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JANUARY 2024 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE:

Meeting Name	Time	Date	Location
Owners & Acres General Assembly Meeting Workshop	10:00 am	1/2/24	Annex
Owners & Acres General Assembly Meeting	7:00 pm	1/4/24	CH 2
Owners Board & Acres Workshop	10:00 am	1/16/24	Annex
Owner Board Meeting	9:00 am	1/18/24	CH 2
Acres Board Meeting	10:00 am	1/18/24	CH 2

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Presidents Letter

I dedicate this article to a man that has been dedicated to Betmar in Properties, **Mr. William (Bill) Robertson**, a person that wanted to see Betmar Properties be the best. Take the Golf Course, Bill was instrumental getting the new greens for the Gold Course. Under his supervision the course was in great shape. Some of you didn't agree with Bill when he shut the courses down, but the maintenance was done.

Mr. Robertson has been sick but he is still in charge, but not capable to see the work being done. When Bill was able to be on the grounds/course and seen things that needed attention he always made sure it was taken care of in a very timely matter.

He took pride in his job, he worked harder, sometimes more then the employees. At night you could see Bill spraying around trees on the Golf Course or driving around checking common grounds to see what needed to be done the next day. He was that kind of guy that excited everyone to work together to achieve his goals.

I would like to **Thank you, Bill, JOB WELL DONE!!**

Just to let everyone know. Friday, January 19, 2024, it will be a day that I will remember, our Office Administrator, Jan Slater and her daughter, Kaylan have resigned.

I am very grateful we have dedicated Office Employees. I would like to thank them, they all have stepped up and will do whatever is needed, which was great to hear.

The three ladies at the office are *Tina Perras*, our new Office Administrator, *Denise Butler*, and *Canice Bayliss*. *Linda Zervos* has been hired as a part-time Accounting Clerk.

So when you go to the office, please be pleasant, as the office staff at the current time has enough stress. Also, thank them for stepping up. Thank you Ladies!!

This would be a good time for the park to come together, let by gone be by gone. We are starting a new chapter in the Life of Betmar. I see it as a stepping stone for Betmar to move forward...in April 2024 we will have a new régime of officers.

If we would work with these, we as a group, we can accomplish whatever the new Board would like to see done, **with Membership approval.**

George Ferrari, President



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January	T	U
February	K & L	I & J
March	V	Q & R
April	A & B	C & D

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Deadline for the March Bulletin will be FEBRUARY 9TH.

I will out of the office the last two weeks of February and requesting you get your articles in as soon as possible (preferably before the deadline.)

Working in Communications has been awesome opportunity and I love what I do. I am very happy to announce I have a great group of ladies who have stepped up and committed time to Communications and in the process of learning what goes on in our office.

I would like to say thank you ladies and I look forward to working with this great team. They are definitely quick learners but have not had all the training needed to complete the bulletin, yet. I can say with confidence that they will soon be able to.

I am sad to report that Janet Gagne and Sandy Bedingfield will not be in Communications next season. They have dedicated there time for the last several years and would like to see what other activities they can devote their time too. They have agreed to be subs when needed. Thank you Janet and Sandy for all you have done during the last several years.

Marilyn Williams will continue in Communication next season with all her knowledge, creativity, and awesome personality.

Thank you,
Bonnie Coutz, Communications Chair



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CLUB NEWS

BEGINNERS ART

We are having a great time in our art class. We have multiple people teaching and sharing tips and techniques. If you haven't visited or come to paint, you need to give us a try. It's a time period where everything else fades away and you just paint.



It will soon be time for many to head back North. Way too soon. Come experience our class so you can plan for next year. We are in Clubhouse 3 every Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. No long-term commitment. Come when you can. \$1 gets you loads of fun. Hope to see you there.

COMPUTER CLUB

The Computer/Technology classes are on subjects that are requested by the members. If you have suggestions, please come to class and share your ideas with us. Our dues remain at \$15 and you may attend two classes without joining.

Here is the schedule for February:

6th-Business Meeting plus Online Banking from First National Bank just outside our park. Our guest speaker will talk about the services provided at the bank. **THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ANYONE IN THE PARK.**

13th 1:00 Learn more about our Betmar websites- Betmar.org

and Betmar YouTube Channel

2:00 Problem solving for any device

20th 1:00 Streaming services available to everyone

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27th 1:00 Learn about the Fitbit Watch

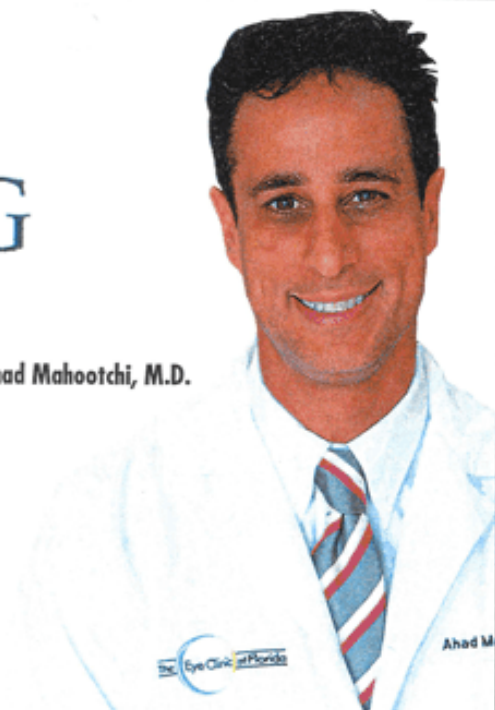
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DANCE CLUB

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Starting **March 9 through April 27** there will be **NO ADVANCE TICKETS** issued for any of the Saturday night dances.

Doors will open at 6 pm; you pay \$5 pp at the door, and you can sit in any available location.

The Dance Club is trying this change because the current process is costly and time-consuming for Communications and the Dance Club volunteers. This is a trial, and your feedback is encouraged.

ANNUAL PICNIC/PIZZA PARTY:

Save the date! Plans are underway for the annual Dance Club picnic/pizza party on Wednesday, March 13th in Clubhouse 2. Debbie Mims, a big hit last year, will provide the music for dancing after the lunch of pizza, assorted salads, and desserts. Tickets will be available in the CH2 annex on Tuesdays from 8-9 a.m. and at CH3 line dance classes. The picnic is open to both residents and non-residents. \$3.00 donation per person.

DANCE CLUB GENERAL MEETINGS are held the second Tuesday of each month. This month's meeting is February 13 in the Apache Clubhouse Blue Room. This is an open meeting, and your suggestions and constructive comments are welcome.

DANCE CLASSES – All classes are held in CH3.

To participate in dance classes, residents need to pay a yearly \$15.00 membership fee. Non-residents may participate if a member sponsors them, and an additional \$2.00 fee is paid per session. Give line dancing and or clogging a try! Your first class is free! We're here to have fun, exercise and meet new people.

Line Dance Classes

Mondays, 10:30-11:15 Ultra-beginner, followed by Beginner 11:15-12:00. Tuesdays, Improver 10:30-12 noon.

Thursday, 10:30-12:00 is a mix of beginner through improver line dances.

For additional information, contact Line Dance Director, Pat Armendinger at 813-780-1205 or instructors Janet Blair, 813-476-2915 or Joyce Smith, 207-944-7331. To see the type of dances we do, join the Facebook Group, Zhills line dancers.

Clogging Classes

Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9 – 10:15 a.m. Beginners are welcome! For additional information, contact Karolyn Dowell, 317-512-2610 or Jimmy Stokes, 813-782-1918

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Dance Club is for everyone and it's the volunteers that keep the club activities going. More volunteers are always needed, resident and non-resident. If you enjoy the Dance Club activities, consider attending one of our general meetings and taking on a more active role

DANCE CLUB WEBSITE: <https://betmar.org/club-dance/>

The Dance Club website has the latest dance schedules. Select the comment button to ask a question or leave a comment. Steve Ward, the vice president, will review the questions/comments and pass them along to the appropriate people.

For the latest Dance Club news, follow us on **Facebook** – Betmar Dance Club

See you on the dance floor!

Joyce Smith, Dance Club Secretary
207-944-7335

GARDEN CLUB

The Betmar Gardens continue to make slow progress toward sustainability in the face of erratic rainfall and temperature swings. Several of the gardens along Lakewood have been treated to a dressing of Black Kow compost, new plants, and a top dressing of mulch. Hopefully, when the weather warms, they will reward us with lush new growth.

We have established a small committee to research which plants succeed, and which fail in Betmar conditions. An important piece of this puzzle is maintaining consistent irrigation. We appreciate the efforts of Bob Coutz and his crew in this regard.

The Garden Club participated in the Christmas Tree Raffle, and we wish to thank members Jim Van Leir, Carol Young, Marie Hutchison and Pennie Jefferson for their efforts to solicit donations.



The Garden Club meets once a week, every Wednesday at 8:30 am, weather permitting, at Apache Junction. This area is between Jo and Amanda Streets under the trees. Contact President, Marilyn Loding, 810-837-0520, for additional information. The next business meeting is Monday, February 5, 2024, at 9 am in the Apache Blue Room. Everyone is welcome.

Pennie Jefferson, Secretary ~ 352-238-2547

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GOLF

Men's Golf

The men's golf scramble takes place on Friday. All men who are full members of the golf club are invited to participate. Card draw is at 7:45 with a shot gun start at 8:00. The cost is \$1.00.

Ladies Golf

Golden Girls Tournament is February 1.

Blue Belles Tournament is February 29. Cost for each tournament is \$5.00 and payable at sign in.

Sign-up sheet for anyone wishing to run for office for the Ladies League is posted on the Ladies bulletin board. every office is like always open for any member.

Hopefully the weather will warm up in February so won't have to cancel or postpone play. Start time remains at 9:00 with sign in by 8:45 unless we send an email changing it. If you are not getting the emails please let Carol Sambol know your current email address. Ladies contributed \$536.00 to the Golf Club from the Whatnot Raffle. Great job ladies and thanks to all who helped.

Activities

Elvis Tribute by Gene Styles

Sunday, March 10th at 6pm in Clubhouse #2. Tickets are \$10 and will be for sale by Mike Williamson, Marilyn Williams and Terri Williams after Jan 24th. They will be sold at Coffee starting February 20th.

February 2nd - No Couples....but, Ground Hog Day Tourney. Check in 12:30

February 3rd - Cinnamon Roll Breakfast. 8:00-9:00 am

February 12th - Strawberries and Chocolate. Check in 1:30 pm

February 16th - Couples League. Check in 12:30

February 20th - Uno run

February 24th - Night Golf. Check in 4:30 pm

February 29th - Leap Year Outing. Check in 1:30

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Properties

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Jeff Warner

Pro Shop

The Betmar Pro Shop hosted a table for the Newcomer's Fair held on January 25th. New residents took part in the Pro Shop raffle and each received a certificate to spend while visiting the shop. The golf bag raffle is ongoing; please stop by the Pro Shop to purchase a ticket. The shop is open Monday through Saturday; the hours are posted on the shop door.

Happy New Year-2024 from the Betmar Golf Pro Shop Volunteers.

Congratulations to David Gregg for shooting a 24 on the White course on December 22nd and Calvin Beal Jr. for a hole in one on Gold #5 on December 24th. Way to go!!

Submitted by: Karen Emery, ~ Golf Board Communications

HOBBY CLUB

Hobby Club meets every Tuesday at 1:00 pm in the Annex. This is a no-charge club. We'd love to see new people! If you don't know how to craft but would like to learn, we would love to show you. If you already make something and would like to show us how, we would love to learn.

Don't miss the Annual Hobby Club bizarre! We have many great handmade items, baked goods and Raffles! Feb 29th and Mar 1st: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Rhonda Pomerleau, Secretary

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Toni

SHUFFLEBOARD

2024 started out with a bang at the shuffle courts as we hosted two tournaments from January 4th and 6th and put on some very well-attended lunches. Congratulations to Len Loughran who finished 1st in the main event in the No 2 Pros Tournament! We also had several Betmar shufflers place in the Amateur Tournament: Main event: 1st Dave Fuller, 3rd Janice Peterson, and 4th Gary Merrifield; Consolation: 1st Dave Hafey, 2nd Jim Thyng, 3rd Jim Hall, and 4th Marti Dumas. Way to go, Betmar!

Upcoming tournaments include a Pro Only Draw on February 1st and 2nd and Amateur Draw, and shuffle lunches will be served. Keep those pies and cakes coming, please, and thank you! Beginning this month, we will be having single-mingles tournaments monthly through April. It's a fun little competition among Betmar shufflers and the first one will be held here February 7.

Then in March mark your calendars for a tournament for March 4th through the 6th when we will be hosting a Doubles Men's/Ladies' Tournament. It's an open tournament, anyone can play, but you need to bring a partner. Shuffle lunch will be served March 4th and 5th.

On an incredibly sad note we were so sorry to have lost a very special friend, Jeanette Harvey. She was such a lively and fun person who everyone loved so much. Much of her time was spent at the courts, directing tournaments, running, and participating in 6-park and Turkey Shoot, playing in tournaments and Hoss Collar. She was always so supportive and encouraging to shufflers of all abilities and took time to help the newbies. She will be sorely missed, and we will be asking members to fill the void. It won't be easy to do that so we need your help.

We urge all members attend our next meeting on February 14th at the courts at 10:00 a.m. Nominees for Board positions will be presented. Elections are in March. Please consider running for a position—contact Jim Thyng if you are interested. We are also in need of new people to help get sponsors for our tournaments. Let Richard Johnson know if you can help with that.

Beginners, free lessons are available this month—sign up at the courts. Fred and Judy Leger will be volunteering to get you started with the basics.

Lastly, remember to recycle your aluminum cans and any other aluminum at the courts. The Shuffle Club relies on that income.

Hope to see everyone getting involved! See you at the courts!

Pat Norton





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TENNIS & PICKLEBALL

The annual free beginners clinic for Pickleball will be held from Jan. 29 through Feb. 2, 11 am to 1 pm at the Betmar courts. If you have questions or need more information contact Darlene Paine at 207-779-4948.

Glo-ball for Pickleball will be held Feb. 25th. \$5 per person to cover the cost of the equipment. Space is limited, so you must contact Marsha Frain to get your spot. Arrive by 6:30, play begins at 7pm. Call Marsha Frain for more information at 231-629-2999.

Polk Senior County Games for Pickleball will be held in Poinciana on March 4, 5, 6. Deadline to sign up is Feb. 9, 2024. This tournament is a wonderful opportunity to play in a tournament if you have been thinking you might like to give it a try. More information about this event can be found at www.polkseniorgames.org

The Poker Run fundraiser will be held on March 13, 2024. It will start at the Pavilion at Club House 2 promptly at 12 pm. Ticket prices are \$12.00. Please contact, Laraine Roberts at 517-230-2231 for more information. This is open to the public.

The Christmas Homes Tour committee is still looking for host houses for the 2024 homes tour. The club will offer elves to help decorate and also will lend decorations if you would like to participate. Please think about sharing your Christmas Spirit for this fundraiser. For more information, call Darlene Paine at 207-779-4948.

FYI: Tennis/Pickleball dues were payable by Jan 1. If you have not renewed your membership, your name will be taken off the roster on Feb. 1. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

The February meeting of the Tennis and Pickleball Club will be held Feb. 7, 3:30 pm, in Apache Clubhouse-Maple Leaf room.

Robin Meek, Secretary

Pickleball Court Schedule

9-11

Mon. Wed. Sat. Sun. : Open Play*

Tues. & Thurs.: Open Format*

Fri.: Ladder 12:45-3

Thurs. Ladies' League

*Open Play- Winners stay, losers put paddles in the rack. The next two players with paddles in the rack come in. After winning a second game on a court, the winner comes off and 3 new players enter.

*Open Format is just like Open Play except that foursomes may play. For example, players A,B, C, and D can decide they want a game with each other. If there is an open court, they may use that. If there isn't an open court, they put their paddles in the rack in order. When it is player A's turn to rotate in, players B-D also come in with player A. That may mean that a player or two who wouldn't have to rotate off the court during Open Play will now have to come out and put their paddles in the racks so that the foursome may be accommodated.

Betmar Dessert Theater

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Friday Feb 2, 2024 - 7:00 PM
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CLUBHOUSE 2

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WHERE: CLUBHOUSE #3
WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

11:30 a.m. - Registration

12:00 p.m. - Lunch

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Friday, February 23, 2024
Clubhouse 2
Donation \$10.00



Seated Dinner Starts at 4:30 p.m.
~ Take out 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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SAFER INTERNET USE

Safer Internet Day highlights the importance of making the internet a creative, educational and most of all, safe space for everyone. This annual initiative is an opportunity to recognize potential dangers and simple ways to protect yourself while using the internet. Pasco Sheriff's Office offers ways to stay safe when browsing the web this Safer Internet Day.

From social media and virtual reality, there are many exciting opportunities to connect online; however, there are also potential challenges. Not everything you see is what it appears to be online, including people you meet. Set social media accounts to private and disable location sharing and geolocation settings to protect your location. When speaking with someone new online, never leave the original social platform where the conversation initiated. Don't meet up with strangers you talk to online, unless you're able to verify their identity and can do so in a public place. Report things people say online if they make you uncomfortable.

It's important to be mindful when sharing or downloading content through the internet, as everything you do online leaves a digital footprint. Think twice before posting online and don't publish anything online that you wouldn't say in real life. Content online can be screen shot and manipulated. The best way to ensure private information is kept safe is to not share it. Once something is posted online, it's there forever, and can fall into the hands of someone who may use your own information against you.

Scammers use fear and technology to try to con their victims. Never provide your personal information to someone you don't know or to an unsolicited request. Don't read an email, click a link or open any attachments from someone you don't know or aren't expecting. Scammers pressure victims to act immediately, without time to process. By resisting pressure to act quickly, you can avoid a scam. Take the time to verify the accuracy of suspicious requests to discredit potentially false claims. If you recognize suspicious behavior online that may be a scam, report it to law enforcement. Rapid reporting can help stop crime and protect others from becoming a victim.

Not all apps are safe. You can avoid bad apps by checking them before installing. Check app developers' names and the version history in the App Store or Google Play Store. Some apps may contain inappropriate content and might not be suitable for all ages. Reject geolocation setting requests to protect your location when using apps. Parents and guardians should download the same apps as their children and become familiar with it to help ensure their child's safety.

Everyone can do their part to promote positive and responsible internet use. Having open conversations is the best place to start; maintaining open dialogue will encourage comfortable conversation to prevent and respond to online incidents. There are ways to understand, recognize, prevent and responsibly respond to inappropriate online behavior. Share these tips with friends and family to help spread awareness for Safer Internet Day!



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- ◆ February 3rd at 2 p.m.
- ◆ February 7th at 7 p.m.

Donations are \$7

Tickets are also available for Dessert Theater through :

Jo Anne Stepler 585-334-8344 or Terry Phifer 440-537-1508

Come join the fun!!!

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES

Clubhouse 2, 37137 Lakewood Drive

February Musicians

3 – Good Stuff

10 – Bill D. Williams

Valentines Theme Dance

17 – Lady & the Outlaw

24 – Karl Sapp

Mardi Gras Theme Dance


TABLE RESERVATIONS FOR ALL DANCES ARE AVAILABLE BY A DONATION OF \$5.00 ON TUESDAYS FROM 8-9 a.m. IN THE CLUBHOUSE 2 ANNEX AND AT THE DOOR THE NIGHT OF THE DANCE. DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 p.m.

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For additional information, contact Pam Ward 989-859-6905



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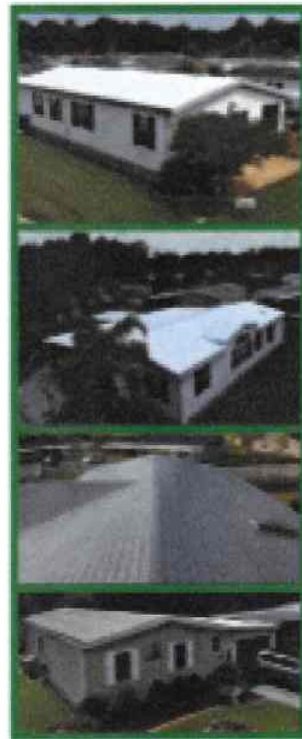
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PARK NEWS

HEALTH-O-RAMA

It's here!!!! February 22nd. 9am -12noon.

The 13th annual health fair. An opportunity to learn about available health resources in the community. Free hearing screening and blood draws for PSA, fasting glucose and cholesterol. Door prizes (one per customer) every fifteen minutes and lots of goodies at the exhibitor tables.

Mobile mammography and one blood will be in the south parking lot. So come and see on February 22nd. 9am to 12 noon.

KITCHEN BAND

The Kitchen Band meets every Friday @ 9 am in CH3. We take our music to local assisted living facilities each week. We play Kazoos' which are provided by us. No real talent is needed to join plus there is no cost. Come check us out and enjoy the fun.

NEW ENGLAND PICNIC

The New England picnic will be held Saturday, March 9, 2024 in clubhouse 2. doors will open at 11:00 for registration and social hour with light appetizers. Potluck will begin at 12 o'clock. Bring a dish or dessert to pass at your table. there will be raffles and door prizes.

To donate items or baskets for the raffle contact Margaret Dukette 603-387-4233 or drop items off to her at 37315 Eileen Ave.

Advance tickets will be \$3.00 and available at coffee hour February 20 February 27 and March 5. Please encourage your friends who have never come a New England picnic to attend. We are looking forward to a great turnout and meeting new people.





Trivia Quiz every Sunday night in Clubhouse 3:00 p.m. from 6.30 p.m.
Up to 4 members per team. Come and join the fun!

Thank You, Danny Jackson

WHAT NOT BARN

Once again, The Barn is empty. Our huge What Not Sale is over. Our dedicated volunteers and the golf membership thank you for all the items you generously donated throughout the year that contributed to the huge success of our sale. All the proceeds help defer the costs of maintaining our 3 golf courses. And now once again the Barn will start to fill. What to do with things you have replace or outgrown? Bring them to the What not Barn! But first, please consider a few things before you decide whether to donate or throw away. Is it in resalable conditions? If clothing, is it clean, without holds or broken zippers or would it be more useful as a cleaning rag? If linens, are they clean and stain free? If the towels are frayed and worn maybe the pet shelters could use them. Think before you donate that recline that doesn't work of the couch that has springs sticking out. Do your small appliances still work or are they rusty, corroded or moldy? Think, trash or donate. If it's time to clean out the shed, please be selective with what you choose to bring to the Barn. Boxes with miscellaneous nuts and bolts, broken tools and random parts from who knows what, and home to roaches are not items for resale. There are many more dos and don'ts as to what is appropriate and what is not. Use your common sense and ask yourself, "would I be willing to pay for this?" If not, don't donate.

Thank you all for your donations and stop by the Barn to say "Hi. You just might find that little something you have to have. We are located behind CH2 Annex and are now back to our winter hours Tuesdays and Fridays from 9-12pm. Reopening on Friday Feb 2nd.\

PLEASE NOTE: The following items are NO LONGER ACCEPTED: TV's, computers/ keyboards & monitors, printers, fax machines, telephones, answering machines, encyclopedias, dictionaries, VHS movies, cassette tapes, Bibles or Readers Digest books. Please, NO mattresses, sleep sofas, fiberboard or pressed wood furniture, washer or dryers, entertainment centers, toilets, paints, solvents, adhesives, ladders, blinds, curtain rods or shades, ironing boards, handicap equipment (canes, walkers, wheelchairs, etc.), or exercise equipment

Linda Bentz and All the Volunteers

WHAT NOT BARN

This year's sale was an amazing success in so many ways. We had great support from so many people and lots of shoppers came.

While we don't have hard numbers at the time of this writing, we can say that this year's sale will probably meet or exceed last year's which was the biggest ever. They say it takes a village to perform great things, and the Betmar "village" certainly, came through. We like seeing the income amount, but we enjoy watching our teams and shoppers interact so much more. As always, all excess merchandise went to non-profits. The What-Not Sale definitely shines a positive light on our park.

We would like to acknowledge each of you who had a hand in the success of the What-Not Sale this year. Department Heads and their hundreds of volunteers, this sale would not have been such a success without you.

It is hard to imagine the scope of involvement from other Betmar groups that is required to make this all happen. Betmar Office, Custodial, Golf Club, Shuffle Club, Activities, Communications, Sound, Video, Kitchen, Clubhouse Superintendents and to a large extent, Properties. All are involved and provided all that we asked for in the most cooperative way.

Sincere thanks to all of you who saved your bags and newspapers and to all the Betmar Bakers for the goodies provided. Special kudos to all those in the kitchen for keeping us well-nourished throughout the sale and to our cardboard box and trash crews who work so hard out of sight and out of mind.

Thanks a ton, to all who came to participate in the Betmar Ant March and cleanup on Saturday. Welcome to all of the new volunteers; we hope you had fun. Last but not least, thank you to all who came and shopped to make this sale successful.

We would be remiss if we did not thank Linda Bentz and the What-Not Barn crew for the sorting, cleaning and packing that goes on throughout the year and for their involvement in support of the sale.

Tom and Diane (Dee) Brown



BETMAR TRAVEL

Life is an adventure, make the best of it!!

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- ◆ All trips need at least 32 people to ensure the trip will go.
- ◆ If the trip is cancelled, for lack of participation, your money will be refunded.
- ◆ Trips include transportation, entry fees and all tips.
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Join us on our next ADVENTURE!

Thursday, February 8, 2024 – Back to the Ed Fletcher Dinner Theater in Clearwater to see “**One Slight Hitch**” a comedy you all will want to see. \$100 ~ Make checks out to: Betmar Travel.

Monday, February 19, 2024 – Begins our 5-day, 4-night trip to **Savannah**, Georgia with tours of Savannah, Beaufort, SC, St Simons, and Jekyll Islands. See Sandy or Bonnie for the brochure. Cost \$750 ~ Make checks out to: Betmar Travel.

Friday, March 8, 2024 – Join us for Lunch with Herrmann’s Royal Lipizzaner Stallions at their winter quarter in Myakka City, FL. We will enjoy a training session with Lipizzaner’s. Three choices for lunch including dessert. This is held outside with seating provided but bring your lawn chairs if you prefer. Cost \$85.00 p.p. – Full payment due at time of reservation. Make checks out to Betmar Travel.

Sunday, March 17, 2024 – Join your friends and celebrate **St. Patrick’s Day** as we cruise out of the Ybor Channel into the Hillsborough Bay and Garrison Channel for a Luncheon sightseeing cruise. Corned beef and cabbage, Irish potatoes, and soda bread. Enjoy St Pats as you never have before. Cost \$125 ~ Make checks out to: Betmar Travel.

Saturday, April 6, 2024 – Suncoast Broadway Theatre presents “**Cats**”. More info in the future. announce me \$105 ~ Make checks out to: Betmar Travel.

Saturday, April 20, 2024 – The crazy show “**The Underpants**” will be at the Ed Fletcher Early Bird Dinner Theater. As usual, be prepared for belly laughs and tasty food. Cost \$100 ~ Make checks out to: Betmar Travel.

May 10, 2024 – Moonlight and Magnolias Ed Fletcher Dinner Theater in Clearwater presents this comedy about three men that labor over five days to fashion a screenplay that becomes the blueprint for one of the most successful and beloved films of all times. Frankly, my dear, this is a funny play. Cost \$99.00 ~ Make checks out to: Betmar Travel.

***The actors consume peanuts on stage during the performance, so any audience member with allergies should be advised to attend with caution. ***

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