

Bits & Pieces

Sebring Village Association – January – 2019

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From the Association

~ *Walt D'Alessandris*

Hi Folks,

The time has come for me to “hang it up.” This will be the last article that I will write as President of the Sebring Village Association.

I want to extend my most sincere regards to the newly-elected Board. The Village residents have spoken, and I am positive they have made a wise choice and time will prove your decision.

I would ask that you give these folks your cooperation, support, and loyalty. If they were not interested in the Park and the resident’s well-being, they would not have stepped forward and taken on the task of keeping Sebring Village the “best of the best.

I want to thank everybody who attended the “Homer’s Dinner.” It showed what a great family we are in the Village.

I am not leaving town, and, will still be selling tickets and helping Cil with the “shows.” Please continue supporting the dances, shows, dinners, and all the events too numerous to mention. That’s where the “bucks” come from.

Thank you to all Chairpersons and your committees. You are to be commended for volunteering your time and talent.

Most of all, I want to thank all the residents of the Village for putting up with me all these years. It’s been a super ride.

As for the title of “President,” remove the “p” and my new title is resident. Thank you, God Bless, and as always - do something nice for your neighbor!

State Meetings

~ *Glenda Gray*

Thursday, January 3rd, at 1:00 pm, is the January State Committee (Florida, Maine, New Hampshire, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia).

Tuesday, January 8th, at 1:00 pm, is the Michigan State Committee meeting.

Benevolences

~ *Amy Slane*

Get Well wishes to Mary Bonner.

From the HOA

~ *Sharon LaPenna, President, SV Corp.*

“Happy New Year” to all the residents of Sebring Village. Hope your holiday season was wonderful. Sebring Village, once again, glowed with our Christmas decorations and lights.

The HOA will hold its Annual Membership Meeting on **January 22, at 7:30 pm**, in the Clubhouse. Election for the three open positions on the Board of Directors will take place. The slate of candidates are Angie Arnsbarger, Jack Harpin, and Sharon LaPenna. Best wishes for a safe and fun 2019.

“Welcome Back” Salad & Dessert Party Sunday, January 13th, at 4 pm

~ *Leslie Maschue*

The January States Committee (Florida, Maine, New Hampshire, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia) will be hosting a Salads & Desserts Party on **Sunday, January 13th, at 4 pm**, to “Welcome Back” our Northern friends.

We will also be serving drumettes, provided by the Association. Please sign up at the Clubhouse to bring a salad or dessert. No reserved seating, as we will be seated according to our home states.

The January States Committee will also meet **Thursday, January 3rd, at 1 pm**, for final instructions.

Potluck Dinner

~ *Angie Arnsbarger & Linda Davey*

Our first Potluck Dinner of the new year will be held on **Sunday, January 20th, at 4:00 pm**, at the Clubhouse. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

Please bring a dish to pass that will feed eight-to-ten people and your own table service. Coffee, lemonade, and water will be furnished.

We will be playing four short games of card bingo after dinner with fun little prizes. Come have a nice dinner, meet your neighbors, and have some fun. New people are encouraged to come!!

Entertainment

Shows

Cil D'Allessandris – Chairperson

Double Feature

“John Wilson” – Singer

and

“The Sugar Bear Band”

on

Monday, January 7th, at 7:30 pm

Ticket \$10.00

John Wilson is a young and energetic performer described as “The Golden Voice.”

The Sugar Bear Band features music from the 1950's, 1960's, and 1970's.

They have opened for National Acts like Merle Haggard, Ray Charles, Johnny Rivers, LeAnn Rimes & many more.

No reserved seating for shows. Front-row seating for handicapped.

Soda and water will be sold at all shows before and during intermission for the price of \$1.00/can.

Tickets for all events can be purchased from Glenda Gray, 863-471-0760, and from Walt D'Allessandris, by calling 863-273-0875.

“The Van-Dells”

The Nation's #1 Rock & Roll Review

on

Monday, January 21st, at 7:30 pm

Ticket \$10.00

Three guys – five-piece band! They have performed at our Clubhouse to sold-out crowds each time.

If you plan on attending this show, please buy your tickets early.

At their last performance here, we sold out three weeks before the event!! Check the poster insert for more information.

“The Time Has Come...”

~ Cil D'Allessandris

I want to take this opportunity to announce that I am retiring as “Show Chairperson” at the end of this season.

I chaired the dances for 15 years and am going on my 18th year for the shows, so I think it is time to turn it over to a much younger and energetic person, and her name is Lorrie Beausoleil.

Lorrie has been attending showcases with me since last season and plans on attending all the showcases this season with her co-chairs - Karen Evans and Sally Johnson.

I just want to say “Good Luck” to you girls, and if I can be of any help, please don't hesitate to call on me.

A big “THANK YOU” to our residents for your loyal support for our shows and dances over the years.

Dances

January Dance

Friday, January 21st at 7:30 pm

Welcome Back

“Good Stuff”

“Dances”

~ Nancy Morley

Thank you to our “Sebring Village Dancers” for all the support in the past, and we welcome everyone for another exciting year ahead.

A big “thanks” goes to Randy Johnson for being my “side-kick,” for three years. Randy is retiring, but I am pleased to welcome Carol Colon and the Knudsens, who will help with all the Clubhouse duties.

The Association Board has asked me to stay on as Chair for another year, and I'd love to have someone learning the ropes!!

We have a fun “New Years” planned. “**Gulf Drive**” will be keeping us on the dance floor. We'll have door prizes, a lunch, and champagne at midnight, followed by cake and coffee!! Woohoo! Let's welcome 2019 together at the Clubhouse.

One dance is planned for **Friday, January 25th**, when we welcome back “**Good Stuff**”. This mom-dad-and-daughter trio are fabulous. If you aren't a dancer, just come and enjoy their music. Happy New Year, all!

Christmas Lights

~ *Max Bonkoski, Coordinator*

Harry Gray and I would like to thank all the palm tree Christmas light volunteers who worked on the Clubhouse, front gate, Sebring Drive and all the private homes throughout the Village.

It was extra hard this year due to lack of volunteers and weather. The Canadians stepped up with the help needed to finish the job!

"Kudos" to Grant Scharf, Bob Dill, John Elton, Jacques & Jill Poitras, Mike Davis, Ozzie Colon, Roy Beausoleil, Neil Knutson, Al Curry, Joe Croyle, Mike Corradino, Wayne Boik, Larry Scheibe, Nancy & Dennis Morely, Lynn Shearer, Ron & Pat Robinson. Front Gate & Clubhouse: Bobby Banyard, Kurt Hambrecht, Dan Rousell, and Rick Moe.

Honorable mention: Bill Curtis, and John Rolls. Extra Thanks to our volunteers again. We will take down the lights on Jan 3rd and 4th.

Let's Stay "In Touch" ~ *Cecile Mac Kenzie*

John Mac Kenzie was born in Nova Scotia in 1934. He married young and had seven children. In 1989 he married Cecile who has six girls. They immediately all fell in love with him. He was a salesman and loved his job. He loved to tell jokes. In 1999 he retired, took up golf and spent his Winters in Sebring where he made many friends.

He was diagnosed with Parkinsons nine years ago and he is now in a nursing home. He celebrates his 85th birthday on **February 6th, 2019**. He would love to hear from his friends.

His address is: 245 Main Ave. #117, Maplestone Enhanced Care, Halifax, N.S., Canada B3M1B7 or 235 Baker Dr. #223, Dartmouth, N.S., Canada B2WOK4.

If you would like to save on postage, you can send your correspondence to 1115 Caine St., Sebring, Fl. 33872, and it will forward to John's northern address. Thank you.

Cirrus St. Dinner ~ *Pete Mezza*

The **third Thursday of January**, the Cirrus St. dinner will be at the "Caddy Shack," **beginning at 4:50 pm**. For more information, you can call Pete Mezza at 414-2110. A very "Merry Christmas" to all.

Coffee Tyme ~ *Angie Arnsbarger, Jean Harvey & Helen Hutchison (retired)*

Coffee Tyme continues **every Friday morning at 8:30**. Come on down and enjoy a cup of "joe" or tea, and a donut, for 1 buck. Nurses will be on hand the **first Friday of the month** to take blood pressures. Hope to see you then.

J.U.L.I.E.T.'s

~ *Bunny Flandermeyer, & Jean Knutson*

The JULIET's Christmas Lunch was held at the "Caddyshack Restaurant," with 55 ladies in attendance. We welcomed for the very first time, JoAnn Briglia, Arlene Chapman, Claudia Higgins, Anita Hitchcock and Kim Roebuck. We also had many returning Snowbirds.

The attendance was fantastic, and we hope that all of you had a great time. We handed out 15 Christmas door prizes throughout the course of the lunch.

Leslie Maschue led us in a wonderful prayer, and Sally Johnson took some beautiful photos.

The ladies were very generous and donated over 255 cans of fruit and other commodities to the Faith Lutheran Pantry. God bless all of you!

On **January 10th, 2019**, we will be eating at "The Watering Hole" at noon. All ladies from Sebring Village are welcome to join us. Come with your friends and meet your neighbors. Please sign up on the Clubhouse bulletin board.

R.O.M.E.O.'s

~ *John Arata*

ROMEO's will be meeting on **Wednesday, January 16th, at noon**. Please check the Clubhouse bulletin board for location, or call John Arata, at 863-385-0885.

Singles & Friends

~ *Leslie Maschue*

Our January get-together will be meeting **Saturday, January 19th, at 4:30 pm**. Please see the Clubhouse bulletin board for signup and location.

Singers Wanted

~ *Bill Bowling*

Practice has started for the "Heartland Harmonizers," a men's chorus. If you like to sing, come join us each **Tuesday night, at 7:00 pm**. We are meeting at the Church of the Brethren, at 700 S. Pine St. in Sebring. If you want a ride, or have questions, call Bill Bowling, at (765) 760-7686.

We have a concert scheduled for **Friday, March 15th** in Lake Placid, at the Genesis Center, at 7:00 pm and again **Saturday March 16th**, in Avon Park, at the Union Congregational Church, at 3:00 pm.

The tickets are available from the Jacaranda Hotel in Avon Park, Maxcy's Mens Wear, in Sebring, Office Essentials, in Lake Placid, at a cost of \$15, or available at the door, or from any member of the "Harmonizers."

Contact Bill Bowling (765-760-7688), Jim Taylor (863-386-0886), or John Elton (863-385-0708) in Sebring Village.

We will also be doing "Singing Valentines" again this year, as a fundraiser for the chorus. Be thinking about who you would want to surprise with a Valentine on **Thursday, February 14th**.

A quartet can be scheduled to meet your boss, an employee, a shut-in, or your loved one. Included are two songs, a balloon, card, rose, and a digital photo. They are fun to deliver and receive. Cost is the same as last year, \$45. Add \$10 for a one-hour window. Call 863-471-0706 to schedule yours.

Bus Trips 2019 ~ *Angie Warchak*

If you have any questions, please call Angie at 863-471-2150, or email: awarchak@tnni.net.

"Babcock Wilderness Adventure"

Monday, January 28th

Cost \$60.00

The bus leaves at 9:00 am from North side of the Clubhouse. Bring a sweater, as sometimes the Motor Coach is cold.

"Immokalee Seminole Casino"

Tuesday, February 12th, Cost \$20.00

Leaves Clubhouse 9:30 am, leaves Casino at 4:30 pm

Poster still on Clubhouse bulletin board. If you have any friends who would like to go, let them know. Just remember that they would need to park their car in your driveway.

Money for the Casino should be paid by January 15th, and, will be refunded if we cannot fill the bus.

"The Show Palace Dinner Theatre"

Sunday, March 17th, Cost \$75.00 – Leaves at 10:00 am

Poster on Clubhouse bulletin board. If not signed up by **February 10th**, this is going to the Public. Money for the Dinner/Show must be paid by **February 15th**.

Cruise 2020 ~ *Marc Zahn*

The 10-night cruise to the Panama Canal, January 23 through February 2, 2020, on Princess Cruise Lines, was selected as our cruise for 2020.

If you'd like to join us, you can either use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, or call Marc Zahn at 518-744-3621. It's not too late.

We will be making most of the reservations during the first week of January 2019, or earlier.

We will be taking a bus to and from the port in Fort Lauderdale as part of our cruise adventure. Call Marc if you have any questions.

Sebring Village Website ~ *Mike Corradino*

The Sebring Village website (sebringva.com) is looking for volunteer writers and photographers. The site's editor, Mike Corradino, is a retired newspaper publisher and broadcaster and is happy to train volunteers.

Photos from your phone will work. All you need is the desire to learn and have fun. Be sure to send your notices and ideas to mike@towntablet.com to be included in upcoming editions.

There is also a [subscription box on the front page](#) of the website. By subscribing, you get an email reminder to view the issue and notices of activities.

Sebring Village Book Club

~ *Anita Banyard and Anita Hitchcock*

Our book club meets at **7 pm, on the last Tuesday of the month**, from November to March. We review and discuss a book chosen from a list that the club members have submitted.

If you enjoy reading books, please join us at the Clubhouse, in the snooker/poker room. Looking forward to seeing all our present members and any new and interested folks.

If you have any questions, please contact us by e-mail or phone. Anita Banyard, banyardanita@yahoo.ca, phone 863-386-1133. Anita Hitchcock, hitchcock.anita1@gmail.com, phone 863-451-5253.

Coloring Group ~ *Patty Corradino*

NEW DAY, SAME TIME, beginning **January 4th**, the Coloring Group will meet on **FRIDAYS, at 11 am** in the Clubhouse. All are welcome.

You can bring your own coloring supplies, or we have pages and colored pencils and markers to share.

Come check it out and see why we're having so much fun.

Our coloring group had the privilege of making the gift tags for the Veterans' Giving Tree. "Thank you" to the 14 volunteers who did an amazing job!

For any questions, please call Patty Corradino at 352-536-5130, or email me at: pat@towntablet.com.

Bridge ~ *Charlotte Sugg*

Bridge players!! We play bridge from **9 am to noon, every Tuesday**. Everyone is welcome. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board. Any questions, please call Charlotte Sugg 863-658-2657.

Euchre ~ *Glenda Gibson*

Euchre will get started on **Wednesday, November 7th, at 7 pm**. Please join us for a good time.

Pinochle ~ *Pete Mezza*

Pinochle is played every **Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 6:30 pm**. All levels of players are welcome. Call Pete, for info at 863-414-2110.

Texas Hold 'Em ~ *Al Curry*

Texas Hold 'Em is played on **Wednesdays, at 7 pm**. Ladies are always welcome, so, come and join us. For more information, please call Al at 715-308-7368.

Line Dancing ~ *Linda Davey*

Line Dancing will begin on **Thursday, January 3rd**, at the Clubhouse. If you have never line danced before, or need a refresher on the steps, I will be teaching basic beginner steps from 10-10:30 am.

From 10:30 - 11:30 am, we will be learning fun dances that you will be able to use at our dances. This is a great opportunity to have some fun, get exercise and meet other people who enjoy dancing. Even if you have never line danced before, this is the class for you!

Gardening Club ~ *Mike Corradino*

The Garden Club meets every **Tuesday, at 11 am**, in the Clubhouse. The group is open to anyone interested in learning about plants, inside or out. The club shares plants and information each week.

For more information please call Mike Corradino at 352-536-4732 or email mike@towntablet.com.

Knitting & Crocheting ~ *Carol DeArmitt*

The Knitting & Crocheting is **Monday at 1 pm**, in the game room. All are welcome.

Quilting ~ *Carol DeArmitt*

Village Quilters meets **Thursdays at 1:00 pm** in the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome. The "Quilt Show," will be held on **Saturday, March 9th, 2019**.

Bean Bag Baseball ~ *Larry Scheibe*

The baseball season is in full swing. More and more people are coming from up North. For some fun and laughs, come and join us on **Sunday nights, at 7 pm**.

Bowling ~ *Glenda Gray*

Bowling meets on **Mondays at 9:15 am**, at the Fun Bowl in Wauchula. This is a fun league. Sign up by Sunday night. Call me at 863-471-0760, or at 517-214-8147, if you have any questions.

Fitness Walking Class ~ *Carol DeArmitt*

Fitness Walking class is at the Clubhouse at **8 am, Monday thru Thursday**. There is also a class at **9 am on Tuesday and Thursday**. Join us for a quick walking workout.

Sit & Fit Chair Exercise ~ *Carol Farmer*

We have started a chair exercise program. It will meet in the Clubhouse on **Wednesdays, at 11am**, and will last about 45 minutes. For more information call Carol Farmer at 270-363-6001.

Shuffleboard ~ *Jack Harpin, Randy Johnson, & Jim Frye*

Every **Tuesday and Thursday, at 9:30 am**, for regular shuffleboard, and **Sunday, at 1:00 pm**, for Hoss Collar.

Water Aerobics

Classes continue **Monday thru Friday, from 9:00 until 10:00 am**. Please join us and enjoy!!

Weekly Activities at a Glance

Bean Bag Baseball ~ first Sunday in November at 7 p.m.

Bingo ~ Thursday at 7 p.m.

Bowling ~ Monday at 9:15 a.m.

Bridge ~ Tuesday at 9 a.m.

Bunco ~ Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Coffee Tyme ~ Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Coloring Club ~ Friday at 11 a.m.

Euchre ~ Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Fitness Walking ~ Monday – Friday at 8:00 a.m.

Gardening Club ~ Thursday at 11 a.m.

Golf Sebring Village ~ Shotgun starts every

Wednesday at 8:15 a.m., and at 1 p.m. Sebring Golf.

Hand and Foot ~ every evening at 7 p.m. (if no conflict.)

Hossollar Shuffleboard ~ Sunday at 1 p.m.

Knitting & Crocheting ~ resuming in the Fall.

Line Dancing ~ starts Thursday, January 3rd at 10:30 a.m.

Pepper/Bid Euchre ~ resuming in the Fall.

Pinochle ~ Sunday, Wednesday, Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Poker ~ Sunday at 6-8 p.m.; Thursday at 6-8 p.m.

Pool-Shooters ~ Thursday at 1 p.m.

Quilting ~ Thursday at 1 p.m.

Regular Shuffleboard ~ Tuesday, Thursday - 9:30 a.m.

Sit & Fit ~ Wednesday at 11 a.m.

Texas Hold 'Em ~ Wednesday at 7 p.m. sharp.

Water Aerobics ~ Monday – Friday - 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

January "Anniversaries" ~ *Amy Slane*

4 John & Kathleen Mattern

5 Marc & Mary A. Zahn

11 Larry & Pat Colley

13 Don & Pam Illeyes

14 Barry & Patty Katz

15 Ernie & Shirley Hughes

17 John & Bea Yolman

27 Gary & Ginnie Williams

31 Kent & Angie Arnsbarger

January “Birthdays”

~ Amy Slane

- 1 Gail MacEvitt
Elaine Martin
Barb Pick
- 2 Simonne Shepard
- 3 Margaret Lewis
- 4 Lorrie Beausoleil
Mary Egburtson
- 5 Richard Byrum
- 7 Di Blajada
Ozzie Colon
- 9 Greg Powers
- 10 Fred Homrich
- 12 Leslie Maschue
Judy Phillips
- 14 Larry Colley
- 16 Delores Sewell
- 17 John Arata
Cynthia Bailly
- 18 Susan Schaller
Ronald Swartz
- 19 Connie Hoyer
- 20 Gerald Stowell
- 22 Bernice Pritchett
Roman Schlitz
- 23 Rick Daniel
- 25 David Kroelinger
- 26 Allen Curry
John Umbaugh
- 27 Judith Comanescu
Roberta Folmar
- 29 James Frye
Christine Kreitz
- 30 William Hoy
Ted Trego
- 31 Bob Goss
Steve McCain

Coming Up in February...

“TRASH TO TREASURE” Sale

~ Linda Davey & Angie Arnsbarger

Our “Trash to Treasure” sale is scheduled for **Saturday, February 9th, from 7:30 am to 12:00 Noon** at the Clubhouse.

Start cleaning out your cupboards and closets now for this great opportunity to get rid of stuff, buy other stuff and make some money!

Tables are \$5.00 and a sign-up sheet will be posted in the Clubhouse the beginning of February.

There will be 32 tables available and drawing for one table assignment each will be held **on Friday, February 8th, at 12:00 Noon.**

If there are still tables available after the first drawing, an additional table may be purchased in the same order as the first.

If you don't have enough for your own table, but have some things you'd like to get rid of, you can donate them to the Association Table.

We will again be selling donuts and hot dogs, pop, water, and coffee, for an Association fund raiser. This year we'd like to add a bake sale table with items donated by Sebring Village residents.

Cookies, cupcakes, pies, breads, candies, and fudge, wrapped in individual-sized packages, would be greatly appreciated. **We'll have a sign-up sheet February 1st, for the bake sale.**

Valentine's Day and 50th Wedding Anniversary Dinner

~ Glenda Gray

On **Friday, February 15th, 2019 at 5:00 pm**, there will be a Valentine's Day and 50th Wedding Anniversary dinner. The menu is roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cake, coffee and tea.

Tickets are \$5.00 for members and \$7.00 for non-members. All couples married in the years 1967 or 1968 will be honored. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board, as we need your names.

Senior Heartland Games 2019

~ Jack Harpin

The registration forms for the Heartland Games are now available. These annual games include shuffleboard, pickleball, golf, bowling, and much more.

Most events take place in or near Sebring. **\$20.00** gets you a day of fun, a T-shirt, am coffee and a sandwich, and cold drink for lunch. Most events have singles and doubles, so pair up with a friend for a fun-filled day.

I can email you the forms and info. or stop by and see me at “shuffling,” on Tuesday or Thursday mornings. **The events take place in February, with registration deadlines in January.** Further information can be found at: southflorida.edu/heartlandgames.

Bits & Pieces Needs You! ~ Liz Edwards

Due to a change in my work, this newsletter seeks a new Editor. Just a few hours each month is all that is required. I will be happy to assist for a smooth transition. **Let's keep this helpful newsletter going!!**