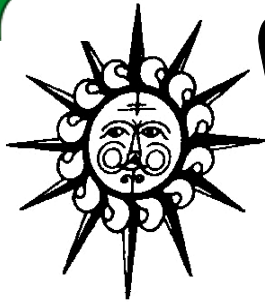
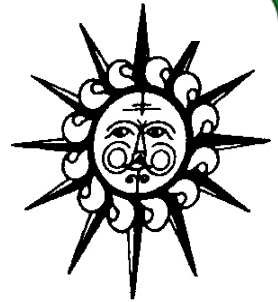


December 2018



Village Voice



A Message from Your HOA President

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

This has been a whirlwind year in my house. Where, oh, where, did the time go? During the past year my family has experienced many of the typical challenges and opportunities that confront each of us as we wend our way through our golden years. Over the course of the past year, since becoming President of the HOA, I have listened to many people express their opinions on a variety of issues. And I appreciate that most people are willing to express their opinions on virtually any issue. And in doing so, I also gained a new appreciation of how much time is invested in representing our community.

So my thoughts at this time of year turn to gratitude and appreciation for the opportunity to serve our residents. And I am particularly appreciative of all the members of the HOA Board who have dedicated their time and energy to improving the quality of life, the amenities available and the atmosphere of cooperation here. I am so grateful that we have a number of HOA committees that reach out to residents to offer assistance or support or to fill a need. Our HOA committees such as Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Circle of Friends, and Dance Committee underscore why this community is a wonderful place to call home. All of these committees have one thing in common, the selflessness of our residents volunteering their time to improve, assist and contribute. Thank you to all of our volunteers.

So I begin this new year looking back with gratitude and appreciation for all of the blessings that are bestowed upon us in our daily lives. And I look forward to the New Year with renewed vigor and a commitment to continue to address community concerns, seek opportunities to enhance our quality of life and recognize the contributions of so many to our success.

From my family to yours, we wish you and your family good health, happiness, success and prosperity in the coming year!

Steve Hogan, President, SLCCV-HOA

From the Editor

This issue is chock full of pertinent information. On pages 3 and 4 you will find the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Areas with Captains and Helpers and a list of streets in alphabetical order. The next Meeting is Wed., Jan. 30th, 1:00 p.m., in the Pow Wow Room. All are welcome! You can contact Gerrie Purcell (461-4810) and Ja Floyd (616-635-1055) if you would like to join this all important volunteer squad.

The Fort Pierce Christmas Boat Parade is on Saturday night, December 15th. It starts in the turning basin in the inlet at 6:30. There are plenty of places along the inlet to view the boats. It's usually pretty cold down there for the parade. You can take lawn chairs or blankets. I recommend both!

Next year I want to check out the frog legs at the Fellsmere Frog Leg Festival in January. I usually forget about it, and then it's too late!

The Veteran's Day Program was terrific as usual. We have mostly Army vets, some Marines, Navy and Air Force, and only one "Coastie"! The most recent Honor Flight recipient was Harry Knodt. The SLCCV Veterans Club promotes the Fisher House Foundation, something I hope to highlight in a future issue.

Articles are welcome! They don't have to be long, although a limit of 400 words is the maximum. Times New Roman for a font and 12 point for the type size would be appreciated. Contributions can be emailed to me in either a word doc or a pdf file. (kmobrien46@hotmail.com)

While I try to highlight events in SLCCV, your best source for current info is always the weekly bulletin available at the Recreation Desk at the clubhouse and on the SLCCV website.

After you finish holiday celebrating, a.k.a. too much indulging in cookies, get back into shape for the 2019 Fitness Games!

2019 HOA memberships are only \$3.00! You can get your new card before the HOA meeting.

HOA Board of Directors Elections Nominating Committee

At the December 5 HOA general member meeting, a slate of HOA members standing for election to the nominating committee will be voted on by all members of the HOA. The Nominating Committee goals are to present a slate of nominees for any open offices of the Board of Directors at the General Membership meeting in January of each year.

As part of this process, the President of the Board shall recognize any member who desires to be nominated to the Board and such member shall be given a reasonable opportunity to present his/her qualifications to the membership. Upon such presentation, the member shall be deemed to have been nominated for an open position on the Board.

Nominees shall be introduced to the HOA at the close of the nominations. No nominations may be made after the January meeting. Subsequently, the election to each open office of the Board shall take place on the last Wednesday of February of each year and shall be conducted by the Nominating Committee. If more than one candidate is nominated for a particular Board position, the Nominating Committee will conduct a paper ballot to be counted at the February membership meeting.

If elected, each director will serve for a period of two years commencing on April 1. Anyone who is interested in serving on the HOA Board of Directors should contact the Board Secretary Patti O'Neil.

Longevity Center Recommendations Update

By Patti O'Neil

Deb Richwien, Steve Hogan and Patti O'Neil met with Eric Wynne on October 1, 2018. We presented our recommendations and they had similar recommendations. Wynne needs to have approval from their lawyers to remove the pool tables in order to make that area a gym. We have reached out to them via email several times and we are waiting for their response.

Here are a few of our recommendations:

Remove pool tables and make that a gym

Extend the wall from the billard room/library out 3 feet

Central Air Conditioning

New Floors

Additional Dart Board

Storage for the Chairs and Ping Pong tables

New Gym Equipment

Paint walls

Separate light switch for the fans

Larger TV's for both rooms

UPCOMING HOA EVENTS

Christmas Dinner - Tuesday, December 25, 2018
Shoulder Pain Symposium - Friday, Jan. 4, 2019
Man of 100 Voices - Sunday, January 20, 2019
Valentine's Dance - Saturday, February 16, 2019
St. Patrick's Dance - Saturday, March 16, 2019
Spring Dance - Sunday, April 14, 2019

A graphic with the words "Happy Holidays!" in a colorful, stylized font. The letters are in various colors (green, red, blue, yellow) and some have holiday-themed icons like a tree, a snowflake, and a bell.A graphic with the text "Sing to the Lord" in a cursive font, with musical notes and a piano keyboard below it.

The Gospel Hour performed by the Spanish Lakes Country Club Players was a huge success! Well attended by our residents, it was a fun evening with some audience participation. It appears that the Players are planning their next Gospel Hour in March. Questions? Call Bill Hill, 330-

VILLAGE ENTRANCE FLAG POLE

By Gerrie Purcell

A new Entrance Flag has been raised in memory of Anthony F. Kovacs and donated by his loving wife, Mary Kovacs.

Thank you to Mario Noverini for helping me maintain the Flag. It's a busy job and is most appreciated. Mario is now our official Flag Man for our Village.

A large Thank You also to Charlie Mongrain who has been maintaining the Entrance Flag for several years, and also to Tom Schneider for many years in the past...they both raised and lowered this Flag and the Parking Lot Flags for each Holiday and National Event. The Veterans' Club has always been most instrumental in supporting me in this endeavor.

This will be the 25th Flag to be raised for loved ones since 2005. The Original Flag was raised in 2003, in memory of Jim Purcell and dedicated to our Village. If you would like to reserve a Flag in memory of a loved one, please contact Gerrie Purcell, 772-461-4810.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

NHN CAPTAINS & HELPERS BY AREA

Area 1: Arlene Waggett, 466-5498 & Jan Beatty, c. 315-338-3163, Ellie Winfield, 585-969-2660, Sandy Beckman 772-801-5934, La Puerte del Norte, Sierra del Norte, Lagos del Norte 20-37

Area 2: Lynn Grantham, 315-652-3000, Ann Sephton, 468-1827 Arboles del Norte, Villa del Norte, Lagos del Norte 36-60

Area 3: Beth Reeder, 570-594-3886, Flores del Norte, Lagos del Norte 62-77

Area 4: Joan Aldridge, 860-682-3009, Dacia Stoll 465-3014, Kay Olson, 461-8634, Joya, Julia, Ipanema, Lagos del Norte 1-29

Area 5A: Mary Madden, 461-0462
Grand Camino Court and Grand Camino Place

Area 5B: Jo McPherson, 772-489-3135
70-91 Lagos del Norte

Area 5C: Kim Jornov 845-303-0541
68-97 Calle de Lagos

Area 5D: Dail Allen 207-743-9714 or 580-8339,
Grand Camino Way

Area 6A: Rose Maginn, 595-5554 or 971-1930,
Ecuador Court

Area 6B: Lou Ashley – 585-738-3760, Ecuador
Way

Area 6C: Pat Clymer, c. 919-219-9886, Priscilla
McNees, 464-6611

24-67 Calle de Lagos, Felicidad Court
Area 7: Mary Madden, 461-0462, Anne Cardone,
631-830-7275, Priscilla McNees, 464-6611. Azul,
Buenos Aires, Cordillera, Danzar, Calle de Lagos
1-22

Area 8: Cathy Bugbee, 466-2047, Kay Wojcik,
464-4239, Diane Moskwa, 828-3654, San Luis
Obispo, Calle de Lagos 188-192

Area 9: Kathy Searl, 332-7708
San Roberto, Vera Cruz, Villa Blanca

Area 10A: Patty Hiltzer, 465-9804, Verde Vista

Area 10B: Dot Theriault, 207-319-0163 Villa Ma-
ria, Vista de Laguna 1-41

Area 11: Carol Fensterer, 595-1457
Peru, Puerto Sol, Quito, Rio de Palmas, Calle 181-
187, San Felipe, Vista de Laguna 43-63, Tosca

Area 12: Mary Ann Secreto, 845-332-9254,
Patricia Venable, 410-790-0716, Ed Broomfield,
595-1752, Montoya, Nuestra, Octavia, Calle de
Lagos 150-180

Area 13: Linda Minde, 464-9984, Suzanne Alex-
ander 607-592-6576, Joyce Warriner 315-380-
7987, Las Casitas, Bolero, Jose Martin

Area 14: Naomi Cottrell, 236-8090, Calle de
Lagos 98-149. Lynda Cochran, 678-6712, Linda
Barker 802-236-3566

Area 15: Carol Kelly, 467-2402, BettyAnn Con-
dello 215-520-5524, La Villa Ct, La Villa Way
CHAIRPERSON:

Joan Aldridge: 860-682-3009

DATA PROCESSING:

Linda Mongrain: 301-606-8554

FORM COORDINATORS:

Ja Floyd (c) 616-635-1055

Gerrie Purcell – (h)461-4810 (c)508-454-9596

RAMPS: Charlie Mongrain 540-809-8740

VIALS OF LIFE: Bob Mullens 772-595-0903

NHN PROGRAM - HELPERS NEEDED!!

The forms are perking right along, and we are all very pleased at the cooperation we have been encountering. The Coordinators and their Helpers who are working the 15 areas that encompass our community are amazing and are to be strongly commended. Their dedication in reaching out to so many makes us glad to be part of this team.

We must also thank the Village Cart which has been so helpful in obtaining forms from the new owners. Their help has been invaluable.

Now, we still seeking Helpers for the Area Captains especially in Area 6B. Below are the areas where a captain and helpers are strongly needed and the streets they cover.

Can't get around? Telephone helpers can do either. Visit, or if you do not feel comfortable visiting the residents personally, forms can be filled out on the telephone. Either is a great way to meet your neighbors.

AREA CAPTAIN & TEL. HELPERS NEEDED:

AREA 4: Joya, Julia, Ipanema, Lagos 1-29

AREA 14. Calle de Lagos, 98-149

TELEPHONE HELPERS NEEDED:

AREA 2. Arboles, Villa del Norte, Lagos 36-60.

AREA 3. Flores del Norte, Lagos del Norte 62-77

AREA 5D. Grand Camino Way

AREA 6B. Ecuador Way

AREA 8. San Luis Obispo, Calle 188-192

AREA 14. Calle, 98-149

It isn't necessary to live in these specific areas to help the Captains.

Please...come join us all in trying to reach as many homes as possible. It is to everyone's advantage to have such a program in our community. Come be part of TEAM NHN.

Our next Meeting is Wed., Jan. 30th, 1:00 p.m. in the Pow Wow Room. All are welcome!

You can contact us: Gerrie Purcell: 461-4810 and Ja Floyd: 616-635-1055.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS BY STREET

ArbolesDel Norte: Area 2

Azul: Area 7

Bolero: Area 13

Buenos Aires: Area 7

CalleDe Lagos:

1 - 22 in Area 7

24-67 in Area 6C

68-97 in Area 5C

98-149 in Area 14

150 – 180 in Area 12

181 – 187 in Area 11

188 – 192 in Area 8

Cordillera: Area 7

Danzar: Area 7

Ecuador Court: Area 6A

Ecuador Way: Area 6B

FelicidadCourt: Area 6C

Flores Del Norte: Area 3

Grande Camino Court: Area 5A

Grande Camino Place: Area 5A

Grande Camino Way: Area 5D

Ipanema Way: Area 4

Jose Martin: Area 13

Joya: Area 4

Julia: Area 4

La Puerte Del Norte: Area 1

Ipanema Way: Area

Jose Martin: Area 13

Joya: Area 4

Julia: Area 4

La Puerte del Norte: Area 1

La Villa Court: Area 15

La Villa Way:

1-65 in Area 15

80-91 in Area 5B

Lagos Del Norte:

1-16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, & 29 in Area 4

20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37

in Area 1

36-60 in Area 2

62, 64, 66, 68, 71, 73, 75& 77 in Area 3

70 72, 74, 76, 78 & 80-91 in Area 5B

Las Casitas: Area 13

Montoya: Area 12

Nuestra Isla: Area 12

Octavio: Area 12

Peru: Area 11

Puerto Sol: Area 11

Quito: Area 11

Rio De Palmas: Area 11

San Felipe: Area 11

San Luis Obispo: Area 8

San Roberto: Area 9

Sierra Del Norte: Area 1

Tosca: Area 11

Vera Cruz: Area 9

Verde Vista: Area 10A, Area 10B

Villa Blanca: Area 9

Villa Maria: Area 10B

Villas Del Norte: Area 2

Vista De Laguna:

1-41 in Area 10B

43-63 in Area 11

SQUARE DANCE BENEFIT FOR HOSPICE

By Gerrie Purcell

SATURDAY, FEB. 2, 2019, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Auditorium, BENEFIT Square Dance sponsored by the N.E. Club of SLCCV, open to anyone and everyone. No experience or partner is necessary.

All proceeds will be donated to the Hospice of the Treasure Coast in Fort Pierce. The New England Club has always paid for ALL expenses since 2002. This is the 9th Square Dance for Hospice and has so far, raised approx. \$14,000.00 for St. Lucie County CHARITY CARE. Five Clubs also joined in with donations at the last Dance.

The caller will be Mike Doughty who is an excellent teacher. Attire is up to you. Western or casual. Only suggestion is to wear flat closed shoes or sneakers.

There will be not be any tables set up (only chairs on the perimeter). Free coffee and homemade cookies will be served all evening, and of course, **no alcohol**. A silent auction will also be available.

If anyone or any club would also like to donate items to the Silent Auction Table, they will be most gratefully received. You can also be a part of this worthwhile cause...Just call me!

Don't miss out on a great night of enjoyment and support for the Hospice organization.

Tickets will be on sale on Mondays, Jan.14, 21, 28, in the Cardroom. 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., \$5.00 per person.

If you miss getting your tickets, you can still join in the fun. Just call Gerrie Purcell 461-4810 or cell 508-454-9596, and I'll always have tickets on me, and at the Videos on Mondays. However, please be aware that this Benefit Dance has sold out for many years.

Let's Have a Ball!

You have an opportunity to get all gussied up for New Year's Eve, but did you know that you can also put on your finest evening wear for the annual Tennis Ball? Every spring the SLCCV Tennis Club has a formal event with a dinner and dancing. This is a BYOB event. Next year's date is Saturday, March 2, 2019. Tickets, \$25,00 per person, will be available in the card room on Mondays and Tuesdays for the first three weeks of February from 8:30-9:30am. Call Sue Grove, 319-389-5941, to reserve tickets starting January 1st.

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HOA BOARD VACANCY

The Homeowners Association Board of Directors has a vacancy in the Director of Communications position. If you are interested in this position please contact Patti O'Neil, Board Secretary. The position duties are described in the association by-laws which are on the SLCCV website (slccv.org) under the Homeowner's heading. Essentially the position duties are described as:

Article IV Officers: Section 5 (F)

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

Shall provide factual, non-opinionated communications to residents by various methods including but not limited to, weekly bulletin, local newspapers and monthly HOA meetings. Shall be responsible for content approval for Village Voice and HOA website. Shall be the official FMO representative and report on information resulting from FMO meetings. Shall work in conjunction with Park Management on matters concerning emergencies: i.e. pre-hurricane preparedness. Shall perform such other duties as may be requested by the President.

This position will complete the term of office which ends on March 31, 2020.

Steve Hogan, President, SLCCV-HOA

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Check it out!

The lights are on and the music is playing in downtown Fort Pierce at the marina! Take a little picnic with you, and don't forget a jacket or blanket to keep you warm.

The Civil Air Patrol/ Treasure Coast Composite Squadron is having an event on National Wreaths Across America Day, Saturday, December 15th. The wreath laying ceremony is at the White City Cemetery in Fort Pierce at 9 a.m.

Garden of Lights is Heathcote Botanical Garden's five acres of gardens illuminated with thousands of lights handcrafted into colorful seasonal and whimsical garden displays. Refreshments, s'mores, music and special appearances from Santa and Mrs. Claus fill the bill for an annual holiday tradition. Visit the Garden of Lights throughout the holidays on Friday or Saturday evenings from 5:30 – 9 p.m., running Nov. 23 through Dec. 29. Tickets are \$8 for non-members, \$3 for children 3-12 years and children under 6 years-free. www.heathcotebotanicalgardens.org.

The Fellsmere Frog Leg Festival, January 17th -20th, 2019, holds the Guinness Book of World Records for the Largest Frog Leg Festival in the World! The main feature is the mouthwatering frog leg and gator tail dinners! You might just want to relax and listen or take part in the full schedule of contests and entertainment on stage including great rock, country and blues bands. For those who enjoy browsing and shopping, there are over one hundred booths of unique crafts and artisans. There is absolutely something for everyone, of every age.

FortPierce.com is a website where you can find all sorts of fun activities from horseback riding on the beach to airboat rides looking for alli-



Notes from Octavio

Football Explained by Don Broad

Having been brought up playing soccer in England, I had heard of 'gridiron football' but had no idea how that American game is played. That gap in my education was corrected on my first visit to New York in October, 1967, when it was explained to me by the friendly taxi driver during the trip from the airport into Manhattan. "Each team has two units", he said, "the 'offense' is on the field when it has possession of the ball, and the 'defense' takes over when the other team has possession." So far so good. Then the rapid fire explanation got a lot more complicated: "First down means...Third and short means. A touch-down is when...Flag on the play means...Interference is when...The clock stops if...Off-side is when...In the shotgun means...A punt is when...A sack is..." All this and more was too much information to take in all at once. I would need to see a game to understand it all. The following day I was treated to a game at the famous Yankee Stadium: the New York Giants vs. the Cleveland Browns. Despite the primer in the taxi the previous day, actually watching the game along with 63,000 noisy fans it was still hard to follow the intricacies of the stop-start action. A bunch of athletes apparently flown in from Mars took the field dressed in science fiction uniforms with shoulders three feet wide, no necks, padded thighs and wearing crash helmets. When the game started after a kick-off they charged at each other for about five seconds, following which the whistle blew and they did it all over again. Occasionally they all stood around chatting for two minutes (a TV time-out I was told). Sometimes the ball was thrown, and someone caught it - or not. When a team failed to advance the ball ten yards after four downs, or after a punt or a field goal, possession changed hands and the teams switched units. Surprisingly, despite the violence, only one player was carried off on a stretcher. Each team seemed to have about 300 people on the sideline just hanging out and drinking soda so plenty of replacements were available. After about three hours the Giants won 38-34 in just 60 minutes of actual playing time on the clock. Cheerleaders and a marching band at half-time were pleasant diversions. Altogether an interesting afternoon. But I thought they should change the name. 'Monday Night Mayhem' has a nice ring to it.

Community Observation Patrol News

What's it like to feed 190 people for **Thanksgiving dinner**? Just ask the C.O.P. members who set up tables, decorated, cooked, served, cleaned up and swapped out the round tables for the rectangular ones before calling it a night. The proceeds from the dinner go toward paying our volunteer drivers and putting gas in our little Sheriff's Department patrol car. A sincere thanks goes out to all who attended!

National Night Out was fun so C.O.P. is having another pot luck dinner on Tuesday, January 29th. Details will be in the weekly bulletin.

Please remember to contact Ellie, 860-280-8461, to remove your name from the close watch list when you are back for the season.

Christmas is the time when many of us buy ourselves presents that come in LARGE cardboard boxes. Please remember to break down those boxes for the recycling truck. Don't advertise to the world that you have a new 70" TV!

Christmas Holiday Lights

It's time to get the decorations out of storage! Look in the weekly bulletin for info on the lighting contest sponsored by the C.O.P. of SLCCV. Lots of prizes to be awarded! The contest is judged by folks from outside SLCCV. Last year's first prize winner is not eligible for the top three prizes.

Lots of folks are out walking and riding bikes! Please give them room on our streets when you drive by.

If you would like to be part of the C.O.P. team, contact Ellie. The next training class is scheduled for March. That leaves plenty of time to put in an application.

Thank You from Diane Johnston

Thank you to all my friends and neighbors for the cards, calls, gifts and hugs I've received after my husband Joe's passing. Your love and support has meant the world to me. Sincerely, Diane Johnston

2019 Fitness Games

For more than 17 years SLCCV has been the proud setting for an annual event now called the "Fitness Games". From January through mid-March residents and renters have the opportunity to play and judge their skills in twenty different Games. Ribbons are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each event. Most games have separate male and female categories, and many also have age brackets, thus allowing a greater number of winners. Registrants may participate in a single event or try their skills in as many of the 20 events as they are comfortable.

Prior registration for the Fitness Games is a must! You may register on either of the first two Saturdays in January, the 5th and the 12th, 2019, from 9-11 a.m. in the auditorium. A small fee of \$6 is charged to cover event expenses and the gala awards party. The awards party will be held on March 3rd to cap off the games. Sandwiches, beer, wine, awards presentations, and a DJ all contribute to a great afternoon. Attendees must have participated in at least one game or be the guest of a participant. The 2019 games include: basketball free-throw, billiards (nine ball), bocci, darts, euchre, golf closest to the pin, golf full nine-hole round (with established handicap), golf putting, horseshoes, pickleball, ping pong, Scrabble, shuffleboard, softball toss, football toss, tennis accuracy, tennis singles, tennis mixed doubles, tennis same-sex doubles, and the walk-a-thon.

For more information, call Jill or Bob Miller, 304-790-1589.



HOA Meetings 2018-2019

December 5: General Meeting
Important vote on issues. Only HOA members are eligible to vote!

January 30: General Meeting

February 27: General Meeting

March 27: General Meeting

April 24: General Meeting

May 29: General Meeting

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Submitting Articles for the Village Voice

The Village Voice would like to highlight your group if you have special programs or support charities in some way. If you have memories of SLCCV you would like to share with today's residents, we'd like to hear about them. Please call Kathleen O'Brien for the best way to submit an article.

Correction from October: The Bean and Bagel Café IS open for business under new owners.

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Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1941

God & “The 3 Mistakes”

What God did at Pearl Harbor that day is interesting, and I never knew this little bit of history. Tour boats ferry people out to the USS Arizona Memorial in Hawaii every thirty minutes. We just missed a ferry and had to wait thirty minutes. I went into a small gift shop to kill time. In the gift shop, I purchased a small book entitled, "Reflections on Pearl Harbor" by Admiral Chester Nimitz. Sunday, December 7th, 1941--Admiral Chester Nimitz was attending a concert in Washington, DC. He was paged and told there was a phone call for him. When he answered the phone, it was President Franklin Delano Roosevelt on the phone. He told Admiral Nimitz that he (Nimitz) would now be the Commander of the Pacific Fleet. Admiral Nimitz flew to Hawaii to assume command of the Pacific Fleet. He landed at Pearl Harbor on Christmas Eve, 1941. There was such a spirit of despair, dejection and defeat--you would have thought the Japanese had already won the war. On Christmas Day, 1941, Adm. Nimitz was given a boat tour of the destruction wrought on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese. Big sunken battleships and navy vessels cluttered the waters everywhere you looked. As the Admiral's tour boat returned to dock, the young helmsman of the boat asked, "Well Admiral, what do you think after seeing all this destruction?" Admiral Nimitz's reply shocked everyone within the sound of his voice. Admiral Nimitz said, "The Japanese made three of the biggest mistakes an attack force could ever make, or God was taking care of America. Which do you think it was?" Shocked and surprised, the young helmsman asked, "What do mean by saying the Japanese made the three biggest mistakes an attack force ever made?"

Nimitz explained:

“Mistake number one: The Japanese attacked on Sunday morning. Nine out of every ten crewmen of those ships were ashore on leave. If those same ships had been lured to sea and been sunk--we would have lost 38,000 men instead of 3,800.

Mistake number two: When the Japanese saw all those battleships lined in a row, they got so carried away sinking those battleships, they never once bombed our dry docks opposite those ships. If they had destroyed our dry docks, we would have had to tow every one of those ships to America to be repaired. As it is now, the ships are in shallow water and can be raised. One tug can pull them over to the dry docks, and we can have them repaired and at sea by the time we could have towed them to America. And I already have crews ashore anxious to man those ships.

Mistake number three: Every drop of fuel in the Pacific theater of war is in top of the ground storage tanks five miles away over that hill. One attack plane could have strafed those tanks and destroyed our fuel supply. That's why I say the Japanese made three of the biggest mistakes an attack force could make or, God was taking care of America.

I've never forgotten what I read in that little book. It is still an inspiration as I reflect upon it. In jest, I might suggest that because Admiral Nimitz was a Texan, born and raised in Fredericksburg, Texas -- he was a born optimist. But, any way you look at it--Admiral Nimitz was able to see a silver lining in a situation and circumstance where everyone else saw only despair and defeatism.” President Roosevelt had chosen the right man for the right job. We desperately needed a leader that could see silver linings in the midst of the clouds of dejection, despair and defeat.

There is a reason that our national motto is, “IN GOD WE TRUST”.

Why have we forgotten?

PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY! “In God We Trust”!

(Discussion in '[All Things Boats & Boating](#)' started by [Brian Eiland, Jun 21, 2011.](#))

A Message from the HOA VP

By now, you may have heard that I will not be staying on for a second term at this time. I've enjoyed being a part of a board that is working so hard to better serve you and I do plan to serve again in some capacity down the road if I'm needed.

Meanwhile the HOA does need interested people to help continue the work that we've started. There will be 4 positions to be filled in March, so I thought I'd take this time to let you know what part I've played as VP in hopes of sparking a fire within someone to step up and get involved.

Per the By Laws, the Vice President's job is to fill in for the President as needed which can encompass any number of tasks. The obvious is to hold the monthly Board & Membership meetings when the President is not available and support the President and the Board as needed. The first big project I worked on was working with Eric Wynne and the Board to get pickleball in our community. Happy to say that was a success.

The one duty specific to the VP per the By Laws is to monitor the Suggestion Box and discuss any suggestions that involve the park with the park manager. I took on the task of taking a survey of

the recurring suggestions to prioritize them in hopes of making at least the top few a reality. After all, it is not about what I want, or what the Board wants, but what the owners/members want. Our job on the Board is to serve YOU!

The survey results gave me that information and a starting point. Members will VOTE at the December meeting on the top survey items to take to the next level in presenting to the Wynne Corp which are: Heated guest pool, LED Sign at the junction of Calle de Lagos & Spanish Lakes Blvd and an Aqua Creek model Scout 2 pool lift for the owners' pool. Once the members give the go ahead, I plan to help with the presentation to the Wynne Corp.

The new Power Point slide format on the overhead projector provides better, clearer information being disseminated at the meetings. We now have a budget to guide the Board, and the Treasurer's report presents information of our performance to budget. The feedback to the Board has been positive.

Serving on the board has provided me with numerous opportunities to meet people, help with functions, and work on projects owned by others. It has been a rewarding experience and I encourage anyone who has time, energy, enjoys working on a team and has an open mind to suggestions by others to consider serving. If you are at all interested, please reach out to me if you have questions OR contact Mitch Vitelli, chairman of the Nominating Committee.
Deb Richwien, HOA Vice President, SLCCV



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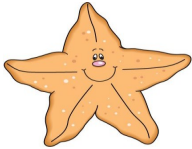
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