

## *COFFEE NEWS MARCH 12, 2024*

### MICHELLE'S MESSAGE

Top of the Morning to ya!!!! LET'S CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!! Enjoy the Andes Chocolates and your green wrist band!! Thank you for extending kindness while I was out sick. Not fun!! Yes, I was gone last week because of it but please know I will be out next week as well-ELECTION POLL WORKER! I will be in clubhouse 3 all day next Tuesday. If you are a registered Floridian Republican, please come in to vote-and see me. I'm sure it will be a slow day for us!! Would also keep an eye out for our middle son Ken and our granddaughter Lydia who will be visiting us! A great time for Daddy and Daughter to visit Grandpa Mac and Grandma Michelle-love it!! Have a great week!

I know some of you wanted to speak today but I have to limit it to the first Tuesday of each Month. It is important for me to respect the time of those attending. If you would like an announcement made, please send it to [activities@bbetmar.org](mailto:activities@bbetmar.org) by 7:00 PM Monday night.

### VOLUNTEER SHOUT OUT

- This person is well known as the "Energizer Bunny to many people. She literally keeps going and never stops.
- She may be tiny but she is mighty.
- She loves old country music and goes to several venues to listen to her favorites and dance with the love of her life. She's well known for her two-step.
- Whenever there is a need, she willingly answers the call.
- She is the famous "tray lady" for the Monday/Tuesday Shuffle Lunches, often filling in if needed for the Thursday/Friday lunches. She can easily put in her 10,000 steps sweeping around the clubhouse collecting trays and washing down the tables before and after the event.
- She is a valued member of the Betmar Hospitality Club. She shows up with her willing smile ready to get to work.
- She volunteers for Coffee Hour as the "Donut Lady."
- She works the Annual What Not Christmas Sale as a Department Head. And, has worked the Annual What Not Sale for several years, covering the knives and utensil area with expertise.

- Additionally, in the past, she volunteered sorting cookies for the Aquatic Club Cookie Sales and helped out at the BVC events,
- She is an exemplary volunteer who takes charge of the position given to her and never leaves until her job is done. She is the one we call on when we need help.
- This lady loves her angels, and she is an angel to all who know her."

So, who is this well-loved, spunky little person - our own Toni Kendall!

## ACTIVITIES

Easter Sign making party 🎉 🎈 🎊 🎁 🎀

Thursday March 14th; 3-5pm.

Space is limited please RSVP to Lynn MacDonald so we can make sure of enough supplies and snacks!

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Thank you, Beginner Art, for your donation of \$150

Thank you, Canadian Picnic, for your donation of \$200

Thank you, Creative Writers, for your donation of \$100

### Thank You BETMAR

for hosting a blood drive on **March 5th at Betmar Acres**

and sharing your power to save lives!

WOW WOW WOW !!!!! What a drive you all had....

We were able to collect **20 units** of blood. Each blood donation can save up to

three lives so that means that **60 patients** will benefit blood

donations from the lifesaving efforts of blood donors

at **Betmar Acres**

**Mark your calendar, next blood drive: May 7th 2024**

It has just come to our attention that the US Post Office has made a major change to **Change Of Address** procedures. *PRIOR* to returning North, it is our suggestion, residents physically visit the PO at 38032 Postal Drive to make their change of address request. At that time, they will be required to present physical identification as part of the process.

Additional questions should be directed directly to the USPS *PRIOR* to leaving for the summer. Strongly not recommended:

putting change of address form in the mail

sending a representative in their stead to complete process

While Postal Authority wishes we could be a supportive alternative to this process, this is a Federal process and must be completed at the appropriate level. Postal Authority hopes these suggestions make your transition seamless. Safe travels! Postal Authority

### **Prevention Plus**

According to the national Stroke Association, stroke is the third leading cause of death in America and the leading cause of adult disability. Stroke has no symptoms. While it is possible to reduce risk of stroke by modifying the lifestyle, the best way to prevent stroke is to get screened. Please call today to schedule an appointment for your screening as they will be here Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup>- clubhouse two in the annex from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
1-888-667-7587 also look for the neon signs in every clubhouse

Deb Moran and The Maine Trio , Tuesday March 12 at 1:00 at the Betmar Pavilion ! (Beware of construction ) See you there !!

Tim Bishop & Jackson Gay The Maine Duo Plus One Ronnie Miller!

**Thomas Promise Foundation** Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! Betmar clubs, activities and individuals that made donations recently to help feed the school children on weekends with the backpack food program!! For those heading north soon and are cleaning out "soon to expire items" from your cupboards, please consider donating those items to Thomas Promise or Bountiful Blessings. Items for Thomas Promise can be placed in the gray bins between CH #2 and the Annex or placed in the bin outside Connie's home at 36708 Jodi Ave or Sue's home at the corner of Strand Dr and Plant St

## VIDEO CLUB

Thank everyone who attended our Magic Show! Hope you had Fun.

Rich Wilson has been so kind as to let us distribute his Betmar performance including "THE FROG." Sign up for your copy outside the Video Club Control Room.

We have two shows that we will be recording this month. More information next week.

***Dave Domino President***

## MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

This Friday at CH #3. All Star Irish Band. They will rock your Irish socks off! 7:00 p. m. Don't miss this. March 22nd & 23rd right here in CH #2. The Big Roadshow. Tickets on sale at coffee and from Carol Kelly.

## CARPORT CONCERT

There is MUSIC playing all over Betmar!! Can you hear it?? We are living our best lives! 🎵 and the beat goes on 🎵

March's Concert is THURSDAY @ 3 - 6pm

This is a Special EARLY time for March!!

(Tootaloo, Snowbirds!! Come again!)

5612 Apache St (Harpo's place) LET's TAILGATE it!! So bring your packed coolers and chairs to circle up with neighbors in our beautiful environment!

Memberships sponsors ALL six concerts and provides a private venue to support local musicians.

Members can sign up anytime during the concert. Cash or checks accepted \$25/pp

Come on out! It's a lot of fun!!

## CREATIVE WRITERS

"A synonym is a word you use when you can't spell the other one."

You're running out of time to join Creative Writers! No dues, no fees. Join us before we break for our northern hiatus. 9am, White Room, Apache Clubhouse.

## GAME CLUB

We will be hosting a Mahjongg Marathon on Friday, March 15th in the Maple Leaf room at Apache clubhouse. Play will begin at 9:00 am and end at approximately 1:00 pm. There is a \$5.00 buy in and prizes will be awarded for high scores. Sign-up sheet will be available at our regular Mahjongg time Monday and Friday 12:30-2:30 (note the time change!) and will be posted on the bulletin board in Apache clubhouse. Residents must be game club member to participate.

Due to elections on Tuesday Mon bridge 6pm will be Apache. Maple leaf room. Bailey

## TOPS

"I have a cup of coffee each morning just to start my day off right. The other ones are to keep me out of jail, help me form sentences and fuel my sharp wit."

Be sure to take a look at our fabulous raffle baskets in the Annex for the next few weeks.

"Bunny Kisses and Easter Wishes" is filled with Easter treasures including \$20 worth of lottery tickets.

"Some Bunny Needs A Buzz" is loaded with booze and \$20 worth of lottery tickets.

Help support TOPS as we support Betmar.

## CHORUS

The Betmar concerts this season will not be as usual on the last week of March. They're in the 1st week of April on Wednesday the 1st @ 2PM and Friday evening the 3rd @ 7PM. There's no Thursday evening due to a meeting being held in CH2.

## 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 March is Block V (west end of Kimela, Kiowa & Tara). The second half of March are Blocks Q & R (most of Jodi and Arrowhead/Strand).

Schedule for this period follows:

Wed 3/13	8 am	Dance Club Pizza Party (major)
	<b><u>4 pm</u></b>	Bandstand (major)
Thu 3/14	8 am	Hospitality Show (major)
Fri 3/15	8 am	Let's Dress the Girls (minor)
	8 am	Little Theater (major)
Sat 3/16	<b><u>4 pm</u></b>	Dance (major)
Sun 3/17	<b><u>1 pm</u></b>	Little Theater (major)
Mon 3/18	8 am	Bingo w/Chorus (major)

For questions, contact Tom Brown.

## **DANCE CLUB**

Saturday Night Dance – join us in Clubhouse 2, 7-10 pm for dancing to the music of Pure Classic Gold. \$5.00 per person. Doors open at 6 p.m.

There are no longer tickets for the Saturday night dances. Your \$5.00 pp donation will be accepted at the door and you can select a seat at any available table. If possible, have the exact amount so you can use our Express line.

Dance Club General Meeting – Today, Tuesday, March 12th, 3-4 p.m. in the Apache Blue room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Annual Dance Club Pizza Party is Wednesday, March 13th, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Join us for pizza, assorted salads and desserts. Debbie Mims will provide the music for dancing after we enjoy the meal. Dance classes will give short demonstrations.

Tickets available at the door. \$5.00 pp. Please bring your place setting, utensils and a salad or dessert to share.

## **DART CLUB**

Dart Club members: The Award dinner for Fun Darts and League Darts is March 19th in the annex. Happy hour starts at 4 with dinner at 5. Tickets are 1 dollar donation available Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th at darts and at the door on the 19th. Please bring a dish to share and your table setting.

## **BEGINNER ART**

There will be no beginner's art tomorrow 3/13. We will resume art class on 3/20/24.

## **BETMAR BANDSTAND**

The Jam Bandits will perform tomorrow, Wednesday, at 6:00 at Clubhouse 2. Come and be totally entertained by them. Tickets for the March 20 Chicken & Biscuit dinner/ show are for sale in the annex. They will remain on sale until Friday, March 15 at 12:00 noon at Sue Flynn's house. Sue is your contact person so reach out to her for your tickets if you haven't bought them yet. Looking forward to seeing you at both exciting events.

## GOLF CLUB

Our new sign has been installed and we hope you like it better than the previous sign, all comments received to date have been very positive. The sign can be seen from Lakewood Dr. so you don't have to be a golfer to appreciate the new look.

Well, our first spring cleanup is in the books, we closed only one course at a time this year so Gold was the first course this week and Blue will be closed next Tuesday and Wednesday the White for the following week. Thank You to the following for stepping up and making our course even better – Roger Lewis, Darlene Paine, Dan Beemer, Mike Supianoski, Doug Tatham, Joel Ide, Bob Send, Mike Williamson, Jeff Warner, Jim Jennings, Jim Quinlan, Kurt Cousins, Hank Hoskins, Roger Staley, Dave Gregg.

Did Mike Williamson and Marilyn Williams knock it out of the park with the Elvis event or what? Thank you to all the volunteers that helped out and thank you to all the Betmarians that supported the event. It was great seeing so many of you rocking it out to Elvis and congratulations to the all the scarf winners.

Our next breakfast is April 6<sup>th</sup> and tickets are available just NOT at coffee hour for another week.

Thank You, Mac McKinnon Golf Board President

As the residents start to leave for their northern homes, so will the Betmar Pro Shop volunteers. Please check the shop hours on the door for your shopping convenience. Thank you, Pro Shop Volunteers, for all you do!

CHECK OUT THE Construction of the new Betmar Golf Course Sign!!

60 Lady Golfers enjoyed "Fun Day" in the sun on the Gold Course on March 7. Lowest score: Vera Forster, Debbie Martin, Karen Quinlan, and Janet Comin, Honorable mention for having fun: Monica Folske, Sue Burns, Jane Verville, and Betty Haskins. Longest drive with a Wiffle Ball was Edna Bahr. Everyone enjoyed pizza, cupcakes, and a raffle of several golf items from the Betmar Pro Shop

The Winners of the Red 8 on White Golf Game:

1st place winners-Joan, Gary, Pat and Gail Mead with a great round of 25.

2nd place winners-John Archibald, Joe Ide, Jan Provoncha, and Mike Williamson with a 26.

3rd place winners-Keith and Verna Bertrand, Sue Lane, and Allen Faraday Congratulations to all.

Next up is the Couples Scramble on Friday, March 15th with check in at 12:30-tee off at 1pm.

Join us!

## HOSPITALITY CLUB

Kris Pierce will be performing on Thursday, March 14th at 6 pm on Clubhouse #2. Tickets are \$7.00. Contact Anne Duprey or Lorna Bradstreet. Come and have FUN!!  
Sponsored by the Hospitality Club!

## LIBRARY

“Time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time.”  
—[\*Phrynette Married\*](#) by Marthe Troly-Curtin

“When you can’t find someone to follow, you have to find a way to lead by example.” —  
[\*Bad Feminist\*](#) by Roxane Gay

All books, puzzles, talking books and DVDs should be returned to the library. We need to pack all our books and equipment before construction starts. We are hoping and planning for construction to start on 01 April. Keep watching the coffee news, we will be updating our progress! We still have many books for sale, come in and see our selection. We will start packing books on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March. If you want to help and have not been contacted with a schedule time by the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup> please call Toni 813 344 9965. We are working (2)3 hour shifts a day. 09:00 – 12:00 and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Our two Kiosks will be in Clubhouse 2 with plenty of books to choose from. This will be a lending Library. You are welcome to keep the books or share them with others.

Our Library meeting is March 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Volunteers please attend, and anyone is welcome to attend. Toni

## SWIM CLUB

FYI-the last day to purchase Chicken & Bisquits dinner tickets will be Friday 3/15/2024. They are \$12 for meal & music :-)

## TENNIS/PICKLEBALL CLUB

Congratulations to Sandy Bedingfield and Jimmie Stokes for winning silver medals in pickleball at the Polk Senior Games in Poinciana on Monday, March 4. These gals won playing Women's Doubles in the 80-84 age category. Way to go, Sandi and Jimmie!



## THEATRE

Theater tickets are being sold at Coffee today. Finians Folly March 15th at 7pm March 16th at 2 pm and March 17th at 7 pm. Come join the fun

## TRIVIA

Another super night this week. Come join us and bring your friends. Up to 4 per team, every Sunday at 6.30pm in Clubhouse 3

## WHAT NOT BARN

What-Not Bike Barn is having a special sale- \$5 off all bikes Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>. There is a good supply of bicycles to choose from!!!

## EVENT SNIP IT FOR THE WEEK

TUESDAY	agenda meeting
WEDNESDAY	dance picnic
THURSDAY	poker run-tennis/pickleball; swim board voting
FRIDAY	theater performance
SATURDAY	theater performance
SUNDAY	theater performance
MONDAY	ladies Golfapalooza

## JOKE OF THE DAY

An Irish man is struggling to find a parking space.

“Lord, “he prayed.” I can't stand this. If you open a space up for me, I swear I'll give up the Guinness beer and go to mass every Sunday.

Suddenly, the clouds' part and the sun shines on an empty parking spot.

Without hesitation, the Irishman says: “never mind, I found one.”

## ANNIVERSARIES

Art and Dee Schultz Sixty years on March 20

Jorge and Sue Alvarado 3/30. 3 years

Chet and Darlene Cutshall **71 years**

## BIRTHDAYS

Jorge Alvarado 3/11. 61 years old

Rich Romsteadt

## VISITORS/GUESTS

Visiting Susan Yule on Betty Street ———- Daughter Sharon Burnett and grandson Brennan Burnett from Hingham, MA THANK YOU BRENNAN FOR HELPING WITH THE DRAWING!!

Bethany Duck Shackle, from Ohio, is visiting her parents George and Lynda Duck for a few days!

All from Saginaw, Michigan. Daughters Leslie Mrozinski, Melissa Kaleyta and Granddaughter Morgan Mrozinski are visiting Bob and Bonnie Coutz. Two weeks ago grandson, Cutler Blake and his Dad and mom Marc and Stacy were here visiting. Cutler was the one that won Video Club \$125 Share Wealth and did the victory lap in Clubhouse 2. Bob and Bonnie Coutz said they love their family but are ready for some down time. They realize now how old they really are.

Chuck and Heidi from NY and Bill and Deanna from Ohio visiting Mick and Rieth

Steve Huntley and Anita Dersmarais visiting Autumn Kimball from Maine

Rita Spar from S. Carolina visiting Jan Pedrotti

Bill and Jeannie Crosby have Margie and Allen Kabow from Minnesota