



# Around The Ponds



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## **President's Message**

Finally, we have beautiful Florida weather. I hope you can get outside and take advantage of it.

There are so many activities happening this month in Golden Ponds. Please read the following pages for all the details.

The recent Hospice event was another huge success. Special thanks to Paul Rodrique, Donna Ashton, Lynn and Nancy Leiterman. When Golden Ponders get behind something great things happen.

The TILL WE MEET AGAIN event hosted by the HOA is scheduled for Sunday March 22nd. Free music pulled pork and barbecued chicken. Everyone is welcome. All the details inside.

Another big event is the annual Golden Ponds golf scramble set for Saturday March 21st. It's a great day of golf and of course food. All the details inside.

My sincere thanks to everyone for all the cards, hugs, and support you have shown me on the passing of my wife, Janine. We feel so blessed to live in Golden Ponds. All are welcome to The Celebration of Life in the S. clubhouse on Friday March 20 from 2 to 4pm.

Hope to see you at coffee plus on March 7th from 9 to 10 am.

Stay safe and healthy and most of all live life to the fullest.

See you around the ponds,

Gary Lange HOA President

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It is the intent of the ATP staff to deliver the newsletter by the last day of the month. Please be patient as some residents may receive their copy earlier than others. Extra calendars will be available on the table in the north clubhouse. If you have not received your copy by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, please contact Frank Forney at 804-491-3104.

## **HOA OFFICERS**

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## Manager's Message

Wow! It's so hard to believe that it's March already. Let us welcome Michael and Jackie Fitchett. They bought 1795 Stonybrook Dr., and are from FL.

I know some of you will be leaving in March, and some in April. Please make sure you do a change of address, power wash your house, and put everything that's outside, inside.

Thank you to everyone that has worked hard to spruce up around their house. We all appreciate it. With that being said, please take ten minutes to walk **ALL** the way around your house and check for the need to power wash. While you are doing that, check your skirting vents. If you power wash twice a year all should be good. Some carports need a lot of extra cleaning, so please check yours.

Also, please remember, our pool is only for out of town, overnight registered guests. It's not for people to come and use for the day.

A couple of reminders:

No parking on the grass.

Sundays are quiet days. Nothing making noise is to be used.

No guest dogs.

All overnight guests must register in the office.

Be a nice human. You can't give your life more time, so give the time you have left more life.

Yvette Peppard  
Park Manager



## Letter From the Editors

Well folks, Old Punxsutawney Phill saw his shadow on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, so that means six more weeks of winter! A few weeks ago, we all would have said YIKES, but finally nicer weather has returned to Florida!

Driving around the park you see the results of the recent freeze on everyone's landscaping. From what experts are saying, the plant may look dead, but it is only the current leaves. The root system is still probably still alive, and the foliage will bloom again. Give them a few months and see what happens they are saying!

We hope everyone enjoyed their Valentine's Day in their own special way by attending the Valentine's Day dance or the dinner and a movie that a group did. On the other hand, even spending the evening at home doing what makes you feel special can be lovely as well. We all celebrate holidays in different ways!

Happy St. Pat's Day everyone and don't forget to move your clocks ahead on March 8<sup>th</sup>!

Till next month,

Mike and Jeanne

PS. Just as a reminder.....questions or submissions for ads, contact Jeanne Jean.

Questions or submissions for the newsletter, contact Mike Richardson.

All submissions for either go to:  
[gpatpnews@gmail.com](mailto:gpatpnews@gmail.com)

## March Holidays

Bring out your green! St. Patrick's Day—**observed every March 17**—is packed with parades, good luck charms, and all things green. The event started as a religious holiday, but over time it's become a celebration of Irish culture.

St. Patrick might be the patron saint of Ireland, but he didn't always *live* in Ireland. Patrick was born in Britain in the fourth century and didn't arrive in Ireland until he was 16 years old. Around the age of 16, Irish pirates kidnapped him from his family in Roman Britain, took him to Ireland, and forced him to work as a shepherd for six years before he escaped, returned home, entered the clergy, and later went back to Ireland as a missionary.

Leprechauns are one reason you're supposed to wear green on St. Patrick's Day—or risk getting pinched! The tradition is tied to folklore that says wearing green makes you invisible to leprechauns, which like to pinch anyone they can see. Some people also think sporting the color will bring good luck, and others wear it to honor their Irish ancestry. No wonder green decorations can be seen all over—the Chicago River in Illinois is even dyed green each year to celebrate the holiday.

Another tradition includes many Irish-American people in the United States eating corned beef and cabbage on St. Patrick's Day. People also gather to watch parades of traditional Irish dancers and musicians as they march through city streets. However you celebrate, here's hoping it's a lucky day for everyone!



## Other March Holidays

National Read Across America Day is an annual event on **March 2nd, Dr. Seuss's birthday**, promoting literacy for kids and teens. Launched in 1998 by the National Education Association (NEA), Read Across America is the nation's largest celebration of reading. Many schools, libraries, and communities of readers celebrate with an annual event on March 2, but NEA's Read Across America also provides educators, parents, caregivers, and children with the resources and activities they need to keep reading on the calendar 365 days a year. This year-round program focuses on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources that are about everyone, for everyone.

**In celebration of Read Across America we honor our own Golden Pond Librarian - Linda Merrill and our Golden Pond Book Club leader – Alice Peck! Kudos!**



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What does a leprechaun put on his deck?

Paddy'o furniture!!!!!!!!!!!!



***In celebration of Dr. Suess' birthday and Read Across America, I want to share a poem written in the meter of a Dr. Suess book. I used it in my classroom to teach the galloping cadence so popular with his books. Hope you enjoy it! Mike***

### **What if Dr. Suess wrote technical training manuals?**

**IF** a packet hits a pocket on a socket on a port,  
And the bus is interrupted as a very last resort,  
And the address of the memory makes your floppy disk abort,  
Then the socket packet pocket has an error to report!

**IF** your cursor finds a menu item followed by a dash,  
And the double-clicking icons put your window in the trash,  
And your data is corrupted 'cause the index doesn't hash,  
Then your situation's hopeless, and your system's gonna crash!

**IF** the label on your cable on the table at your house,  
Says the network is connected to the button on your mouse,  
But your packets want to tunnel to another protocol,  
That's repeatedly rejected by the printer down the hall.

**IF** your screen is all distorted by the side effects of gauss,  
So your icons in the window are as wavy as a souse,  
Then you may as well reboot and go out with a bang,  
"Cause as sure as I'm a poet, the sucker's gonna hang!

**When** the copy of your floppy's getting sloppy on the disk,  
And the microcode instructions cause unnecessary RISC,  
Then you have to flash your memory and you'll want to RAM your ROM,  
Quickly turn off your computer and be sure to tell your mom!



## **March Anniversaries**

03/03/73 Frank & Florence Forney  
03/09/94 Gregg & Charlene Ley  
03/12/18 Stan & Pam Fulwood  
03/16/96 Phil & Tina Desantis

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### **March Birthdays**

- 1 Connie Juliano, Karen Landon
- 2 Butch Turley
- 3 Arlene Applebee, Sandy Foley
- 4 Dian Fitzgerald, Mary Green, Jan Malanga, Linda Merrill, Deb Olevano
- 5 Barbara Chenette, Andre St. George
- 7 Rosemary May
- 9 Bob Parkhurst, Steve Salatino
- 10 James Brownell, Barb Malvasio
- 11 Wayne Chapman, Phillip Glesser
- 14 Harold Bradley
- 19 Roger Currie
- 21 Sara Kleihauer, Michelle Smith, Doug Thompson
- 22 Ron Love
- 23 Linda Whiteside
- 24 Elena Belchuk, Oleg Beichuk, Angie Turner, Mike DeJuliis
- 25 Tom Laird
- 27 Jim Timm
- 31 Hobert Davis, John Sheard



### **MARCH BIRTHDAY CAKE!**

If you were a March baby we will be celebrating your special day with CAKE on March first in the South Clubhouse at 4:00. You can even bring a guest with you. Unfortunately, we have had very low attendance for the last two months so I'm asking you to sign up on the sheet that is posted in the North Clubhouse. That way I can order a cake of the appropriate size for the people attending.

## Daylight Savings Time

Sun, Mar 8<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 am – Sun, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:00 am

In the US, daylight saving time starts on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November, with the time changes taking place at 2:00 a.m. local time. With a mnemonic word play referring to seasons, clocks "spring forward, fall back"—that is, in springtime the clocks are moved forward from 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. and in fall they are moved back from 2:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Daylight saving time lasts for a total of 34 weeks (238 days) every year, about 65% of the entire year.



### **NEED QUICKER ACCESS TO THE HOA WEBSITE???** **TRY THE QR CODE!**

How to use: Open camera app on your phone/tablet Aim camera at the QR Code below (Don't take a picture) but center QR Code to see on your camera. A website popup will appear on your screen. Click on the popup and away you go!!!!



Or

You can go online to:  
[www.goldenponds.com](http://www.goldenponds.com) or  
[www.goldenpondsfp.hoaspace.com](http://www.goldenpondsfp.hoaspace.com) for a full version of the ATP

## Daylight Savings Bank

Visit in Spring.  
Don't delay.  
Deposit an hour.  
Lengthen your day.  
Takeback an evening.  
Linger in light.  
Swing in sunset.  
Play late tonight.

Return in Fall.  
Withdraw an hour.  
Welcome tomorrow.  
Give Sun back his power.  
Turn Back your clock.  
Let morning grin  
Sprinkling sunbeams  
Over your skin.

You know that time is money  
So you have yourself to thank  
If you spend and save your minutes  
At the Daylights Savings Bank.

By Amy LV

## **USED/EMPTY CARTRIDGES RECYCLE**

There is a basket in the Card Room in the North Club House for empty ink cartridges. The HOA receives Rewards Credits from Staples for our paper supply orders. Your recycling is appreciated.

Thank You.  
Ruthie Chuqui-Conder



## HOA Membership

Any questions about your HOA membership? Contact Donna Bartolucci at:  
802-917-4917  
or  
[roybartolucci@gmail.com](mailto:roybartolucci@gmail.com)

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

We're back by popular demand!! We've moved it to a different day and we're hoping that, since we are retired, it won't make a big difference. After all, any time is a good time for ice cream!! Tuesday March 10th is the big day and 2:00 is the time. \$5.00 buys you a banana split with all the yummy toppings. Believe me, you won't be sorry that you joined us.



## ***Euchre Tournament***

Saturday, March 14.  
\$3.00pp to play.  
Games begin at 1PM. Please arrive at  
12:45PM  
Sandy Foster



## POTLUCK SUPPER

Friday night March 15<sup>th</sup> we would like to invite you to come to the South clubhouse and join lots of old and new friends for a potluck supper. There is always good food to share and if you go home hungry, it's your own fault. We ask that you bring something that we can all enjoy like a main dish, salad or dessert and whatever you want to drink. The HOA provides all the tableware, napkins, plates etc. We start eating at 5:00, so don't be late and after that think seriously about enjoying the campfire which starts at 7:00



## In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb

March roars in like a lion

So fierce,

The wind so cold,

It seems to pierce.

The month rolls on

And spring draws near,

And March goes out

Like a lamb so dear

By Lori Hill

## RED HATS LADIES

March is a busy month for the Red Hatters!

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, is our bake sale at Road Runner small hall. It starts at 10:30am.

If you would like me to take your baked goods over, please have them at my house any time on Friday or before 9:00am on Saturday. Once again, I'm asking for no purchased goods, and a monetary donation is always accepted.

March 13<sup>th</sup> will be our last meeting of the season, and will be held at Golden Coral at 11:30am, where election of officers will take place. It's been a great season with a group of ladies that just wanted to have fun.

Thanks for all your support.

Chris Onink  
1704 Walden Pond  
814-873-73881



Just a reminder.....

Yard waste pickup for the month of March

will be: March 11<sup>th</sup> & March 25<sup>th</sup>

Garbage: Every Monday & Thursday

Recyclables: Every Thursday

Barring any issues with Waste Pro!



## VOLUNTEERING

Unless things are done by management or maintenance in this park, 95% of what goes on is accomplished by volunteers:

Christmas Drive thru

Annual Bazaar

Dances

Concerts

Coffee Plus

Darts

Bingo

Aluminum can pick up

Card games

Crafts

Maintaining library

Bazaar Store

Board of Directors

Writing, Printing, Advertising and Distribution  
of the ATP

Potluck suppers

Exercise groups

Sports groups

I know that I've forgotten some very important things, but I'm sure you understand what I'm saying. If it wasn't for all our volunteers, Golden Ponds wouldn't be the wonderful place that it is.

Big thanks to all of you!

Alice Peck



## BOOK CLUB

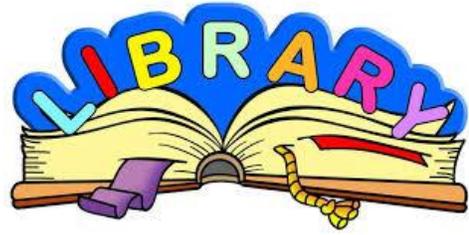
*First Love* by Beverly Lewis was nothing like most of the books we read, and the title may make you think it's a 'romance novel'. In some way it was, but something totally different. It centers around a young Amish girl growing up with health issues and the loss of her mother at a young age. Most of us knew very little about living in an Amish community and the way they live their very structured, religious lives. All of us learned something.

We always rate our books on a scale of 1 to 5 and *First Love* ran the gamut, all the way from 1.5 to 5 and averaged out at just over 3. We had an excellent discussion regarding the book, and everyone was glad that we had selected it. The novel is one of several books by Beverly Lewis in our library. Stop by and give one of them a try.

Our next meeting will be on March 12th when we will be discussing *A Land Remembered* by Patrick Smith. It's a good book covering some of the history of Florida, including Fort Pierce, following three generations from the 1850's to the 1960's. We read this back when the book club first started seven or eight years ago and it is still one of my favorites. The library has two or three copies. You might want to give it a try.

Come join us on the second Thursday of each month.

Alice Peck



We have been very busy with all your donations and reshelving the books returned to our basket.

Thanks to the person who donated the E.E. Holmes Trilogy and the eleven book series of the Gateway traders.

The *Gateway Trilogy* refers to the paranormal/horror series by E.E. Holmes. The trilogy follows a protagonist dealing with ghosts and supernatural events.

The trilogy consists of the following titles.

*Spirit legacy*  
*Spirit Prophecy*  
*Spirit Ascendancy*

You will find this trilogy in the paperback section after you enter the library on right hand side. The trilogy will have numbered light blue stickers on the spine of each book.

Also, in the same area with flesh-colored stickers, you will find the 11 book Gateway Trackers series that follows Jess and Hannah as they work as Trackers to protect the spirit world with the first book in the series of eleven books titled *Whispers of the Walker*.

If you are looking for something different, why not try out this series.

Happy Reading

Linda Merrill

## THE MONTH OF MARCH

By Frances T. Morneault

As the saying goes “In like a lion, out like a lamb”. We never know what to expect from the month of March. Beware of the Ides of March!

Many people can remember when it snowed for the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in New England. We had our fill of snowstorms and were anxiously awaiting the return of the robins and looking forward to the crocus and snowdrops peeking through the earth. It was learned the hard way that squirrels can devour a bed of tulips in no time. We decided that daffodils would be our choice for the following year. They are not as tasty to the squirrels. Spring is the right word for the season. Everything is springing up.

Somewhere between March and middle April, it is the mud season. All are awaiting that first warm weekend to get the rakes out and put our yards in springtime mode. The children were polishing their bicycles and getting ready for their first bike ride of Spring.

In the old days, it was “Spring Cleaning” time. It was a time to wash the curtains, clean the walls from the soot of the wood burning stove, coal furnaces or fireplaces. All housewives were happy when central heating came along. I remember helping my mother and grandmother pinning the curtains on some kind of wooden frame contraption after the curtains were washed. It had pins to stretch the curtains and were placed outside to dry in the sun. Phil did the same thing for his mother.

It was time to get ready for our Easter outfits. We wore Easter bonnets or hats and of course, white gloves. My sister and I were always dressed alike. Our hairdos were long pipe curls. My sister was blessed with natural curly hair. In our parents’ eyes, we were the best-looking girls. We were not rich, but we felt like a million dollars. The highlight of the day should have been the Easter Resurrection Mass. But for us, it was the anticipation of our Easter baskets.

For our children’s (5 of them) Easter baskets, we went to Crand’s Candy Castle in our hometown, Enfield, CT. Supposedly, the castle was haunted but that did not deter good candy lovers from going there. Maybe, the ghost had a secret ingredient to add to their candies. They had the best jellybeans we ever had. Their chocolate bunnies were high on our list. Filling the baskets was a ritual we always enjoyed. Those days are gone but not forgotten.

Now, what does the month of March mean to me? It’s MARCH MADNESS! I love college basketball. With two in the family graduating from Syracuse University, it’s my favorite team. I take the good years and not so good years. I love filling out the March Madness basketball grid. It is fun. Doing this for about 35 years, only once did I pick the winner—Villanova in 1985. My son-in-law could not believe it. When the basketball tournament season is over, I’m lost. Baseball is too slow for me. I want action! Come the month of August, football starts the agenda. Then, I am set in anticipating good games.

Our St. Patrick’s Day dinners here in the park were always a hit. Some of the best corned beef dinners we ever had were cooked by Chick Hamm. We would also had dances, and surprisingly, Dolores McMann would treat us to some great Irish Jigs. We were all a little bit of Irish that day. While searching in my family genealogy, I found that my father was more Irish than he knew, that would have pleased him.

So here in Florida we purchase our hyacinths, tulips, daffodils and Easter lilies from nearby markets. But their meaning is still the same. Springtime is here.

Let us enjoy our blessings. God is Good!



## **HORSE RACES**

March 14, 2026

7:00 pm South Clubhouse

Please join us for another night of horse racing fun! We are changing it up with a Nascar theme this time. Feel free to wear your favorite Nascar attire. The horses may have some slight changes in appearance as well. There is a total of 7 races with 6 horses per race. Bring your own drinks and snacks. **HAVE FUN!** Please bring small bills as the betting is in \$ 1.00 increments.

Jim & Evie Monarch



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## **Caring 4 Caregivers**

Your care is real. Your effort matters, even on the days that feel heavy, you are making a difference.

See you on March 12, at 10:00 am.

We are here for you!

Mary Lou Meenan 815-546-8235

Ruthie Chuqui-Conder 772-475-4638

### **Till We Meet Again**

Annual end of season celebration

March 22<sup>nd</sup> 12 – 4

Free music, pulled pork and barbecued chicken

Everyone is welcome!!

Music by Alita & Boyz

Hosted by Mike & Sue DeJuliis

If you are interested in helping out, contact Mike or Sue at 443-904-6390

## **Golden Ponds Annual Golf Scramble**

**Saturday, March 21 – 8:30 a.m. Shotgun**

**Start – Indian Hills Fort Pierce**

All Golden Pond residents, renters and guests are welcome to participate in our annual golf scramble on Saturday, March 21, at Indian Hills Golf Course, Fort Pierce. The purpose of this event is to promote fun within our community:

- 8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start – please arrive no later than 8:00 a.m.
- Banquet/Awards will follow in South Clubhouse at 4:00 p.m. Bring your own drinks
- You must register as individuals. You can sign up at the North Clubhouse on:
  - Monday, March 2, 11a-12p
  - Saturday March 7, 10a after coffee plus
  - Tuesday, March 3, LeagueMembers only can register at the golf course.
- Four-person, balanced teams will be created by hosts. Teams will be posted in the North Clubhouse by Monday, March 16
- \$15.00 Entry Fee to cover all awards and catered banquet – League members are already paid. \$7.00 for spouses and guests to attend banquet. Please indicate your attendance when signing up
- Green fees will need to be paid directly to the golf course on day of scramble. Please arrive by 8:00a to pay and to be ready for the 8:30a shotgun start.

It is a great day of fun! All levels are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Gary Lange (248-390-5330) or Tom Dillon (860-883-8130)

### **Thrifty Thursday**

Mark your calendars! Thrifty Thursday will be on **March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 9:00 am.**

Sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the North clubhouse. ALL DRIVERS please sign up **BEFORE March 17<sup>th</sup>.**

If you are new to the park or just have not ventured out on one of our Thursdays, please come join us. It's lots of fun.

We meet at the clubhouse by 8:50 am. At that time, each driver will receive a sheet of all the thrift/consignment stores that can be visited that day in the PSL, Jensen and Stuart area.

PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE. If you do not have a ride to join us, please take it upon yourself to check with friends and neighbors to see if there is room in their car.

Any questions, please call or text me at 806-922-7160.  
Thanks, Beverly Burl.

## **GOLDEN PONDS COMMUNITY PHOTO DIRECTORY**

When was the last time you had a professional portrait taken? Don't let this opportunity pass you by. It doesn't get any easier than in the comfort of your own community.

Open to owners and renters, there are some terrific advantages to participating in our directory program. Each participant will receive a complimentary copy of the directory, and a complimentary 8 x 10 photo. No hidden costs, no sales pressure, and no sitting fees.

Universal Church Directories has been selected to help us with the production of our new Community Photo Directory and will be onsite taking pictures on the following dates:

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm – 9:00pm  
Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 4:00pm  
Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 4:00pm  
Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00am – 4:00pm

Appointments are filling up quickly, so if you haven't scheduled your photo session yet, now is the time as **appointments must be pre-booked.**

There are several options available for scheduling your appointment:

### **Option 1 – Self Register**

- Go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com)
- Click on "Photography Session Sign-Up"
- Enter church code fl1101 and password photos – click "login"
- Click on the "View Timeslots" for the desired date
- Click on "Reserve Time" beside the desired appointment time
- Enter all required information
- Click "Reserve Appointment"

**Option 2 – Call Sharon Bond at 289-680-0123 to schedule by phone.**

**Option 3 – Visit one of the Scheduling Administrators at the North Clubhouse from 9:00am –10:00am on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>.**

The more participation, the better the Community Picture Directory will be. So please, do your small part in this project and participate!!!!

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## **St. Patty's Day Celebration**

In the Summer Kitchen (South Clubhouse, if raining)  
Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 10:00 PM.  
Irish music & fan favorites.

This is a no charge event. Everyone is welcome.  
Irish Coffee (decaf) will be served.  
Bring chairs & drinks if you want other than Irish coffee

This year, donations are not required thanks to the generosity of Golden Ponders' last year! We encourage Irish dress up for this event.

Carol Shaw 772-448-8788  
Vikki Benedict 772-302-3598

## HOSPICE CORNER

A heartfelt "Thank You" to our volunteers and participants, as we wrap up another inspiring chapter in our hospice community's journey. We want to extend our deepest gratitude to every volunteer, participant, supporter, and friend who contributed to this year's anticipated successful fundraiser. Your generosity, energy, and compassion are the heartbeat of this event, and we could not do this meaningful work without you.

### **The Power of Showing Up**

Every hour volunteered, every step taken, every donation made, and every voice that helped spread the word created a ripple of kindness that will reach far beyond the event itself. Hospice care is built on dignity, comfort, and human connection, and your involvement directly strengthens that mission. Whether you were behind the scenes organizing logistics, cheering on participants, sharing your talents, or simply showing up with an open heart, you played an essential role. This fundraiser is a reflection of what a community can accomplish when it comes together with purpose.

### **Looking Ahead**

We know many of you are eager to hear the final results of this year's efforts. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be officially announced at the March HOA meeting on 3/18/26. What we can say now is that the spirit of generosity we witnessed gives us every reason to feel proud and hopeful.

### **Gratitude That Lasts**

On behalf of our hospice team and the families we serve, thank you for standing with us. Thank you for believing in compassionate care, and thank you for giving of your time, energy, and your heart. Your involvement doesn't just support an event, it supports people at their most vulnerable moments, and that is a gift beyond measure. We look forward to sharing the final totals soon and celebrating the impact you've helped create.

God bless you all for your faithfulness.

Gratefully,

Lynn & Nancy (Mitchell) Leiterman  
Paul Rodrigue & Donna Ashton  
Co-Chairs

## Sunshine Committee

Hey Golden Ponders,

Here is a list of the cards sent out in the last month on behalf of the HOA. Thank you to everyone who has let me know of someone who could use a card from us.

Sharon VanDell  
Sunshine Committee

### **Get Well Cards Sent to:**

Ruth Hanes, 1748 Bar Harbor Drive  
Delores Schrock, 1704 Bar Harbor Drive

### **Thinking of You Cards Sent to:**

Karen Kuhn, 1855 Golden Ponds Drive  
Gloria Criscione, 1840 Bar Harbor Drive  
Susan Gertelbauer, 1800 Walden Pond Drive  
Nancy Mitchell, 1859 Golden Ponds Drive

### **Sympathy Cards Sent to:**

Barbara Knight and Family, 1875 Bar Harbor Drive, on the passing of her husband, Robert. Sent to 27 Trotters Way, Prospect, CT 06712. A donation in memory of Bobby from the HOA has been sent to Dogs & Cats Forever, 4600 Selvitz Rd., Fort Pierce. 34981.

Charlie and Debbie Manganaro, 10111 Greatwoods Drive, on the passing of Robert Knight.

Gary Lange and Family, 1751 Stonybrook Drive, on the passing of his wife, Janine.



## CRUISE NEWS!!

As I write this, we have had a really good cruise courtesy of the Norwegian Joy and are on our last day headed to Port Canaveral and home.

The weather was perfect except for the day that we were in the Dominican Republic. That day it drizzled most of the day, but a good part of our group went in for shopping and excursions.

On Thursday, in St. Thomas the weather cooperated allowing us to spend time on the beaches, take tours of the island, enjoy the food and shop for souvenirs. In Road Town, BVI it was more of the same. I'm embarrassed to tell you that I never got off the ship but enjoyed people watching, reading and sitting on the balcony with coffee or a drink in hand.

The entertainment was varied and enjoyable from game shows to dance productions. dances and movies by the pool. The dining opportunities were plentiful; steakhouses, Italian, seafood, Japanese and lots of bars and bistros. If duty free shopping was your thing the upscale options were endless. Diamond jewelry, Prada purses, Rolex watches, artwork OR your next cruise!

I'm already receiving options from Omni Tours for 2027. So stay tuned. There may be future editions of CRUISE NEWS!!

Alice Peck



## Word Scramble



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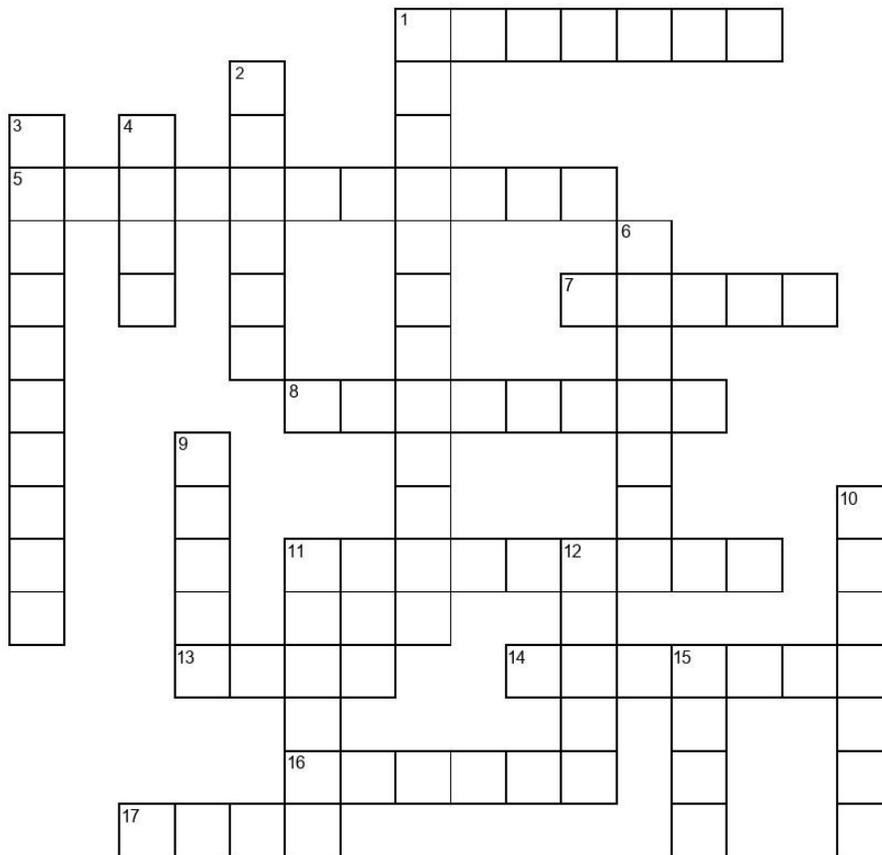
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# St. Patrick's Day

## crossword puzzle



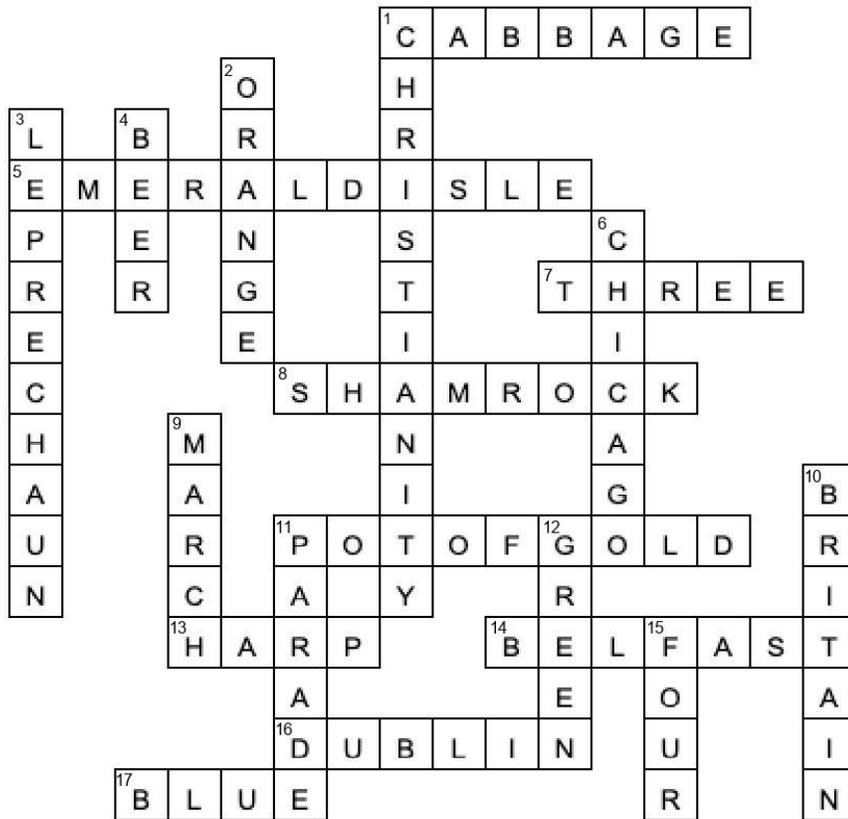
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1. Corned beef is typically eaten with this vegetable on St. Patrick's Day
5. The nickname of Ireland, first penned by the poet William Drennan in his 1795 poem *When Erin First Rose*.
7. Only a clover with this many leaves can be called a shamrock.
8. Item used by St. Patrick to teach the Irish about the holy trinity.
11. What is believed to be found at the end of rainbows.
13. Musical symbol of Ireland found on Irish passports, Irish euro coins, and the coat of arms of Ireland.
14. Capital of Northern Ireland.
16. Capital of (the Republic of) Ireland.
17. Color associated with Saint Patrick before green.

### DOWN:

1. Saint Patrick was a missionary of this faith.
2. The third color in the Irish flag, after green and white.
3. A fairy depicted in Irish folklore that cobbles shoes and is paid for his work in gold.
4. Alcoholic beverage dyed green for St. Patrick's Day.
6. United States city that has dyed one of its rivers green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day since 1962.
9. The month when St. Patrick's Day is celebrated.
10. Location where Saint Patrick was born.
11. Celebratory event held in the streets of many major cities on St. Patrick's Day.
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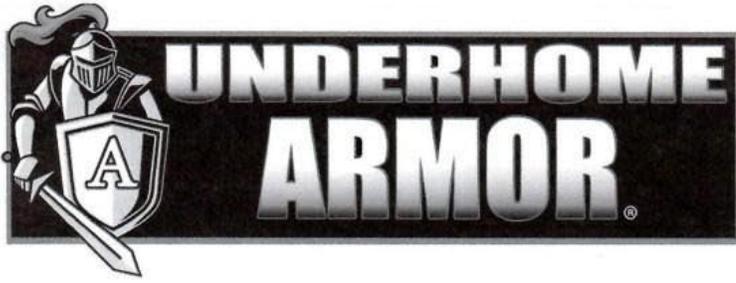
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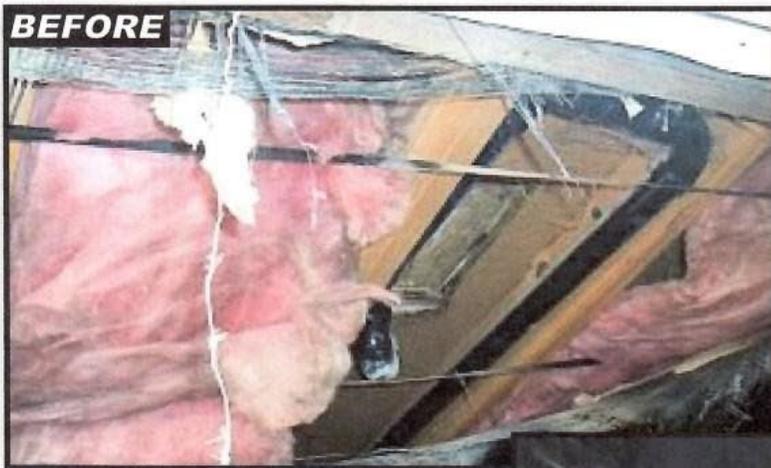
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