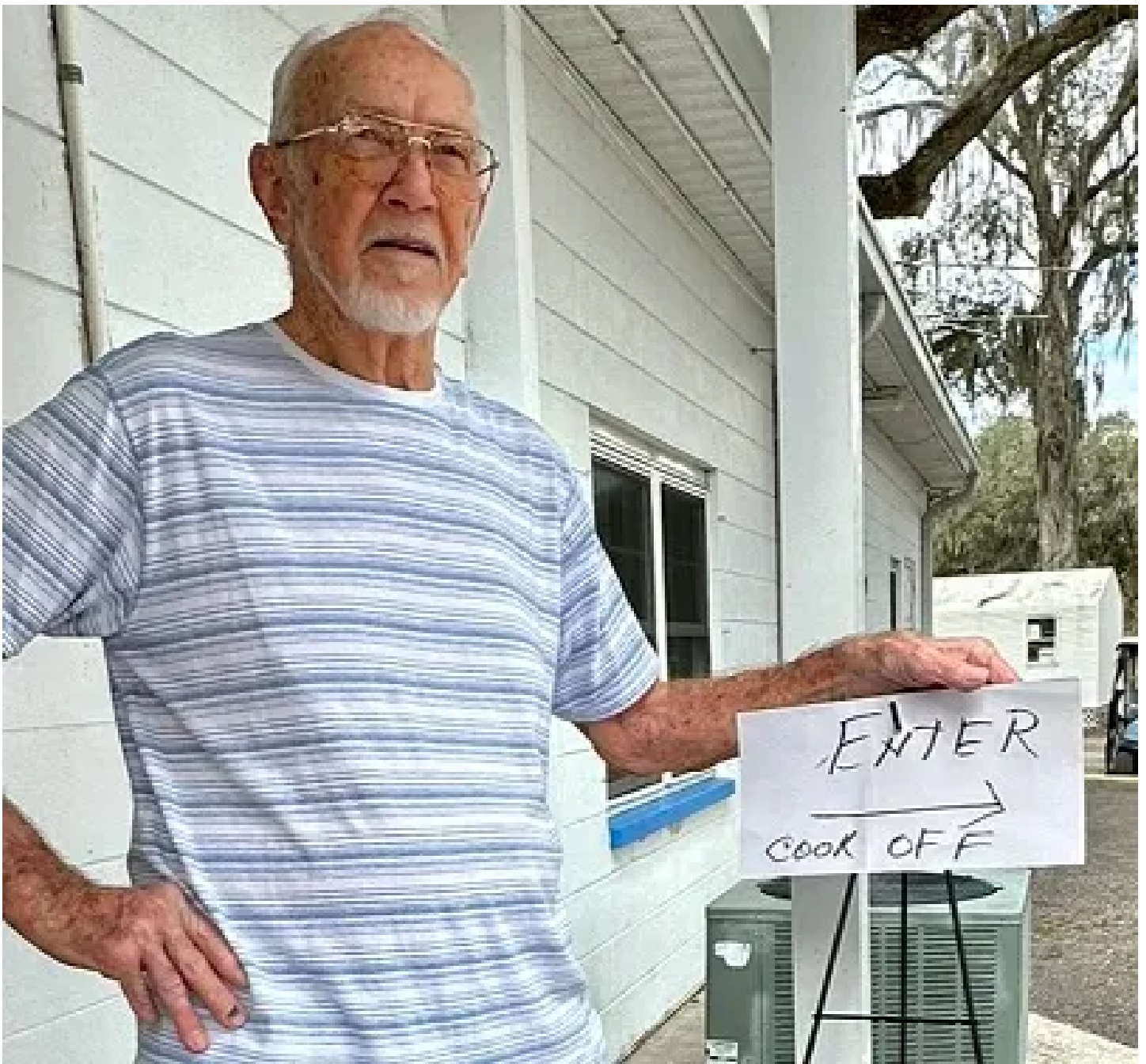
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## Garden Mulching Day



## **PROBLEM** Dessert Theater tickets

last Tuesday we discovered that some of the Saturday Dessert Theater tickets we sold the 1st week had the wrong time. If you have tickets for the Left side, it incorrectly says 7:00. the correct time for Saturday is 2:00



# GAME CLUB

Game Club Meeting Thursday February 1st. 11 A.M. Apache Club House Blue Room. All activities must have a representative attend. Beginners Cards, Bocce, Bridge, Bunco, Pool Shootout and Chicago 8 Ball, Cribbage, Hand Knee & Foot, Horseshoes, Liverpool Rummy, Men's Cards, Ladies Cards, Mahjong, Military Whist, Pinochle, Pony Cards and Corn Hole.

In order to play in the games until 3/31/24 the cost is \$15.00

The new year membership is from 4/1/24 to 3/31/25 and the cost is \$15.00

At this time you can pay \$20.00 and sign up for the rest of this year and all of next year!

It's a good deal. Your new cards will be delivered once they are printed and processed.

If you have paid for the rest of this year after January 15<sup>th</sup> you qualify for the deal. Put \$5.00 in the lockbox or contact Mary Maverick 207-712-7936 and she will set up your bonus year.

Questions? Contact Mary Maverick 207-712-7936 or Carolyn Gahagan 330-718-0449

New session of Bridge Mondays 6pm at CH #3 contract bridge. Bring \$.50 and join the fun.

# TRIVIA



This week's quiz required a tiebreaker to separate the two teams tied for first place in a very exiting competition. Girl power ultimately triumphed. Every Sunday 6.30pm

## VIDEO CLUB

The 25th Memorial Video is complete and ready for purchase. They are \$10 and available at the Video Control Room in the back of clubhouse #2 after coffee.

Tickets are available after coffee at the video control room and before coffee next week in the annex for the Video Club Magician Show on February 29 at 7 PM in Clubhouse #2. At the Betmar Office, too.

As always, Ralph Shaffer and I are available for tickets and videos.

Ralph's cell number is (724) 730-3064. Mine is (813) 391-2700.

## CREATIVE WRITERS

"There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you." Maya Angelou

So true! Do you have a story that's begging to come out? Fiction, non-fiction, poem, memoir? Creative Writers meets on Monday mornings in the White Room in the Apache Clubhouse at 9am. Be there or be square!

## MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

Ground Hog Day Celebration: Just another reminder that Deb Reitchel is hosting a Music and Entertainment show on Friday, February 2 at 7 pm in Club House 3. The theme is Groundhog Day. Deb recommends watching "Ground Hog Day" the movie with Bill Murray before you come so you will know why we are featuring some of the songs in this show. For your listening pleasure we will have music playing before the show starts. All in all, it will be an upbeat, peppy and positive show. Hope to see you there.

## TOPS



"I have learned: Unfortunately, whatever melts in your mouth bulges down further. "

T.O.P.S. (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes anyone struggling with his/her weight loss journey to our weekly meeting, Wednesdays in the Apache Clubhouse. The optional weigh in is at 8:15 am with our support meeting at 8:45 am. See you there!

## BETMAR TRAVEL GROUP

We have space available for the following trips:

One Final Hitch dinner theater in Clearwater – 15 places

Savannah – Because of cancellations we have – 4 places

Lipizzans March 8, 20 places \$85

**New trip** just added is to The Ark and Creation Museum in Kentucky. Brochures available for this 7-day, 6 night trip. \$950

## 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 February is Blocks K & L (portions of Lakewood, Beth, Grace, Kay Amanda & Waters).

Schedule for this period follows:

Mon 1/29 7:45 am Shuffle Lunch and Chorus(major)

Mon 1/29 12:30 pm Bingo (minor)

Wed 1/31 8 am Bandstand (major)

Thu 2/1 7:45 am Shuffle Lunch (major)

Fri 2/2 1 pm Dessert Theater (major)

Sat 2/3 4 pm Dance (major)

Sun 2/4 1 pm Dessert Theater (major)

Mon 2/5 8 am Bingo w/Chorus (major)

For questions, contact Tom Brown

## HOBBY CLUB

Hobby club has a beautiful quilt made by Mary Tucker! We are selling raffle tickets in the annex today and again on Thursday and Friday at shuffle lunch! Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

## DANCE CLUB

Saturday Night Dance – The Good Stuff Band is back! Join us this Saturday night in Clubhouse 2, 7-10 pm for dancing to the music of the 60s, 70s, and 80s. \$5.00 per person. Good Stuff plays a good variety of fast and slow music and with a dance floor the size of Betmar's, there's plenty of room for everyone.

Doors open at 6pm. Advanced tickets are available in the CH2 annex on Tuesday mornings from 8-9 a.m.

We will continue to offer advance tickets until the March 9th dance. From that point until the end of April, you will pay at the door. Any questions, please contact Pam Ward at 989-859-6905

## GOLF CLUB

February Night Golf has been changed to the 23rd – check in at 530pm. Thanks! Marilyn Williams

Red white and brew scramble Tuesday January 30th at 2:00.

Groundhog Day scramble check in at 12:30 Friday February 2nd.

Breakfast Saturday February 3rd cinnamon roll and scrambled eggs 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM.

Tree trimming still going on and Gold Course will be closed today, trying to get ready for the Thursday Ladies Golf and Fridays Men's Scramble.

## GOLF NIGHT







**STILL LOOKING FOR GOLF BOARD POSITIONS FOR THE MARCH ELECTIONS-CONTACT MIKE GUMSER 616-283-0507**

## **BETMAR BANDSTAND**

The Bandstand is excited to tell you that tomorrow, Wednesday, January 31, Rockin Ron, Jackson Gay, Danny Lee, Ronnie Miller, and a special appearance by Tim Bishop will be performing at CH 2 at 6:00 pm. It promises to be a lively and very entertaining evening so we hope to see you there.

Tickets for the Bandstand Lasagna Dinner Show on Feb. 21 are available now through Feb. 4 to Betmar residents. Beginning Feb. 5, they will be available to the public as well. Seating is limited and the cost is \$12.00/ticket. Contact Janet Seibert at 248-568-6243.

**CLIP BOARDS-IF YOU BORROWED THEM  
FROM CLUBHOUSE 2 PLEASE RETURN!!**

## Elvis is coming to Betmar

Please click on this link for a short 3 minute video of Elvis tribute coming to Betmar. [Elvis coming to Betmar Demo](#) March 10, 2024

## COMPUTER CLUB

The Betmar Computer/Tech Club will be hosting an informational meeting for on-line banking. A representative from First National Bank will be at this meeting to discuss this process and answer questions from those in attendance. This meeting is open to everyone in Betmar and you do not need to be a Computer/Tech Club member to attend. The information meeting will be held at 1 pm on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 in clubhouse #2. The information being provided should be beneficial no matter what bank you may be using. Also, a reminder that every Tuesday at 2 pm you can bring in any device that you are having problems with, and a Computer/Tech Club member will help you to resolve your problem. You do not need to be a Computer/Tech Club member to use this service. You can attend 2 meetings before you need to consider becoming a member.



# HOSPITALITY CLUB

Don't forget the annual Valentine Card Party sponsored by the Hospitality Club. On Thursday, February 8th in Clubhouse #2. Gather 4 or more friends and meet at 12:30 pm for fun, laughs, dessert and drawings for over 50 prizes. The best ticket price this year – only \$5.00 per person! Reserved tables for 6 or more. Tickets on sale at coffee hour or by contacting Lorna Bradstreet at 207-314-8756. Come and have some fun.

# LIBRARY

**"Books can be dangerous. The best ones should be labeled "This could change your life."– Helen Exley**

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 February Library Meeting will be on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers please attend.

## TENNIS/PICKLEBALL CLUB

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## THEATRE

Theater tickets are being sold before coffee today for Desert Theater on Feb 2,3 and 4th for \$7.00. Great entertainment and a wonderful desert will be served.

or

For tickets call Jo Anne Stepler 585-334-8344.

Theater meeting Feb 7th 1-3 clubhouse 2.

# VESPERS

This Sunday, February 3, the topic is “**The Great Great Gathering**” Come join us as we worship with music and scriptures

# WHAT NOT SALE

– **Last year** was the best in terms of sales at **\$29,000**. We have said repeatedly that we should not expect to match that since we had two years worth of merchandise. Well, we were right – we did not match it – we bettered it by about \$6,000 with total sales of just over **\$35,000**. We are still working on calculating all expenses, but it will far surpass last year’s \$26,000 of profit.

Huge thanks go to everyone involved!!!

– Due to the conflicts involving the holidays, and after consultation with Activities and many people/clubs, the decision has been made to move the What-Not Sale from January to February from now on. The date of the 2025 sale will be **Feb 13-15, 2025**.

Tom and Diane Brown



# WHAT NOT BARN

The day you've waited for is finally here! The What Not Barn is re- opening Friday morning at 9 am. We'll be open Tuesdays and Fridays from 9-12. Looking forward to seeing you all again. Call Linda if you need a pickup. 231 268 6681. A list of what we do not accept is posted in the February bulletin. Let the collecting begin!!!

## DEB MORIN & THE MAINE TRIO

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Will be in the pavilion today!

#### QUICK SNIPIT FOR THE WEEK-SPECIAL EVENTS

TUESDAY golf meeting; shuffle lunch

WEDNESDAY \_\_\_\_\_

THURSDAY shuffle lunch; board meeting; hospitality meeting

FRIDAY shuffle lunch; dessert theater

SATURDAY golf breakfast; dessert theater; mahjong tournament

SUNDAY dessert theater

**MONDAY** *garden club meeting*.

## UNO FUN RUN

We are in the planning stages of getting Uno Fun planned and can use your help and feedback. Please click on this survey link, it should only take about 3 to 5 Minutes and is greatly appreciated.

UNO FUN RUN QUESTIONNAIRE Click here [UNO FUN RUN SURVEY](#)

## VISITORS/GUESTS

Kathryn Adams from Connecticut visiting son Allen Farraday

## BIRTHDAYS:

Gayle McClellan Feb. 2nd. 89 years young

Bob Cutter 67 years old

Cindy Godfrey 1-30

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

## ANNIVERSARY:

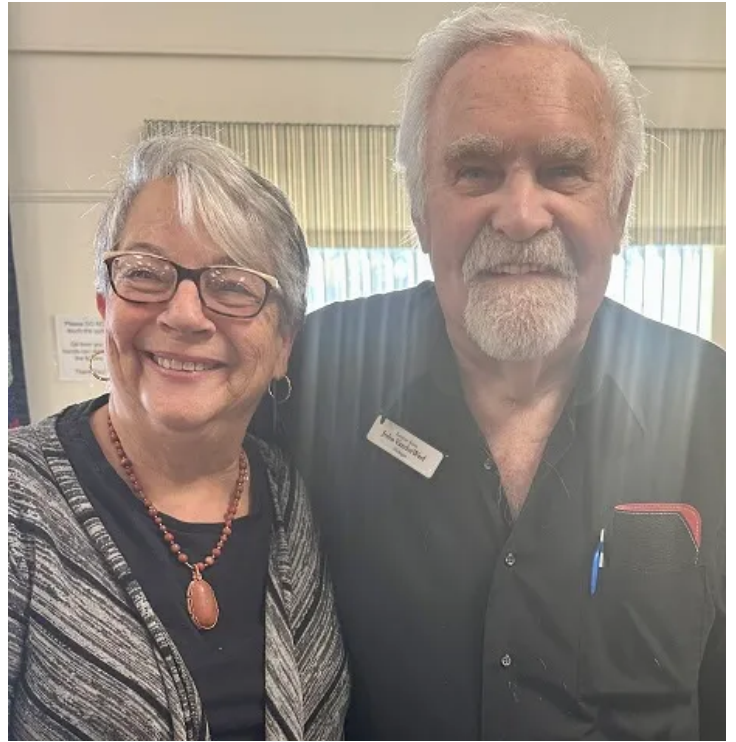
Howard and Lydia Carson celebrate their 37<sup>th</sup>



Linda and Mark Enering-celebrated their  
53rd Wedding Anniversary on 1-23-2024



Denise and John Vanderwarf-Celebratesd  
their 1 Year Anniversary on 1-23-2024



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

**SICK BAY:**

NONE

## JOKE OF THE DAY:

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of Bealls.

As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the post office,  
"Sure, just go straight down the street and at the end turn to your right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and spoke. "I'm the new minister in town. I'd like you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to heaven. "

The little boy replied with a chuckle. "Ah, come on, you don't even know the way to the post office."



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