



Annual Art Show

By Kathleen Lynch, Herons Glen

Our Herons Glen Artist Group's busy year culminated with the Annual Fine Art Show held in the ballroom. The successful event was coordinated with the 3-D craft group on Sunday, March 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year, 21 artists filled the ballroom with artwork in various mediums such as watercolor, acrylic, oil, mixed media and photography. Many visitors to the exhibition commented on the expertise and talents of our community artists. Many were lucky enough to find that perfect piece of art for their home! For the artists, it was an opportunity to showcase their creative talents and passion for artistic pursuits. Sue McCoy was awarded Best in Show and a first place ribbon for her acrylic painting entitled *Beauty in Color*. Other first place winners were Tootie Stark for her watercolor, *Wall of Flowers*, and Lin McAllister's photograph entitled *Bryce Canyon*. Don't miss next year's art show which is scheduled for a Sunday in early March.



Sue McCoy, *Beauty in Color*, Best in Show and first place



Celebrating Quilters

By Linda Lynch, Herons Glen

The 14th Biennial Quilt Show put on by the Southwest Florida Quilters Guild was held recently at the Charlotte Harbor Event Center in Punta Gorda on March 8 and 9. The theme of this year's event was "It's a Block Party" and challenged entrants to produce a personal party block – the spirit of celebration or their "happy place" to share with others.

The display at the event center included over 200 different quilts of various sizes and colors. Many members of the Herons Glen quilting group are also members of the guild and can therefore participate in the Biennial Quilt Show.

This year's quilts were judged by Beverly Fine, a National Quilting Association certified judge from Massachusetts

Collectively, the Herons Glen entrants won 11 ribbons. Winners (in alphabetical order) include Lisa Dumais, Trudy Flanery, Judy Jessop, Donilyn Keesling, Karen Mars, and Dotti Pierce.

Specific awards were as follows:

- Second place – *Sweet Hearts* (applique) by Donilyn Keesling
 - Second place – *Sunshine and Sunflowers* (mixed) by Karen Mars
 - Third place – *Bit By Bit* (modern) by Karen Mars
 - Third place – *A Feather Fantasy* (panel quilt) by Karen Mars
 - Honorable mention – *Ring Around the Square* (scrap) by Karen Mars
 - Honorable mention – *Just Strippin' Along* (large wall hanging) by Karen Mars
 - Honorable mention – *Mr. Boo* (other techniques) by Dotti Pierce
 - Honorable mention – *Chilhowie Mystery* (large partners pieced) by Lisa Dumais, quilted by Judy Jessop
 - Honorable mention – *Stepping Stones* (small partners pieced) by Lisa Dumais, quilted by Judy Jessop
 - Honorable mention – *Christmas Together* (extra large partners pieced) by Trudy Flanery, quilted by Judy Jessop
 - Honorable mention – *Quilting With Joy* (small partners pieced) by Donilyn Keesling, quilted by Judy Jessop
- Congratulations to all who participated and especially to the ribbon winners.



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Drinking Habits

By Janice Radcliff, Herons Glen
Photos by Seu and Dan Lim, Herons Glen

Drinking Habits, presented by The Players of the Glen, has come to a close but the laughter and joy it brought to audiences will surely linger. Playwright Tom Smith's well-written farce of deception and miscommunication set within the walls of a quirky convent kept the audience in stitches over the three-day run.

At the forefront of this production were the talented cast members, each delivering a standout performance that perfectly encapsulated the play's wit and charm. Sister Philomena and Sister Augusta, played by Robin Farinet and Rose Hansford, delivered performances that perfectly captured the contrasting personalities of the two nuns. Art Lippens, playing the role of George the lovable groundskeeper, endeared himself to the audience. Mother Superior was portrayed by Barbara Callaghan



Front row: Robin Farinet (Sister Philamena), Barbara Callaghan (Mother Superior), Joyce Haist (Sister Mary Catherine), Director Trish Perry, Rose Hansford (Sister Augusta), Jenni Stone (Sally Sister Mary Mary). Back row: Art Lippens (George), Mark Schultz (Father Chenille), Dennis DeLuca (Paul)

and commanded the stage with authority and grace. The journalistic duo of Paul and Sally, played by Dennis

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Celebrate Earth Day!
Monday, April 22



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Community News

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4/11	Mike Morris	Restaurant
4/13	Season Farewell	Ballroom
4/14	Ice Cream Social	Ballroom
4/18	Farmers' Market	Parking Lot
4/18	Smalltown Duo	Restaurant
4/23	Socialites	Ballroom
4/25	Farmers' Market	Parking Lot
4/25	Jay Smith	Restaurant
4/27	Trivia	Ballroom
4/29	Bloodmobile	Parking Lot
5/2	Farmers' Market	Parking Lot
5/2	Double Dare Duo	Restaurant
5/8	Singles	Activities Room "A"
5/9	Farmers' Market	Parking Lot
5/9	Sunset Duo	Restaurant
5/16	Farmers' Market	Parking Lot
5/16	Wendy Renee	Restaurant
5/19	Scoops Ice Cream	Parking Lot
5/23	Farmers' Market	Parking Lot
5/23	TAT2	Restaurant
5/25	Trivia	Ballroom
5/27	Memorial Day	
5/30	Farmers' Market	Parking Lot
5/30	Smalltown Duo	Restaurant

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The following is a listing of HOA and HGRD meetings known at the time of publication. As these **dates are subject to change**, please check the Herons Glen website calendar and the community channel for updates.

Calendar Of HOA Meetings April 9 To May

All committee meetings are via Zoom/HOA Conference Room unless noted otherwise.

- 4/9 Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
- 4/10 Board Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 4/11 Grounds Committee, 1 p.m.
- 4/17 Communications Committee, 1 p.m.
- 4/18 Activities Committee, 10 a.m.
- 4/23 Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
- 4/25 Finance, 1:30 p.m.
- 4/26 SSEP Committee, 8 a.m.
- 5/7 Board Workshop, 1 p.m.
- 5/9 Grounds Committee, 1 p.m.
- 5/14 Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
- 5/15 Communications Committee, 1 p.m.
- 5/15 Board Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 5/23 Finance Committee, 1:30 p.m.
- 5/24 SSEP Committee, 8 a.m.
- 5/28 Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.

Calendar Of HGRD Meetings April 8 To May

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- 4/8 Long-Range Planning Committee, 9 a.m.
- 4/15 Golf Committee, 9 a.m.
- 4/22 Board Meeting, 9 a.m.
- 4/29 Finance Committee, 9 a.m.
- 5/6 Golf Committee, 9 a.m.
- 5/6 Resident Events Committee, 1 p.m., Activities Room "A"
- 5/20 Board Meeting, 9 a.m.

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Dear Friends in Herons Glen,

Please accept my deep appreciation for your continued caring and support and for joining me and my family in celebrating Roman's life. Herons Glen is the best place to live because of you. Thank you, Tania Kilar and Family

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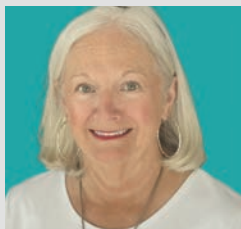
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Community Activities

ADA Donates To Hearts & Homes For Veterans

By Denise Johnson, Herons Glen
 Photo by Denise Johnson, Herons Glen

Alpha Delpha Alpha presented a check to Tom Donoghue of Hearts & Homes for Veterans on Feb. 28. This check represented funds raised at their annual Foster's Grill Dining in January in addition to funds raised at their other events this season. Alpha Delta Alpha thanks all of you who participated in their events to make this donation possible.

Other organizations in the Glen also schedule fundraising events to benefit Hearts & Homes for Veterans. We urge you to support one or all these organizations.



Jo Potts, Gloria Selander, Beverly Avigliano and Tom Donoghue

Cloudless Sulfur Butterflies

By Duane Parkinson, Herons Glen

One of the more common butterflies that you will encounter in our wonderful butterfly garden is the cloudless sulfur. The adult male of this interesting butterfly species is yellow in color, medium in size for a butterfly, and a very fast flier. The female is yellow in color and can have brown or white spots in late summer on her wings. Her wings can also turn totally white in later summer.



Cloudless sulfur

For this species, the female adult lays only one egg on a leaf of a cassia plant in the pea family. The egg looks like a small grain of rice, so they can be difficult to see. The egg turns into a caterpillar larva, which is green with a yellow stripe down its side. The "cat" eats the leaves of its host plant. It then turns into a chrysalis pupa and looks like a flat leaf for camouflage. That way,



Cats

it's less likely to be eaten by a predator. This chrysalis does not travel like a caterpillar does, but it's undergoing massive changes in appearance to

become an adult, flying butterfly. A week or so later, it then hatches to become an adult sulfur butterfly, and females are ready to quickly mate and lay eggs to begin the life cycle once again. The whole life span is only about one month. Down here in Southwest Florida, this species mates year-round. In the colder northern climate, it would normally hibernate over the wintertime and mate the rest of the year.

So, what do sulfur butterflies eat? They have an unusually long proboscis (their straw-like hollow tongue to suck up flower nectar), so they go towards deep flowers. Most butterflies can't suck up the nectar from deep flowers because their proboscis is too short. This gives the sulfur butterfly an evolutionary advantage over most other butterflies with their shorter proboscis. They are attracted to bright red or yellow flowers, such as petunias, honeysuckle, and geraniums. If you're wearing bright red or yellow clothing, they might even follow you as you walk along! Other food sources would be tree sap, or you might put out honeydew for them, or overripe fruit. They would also be attracted to rotting fruit, dung, carrion or mud (for minerals). They do like open habitats; you will probably see some sulfurs when you mosey through our fantastic Herons Glen Butterfly Garden.

Many people think that sulfurs symbolize positivity, hope, or transformation. Or that seeing one means big, positive changes are heading your way, or even a spiritual awakening.

The next time you wander in the butterfly garden, or even in your yard, if you have plants that attract sulfur butterflies, please make it a special point to look for these little animals. Then look for those positive changes in your life that they symbolize!

ADA Members Attend Fashion Show

By Denise Johnson, Herons Glen
 Photo by Denise Johnson, Herons Glen

Several members of Alpha Delta Alpha Sorority and their guests attended a luncheon and fashion show sponsored by Razzle Dazzle, which is in downtown Cape Coral. A delicious lunch was provided by Stones Throw restaurant (almost next door – a stone's throw). We arrived early to shop, of course, then moved on to the restaurant where a fantastic lunch was served. After lunch, Razzle Dazzle fashions were modeled by friends and employees of the store.



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DeLuca and Jenni Stone, injected a dose of youthful energy into the production. Sister Mary Catherine, played by Joyce Haist, brought an air of innocence and vulnerability to her role as the novice. Father Chenille, portrayed by Mark Schultz, provided a compelling contrast as the wise yet conflicted priest.

The play's success was not solely dependent on the performances. Director Trish Perry, Assistant Director Rose Hansford, and Stage Manager Janice Radcliff, spent many hours working with the cast and crew to hone their skills. Five of the eight actors were first-time stage performers. High praise also goes to the technical crew coordinated by Technical Director Karen Jessop assisted by Linda Stockbar and Linda Dentel. Lighting Director Bob Lemere along with crew members Paul Koenig, Steve Dahlstrom and Paul Chipman, and Sound Director Bob Hansford along with Jayne Schwartz and Rob Dentel, seamlessly enhanced the overall atmosphere of the play. Set Designers Carlton Smith, Gary Vivian, and Bill Hebert perfectly captured the essence of a quaint convent. Of course, it is worth noting that all of the print material including fliers, playbill and ticket printing was created by Sandy Herde. Shirley Evans made sure ticket sales were organized and readily available to the community. Thank goodness, Debbie McKinstry coordinated the ushers to get guests to their reserved seating. Along with costumes, props help make it happen thanks to Cindy Jones and Brenda Stewart.

The opening night gala theatergoers were treated to a beautifully decorated lobby and an exquisite display of hors d'oeuvres while the beautiful sounds of a harp were heard throughout. From the moment guests stepped onto the red carpet and were interviewed by the unparalleled Mary Koenig, they were enveloped in an aura of excitement and anticipation. The atmosphere was buzzing with conversation as attendees mingled and admired one another's attire. But perhaps the true highlight of the gala was the sense of camaraderie and conviviality that permeated the event. The gala committee headed up by Cathy Barbal and her crew (Sue Gregor, Mary Lou Pierozzi, Rikki Nelson) created a truly magical experience for all in attendance. Bravo to the Players of the Glen for a job truly well done!



Gala: Mary Lou Pierozzi, Rikki Nelson, Sue Gregor and Cathy Barbal

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Best Night Of The Year—Fun!

By Jean Perillo-Roman, Herons Glen
Photos by Dan Lim, Herons Glen

Ya'll had a rocking fun time if you were at the Country Western Dance in February at Heron's Glen where Ben Allen and his band created sounds that the crowd loved and danced to all evening long!

Songs by Kenny Chesney, Chris Stapleton, George Strait, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Toby Keith, Big and Rich, and of course by Ben Allen, to name a few, echoed through the ballroom. Even when the music paused between songs, we were still moving to the beat. If you liked *Tennessee Whiskey* or *But I Got a Beer in My Hand*, you probably sang right along with the music.



Folks dressed in Western shirts and skirts that boasted rhinestones and fringe. Denim, suede, leather and jeans were added to the country atmosphere. Bandanas wrapped anywhere and an amazing variety of Western hats created a spectacular scene on the dance floor.



The tables were covered with cozy red and white buffalo plaid, whiskey bottles, bandanas and sunflowers. Our photo booth of Heron's Glen Ranch provided a country feel for picture taking. Western boots were everywhere ... on the walls, on the tables, and on our feet, kicking up on the dance floor.

Mark your calendar for Feb. 19, 2025, to assure yourself of another fantastic Country Western Dance night.

VOG Hosts President Of Saltwater Warriors

By Pam Scheid, Herons Glen

The featured speaker at the March meeting of the Veterans of the Glen was Michael Burriss, president of Saltwater Warriors. This 501(c)(3) organization is another, yet unique, outreach program for veterans to achieve mental wellness. The mission of this group is to offer an alternative opportunity to seek counselling. According to Burriss, sometimes the fear of a

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stigma associated with psychological counselling discourages the vet from seeking help. The Saltwater Warriors' chartered fishing trips provide "blue space to break through barriers to true mental wellness." It is hoped the experience will help the veteran find his/her way to "calm, cope, and conquer." In addition to the on-board group discussions, there is a qualified counsellor present. The long-range mission of the program is to provide an opportunity for ongoing counselling. The Saltwater Warriors headquarters is in Fort Myers.

In the short business meeting following the speaker, President Bruce Johnson reminded the members the last meeting of this season is the April 10 picnic at 1 p.m. The regular meetings will resume in October. Even though there are no meetings in the off-season, plans for the Veteran's Day Dance on Nov. 9 have been made and tickets will go on sale in June. The Christmas Dance is scheduled for Dec. 13. More information will be available in the fall.

As a final bit of business, Gerry Weinberger presented an update on the Lee-Collier Honor Flight. VOG member Al Marino is scheduled for the April trip. His daughter Sandra will serve as his "guardian."

Ohio Club Game Night

By Rosie Swisher, Herons Glen

Ron Camp and Keith Burnfield hosted the Ohio Club Euchre and Game night on Feb. 23 in Card Rooms B and C. The winners of euchre were Mary (Muggs) Davis and John Bint who have bragging rights until next year's event. While euchre was being played in Card Room B; others met in Card Room C to play Mexican Train and other games.



Mary (Muggs) Davis and John Bint

The next event for the Ohio Club was an afternoon of bocce and shuffleboard on March 23. If you'd like any information about the Ohio Club, contact Rosie Swisher at raswisher7@gmail.com or (614) 402-2690 (call or text).



Travel Club Goes To The Theater

By Jim Gormley, Herons Glen

On March 1, 52 members of the Travel Club enjoyed an evening of dinner and a show. Prior to boarding our bus for Sarasota and the Der Dutchman Restaurant, we had a gathering time with refreshments in the clubhouse porte cochere. Serving as our sommeliers were Louise Roessler and Sandy Croft.

After a sumptuous Amish buffet meal at Der Dutchman, we reboarded the bus for the short trip to Venice and the

March 2024 Marbles

By Patti Cummings, Herons Glen

After canceling the February Marbles Tournament, players were especially enthusiastic for the Sunday, March 10 gathering. Fourteen tables were seated, with some new players attending the Sunday evening event. Everyone had a great time. The competition was fierce between the men and the women players, but by the end of the evening, the men reigned victorious (for the time being). Men won 22 games, women won 19, bringing the season totals to men with 73 wins and women 71. Three games are played during the event and two teams of women swept the three games while one team of men swept all three games. Pictured are these talented players.



Candace Huetteeman and Rhonda Parkinson

Only one more marbles event is scheduled for this season on April 7 in the ballroom at 6 p.m. Be sure to get your team together and bring your own game. Plan for a hilarious night of fun. See you there.



Julie Byrne, Ruth Poster and Joy Venker



Tom Weisensee, Dom D'Antuono and Mike Sperduti

theater. The Venice Theater is still recovering from *Hurricane Ian*, and are temporarily using the adjacent Raymond Center as their theater venue. The play was the *Silver Foxes Review – Broadway by the Sea*. The Silver Foxes are a group of performers who have been together for the past 30 years. There are dancers, actors, and singers – many of whom are in their 70s and 80s but still going strong. The nimble and active dancers were especially amazing. Most of the Travel Club members (especially your writer) were envious at how they could do intricate dance moves with aging knees!

The next Travel Club meeting will be Monday, April 8 for our annual potluck/cookout.



Community Interests

Portrait Of A Bride An Overwhelming Success!

By Mary Ann Simpson, Herons Glen

On Feb. 13, Alpha Gamma Nu hosted Leigh Ann Brown, a vintage bridal enthusiast, with her Portrait of a Bride program for the enjoyment of 150 attendees. They were treated to a sampling of Leigh Ann's collection of 400-plus wedding gowns and a story that accompanied each gown starting with the earliest one from 1859 and the latest being current day. Leigh Ann is a talented storyteller and historian, and is able to weave personal stories about the bride who wore the gown with what was going on in the world at the time of the wedding.



Leigh Ann Brown, presenter

One of the gowns exhibited at the program was supplied by Alpha Gamma Nu's own Carol Bryan. This particular gown has a very special story in that it was worn by Carol's mother Anna in 1936 in a triple wedding with her two sisters, Stella and Ruthie. The three sisters all wore identical gowns and were all married at the same service, each with their own

maid of honor, best man, flower girl and ring bearer. Carol's father Albert got quite the workout that day walking each daughter down the aisle one at a time. The wedding was the social event of the year and was written about in all the Chicago newspapers as it was such an unusual wedding. The story of this gown and the sisters has other links to Herons Glen. Carol's sister, Shirley Schmidt also lives here in the Glen, as well as her cousin Diane Battaglia whose mother Ruthie was one of the three sisters wed that day. Both were in attendance to hear Carol tell the interesting story about their mothers.

Portrait of a Bride attendees were treated to the true feel of a wedding with beautiful flower arrangements on the tables and a stunning wedding cake decorated by Marylou Pierozzi. The cake was four tiers of fondant, each decorated with a different stylized motif, beautiful flowers, and a brooch that belonged to Marylou's mother. Thank you, Marylou, for donating your talents for the event.

Gloria Selander, who was in attendance at the program, heard Leigh Ann tell how all of the gowns that she has in her collection had been given to her by people all over the country. Gloria got to thinking about her own mother's wedding gown sitting on a shelf at home. She went home and returned a few minutes later with the gown and photos



Carol Bryan



Marylou Pierozzi

and offered it to Leigh Ann. Leigh Ann was thrilled to have another beautiful gown and story to add to her collection for others to enjoy in the coming years.

There were such positive comments from the attendees after the show saying that this far exceeded their expectations and how they were so grateful they attended. Leigh Ann was approached by some in the audience to see about booking her for future presentations in other locations.

Alpha Gamma Nu would like to thank the attendees for their support of this wonderful event. After expenses were met, we were able to make a nice contribution of \$2,000 to the Harry Chapin Food Bank. The food bank currently has a matching program from a foundation, so our donation will go twice as far to feed the hungry in Southwest Florida.

One Sweet Sale For Pretty In Pink

By Janet Slater, Herons Glen

Cinnamon buns hot from the oven, gone in a flash! Tourtière pie, carrot cake, lemon bundt, dark chocolate fudge cake, who could resist? The Pretty in Pink Bake Sale, held during the March 3 Art Show, was a delicious success, raising \$1,696 for Partners for Breast Cancer Care.

Raffle tickets were sold for several of the larger items (I won Katie Schwemlein's lime cake, yum!). Fresh Fish donated four pies, and Finney Noffsinger offered a certificate for a homemade ice cream cake. Numerous bakers in Herons Glen contributed their favorites and all the goodies sold out quickly. A very sweet "thank you" to all those who baked and bought.



Lynette Warren and Donna Martin of the Bake Sale Committee

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Herons Glen Residents Participate In Littleton Elementary School Career Fair

By Jean Greco, Herons Glen

Photos by Deb Marino, Littleton School Counselor and Jean Greco, Herons Glen

You might be wondering why involve elementary school students in a career fair? Isn't that for middle or high school students? Career speakers increase elementary students' awareness of many different types of careers and different working environments, promote self-awareness of interests and strengths, and help students better understand the connection between academics and their future careers.

Do you remember how old you were when you made your first career choice?

WINK News Meteorologist Lauren Kreider reported at the career fair that she was in fifth grade when she decided that becoming a meteorologist was what she wanted to do after hearing a meteorologist speak at her school.

Nine members of the Herons Glen Community presented their careers at the Littleton Elementary School Career Fair for fourth and fifth graders on March 6. Andy Powell, a weekend ranger on our golf course, opened with the keynote address describing his career journey and encouraging students to work hard to pursue their goals and dreams. Did you know that Andy played for the Baltimore Colts, went on to coach and teach at Morgan State University and is now an insurance agent?

Student enthusiasm was high as students circulated throughout the media center visiting tables with 23 different occupations represented. Students selected six careers of interest and asked the presenters multiple questions.

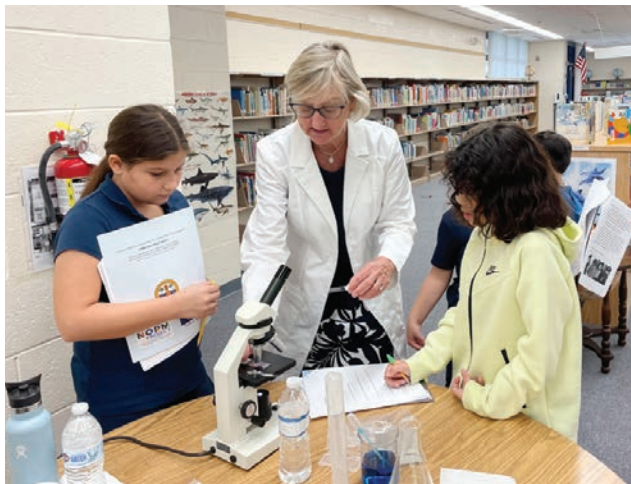
Thank you to the Herons Glen 2024 Career Fair participants for their preparation and informative presentations: Frank



Andy Powell with students

DeSantis, high school coach and teacher; Bob Hansford, military and commercial pilot; Bill Kulkoski, law careers; Marianne McLean, clinical laboratory scientist; Dick and Mary Muller, professional photographers; Andy Powell, keynote speaker; Don Vanover, construction contractor and carpentry; and Dave Vierregger, electrician.

If increasing students' knowledge of your current or previous career is of interest to you, please contact Jean Greco, Herons Glen Littleton School Counselor Volunteer, at jeangreco@yahoo.com to participate in next year's career fair!



Marianne McLean with students

What Is CERT?

By Kathy Petrillo, Herons Glen

CERT is an acronym for Community Emergency Response Team. This program is a nationally supported and locally implemented initiative that teaches people how to better prepare themselves for hazards that may affect their communities. CERT provides training in basic disaster response skills such as team organization, disaster medical operations, fire safety, and light search and rescue. Local CERT programs train and organize teams of volunteers to assist their families, neighbors, coworkers, and other community members during emergencies when professional responders may not be immediately available to provide assistance. Before, during, and after disasters, CERT volunteer teams perform basic response activities, including checking in on neighbors, distributing information to the public, supporting emergency operation centers, and helping to manage traffic and crowds. The ability for CERT volunteers to perform these activities frees up professional responders to focus their efforts on more complex, essential, and critical tasks. CERT volunteers also support their

communities by organizing, promoting, and participating in emergency preparedness events, activities, and projects.

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) developed the CERT program in 1985. Building on the LAFD's CERT program, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) expanded the program nationwide in 1994. There are 31 resident members in Herons Glen, chaired by Barry Glaudel. The CERT program is always seeking new members, as it is difficult for 31 residents to adequately cover our large community and some members are seasonal. The training is provided by the North Fort Myers fire department at no cost, as funded under the FEMA program. All the necessary supplies are provided with a special treat and an annual picnic. I have been a member since 2019 and personally find it a fantastic program with many learning experiences. "The life you save, may even be your own." We encourage other residents to join our CERT program.

Please contact Chair Barry Glaudel at (815) 262-2932 or barry.glaudel@icloud.com for further information and when the next training session is available.



CERT members: Karen Wills, Chet Bartkowski, Kathy Petrillo, Barry Glaudel, Marilyn Magiera, Jo Moyer, Kim Hamilton

Daylight Saving Time

By Candace Huetteman, Herons Glen

This past March, were you more tired than usual? Did you have trouble sleeping? Did you throw your diet plans out the window and binge eat, or at least eat more than usual? Did you hear more emergency vehicles in the Glen, or notice an increase in car accidents on highway 75 or on 41? Were you basically "out of sorts" with mood changes and disruptions in your health? Well, if you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, you're not alone. Daylight Saving Time (DST) has been blamed for this and more. But why? DST cuts down on sleep and causes an increased mismatch between the body clock, also known as the circadian rhythm, and local time, creating a condition called social jet lag. Both sleep deprivation and social jet lag have been associated with negative effects on physical and mental health outcomes. These include increased risks for diabetes, obesity, heart disease, depression and some forms of cancer.

But how and why did DST originate? The first country to implement DST was Germany in 1916. It was started in an effort to conserve coal during World War I. The United States began practicing DST in 1918 as a wartime measure to conserve energy resources. But, if we dig deeper into the history books, we would find that Benjamin Franklin also had his own idea for conserving energy. In a letter to the editor of the *Journal of Paris*, entitled, "An Economical Project for Diminishing the Cost of Light," he suggested that Parisians

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Front row: Don Vanover, Jean Greco, Mary Muller
Back row: Frank DeSantis, Bill Kulkoski, Dave Vierregger, Bob Hansford, Dick Muller

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could economize candle usage by getting people out of bed earlier in the morning.

So, this year, we set the clocks ahead one hour on the second Sunday in March, thus, beginning DST. Then on the first Sunday in November, we set the clocks back one hour, signaling the end of DST and the return to Standard Time. Many Americans, as well as Europeans and people worldwide, believe that changing the clocks is an antiquated wartime practice with more negative than positive results. According to one study, seven out of 10 Americans do not want to change their clocks and think it's a bad idea. However, today in the United States, all states observe DST except for Hawaii and the Navajo Nation of Arizona.

When we "spring forward" this March, will it be for the last time? The Senate has passed a bill to make DST permanent, yet it never passed the House of Representatives. But, no worries. Despite all the negative criticism of DST, practicing good habits can help. Get to bed early, plan healthy meals in advance, limit use of the computer before bedtime, and practice patience when dealing with difficult situations or people. By following these guidelines most of the possible ill effects of DST can be avoided and, in approximately five days, you'll be back to your old self for better or worse.

Secrets Of The Flockers

By Janet Slater, Herons Glen

The Super Bowl has gone into overtime but Annette and Jack Slocum have to leave the party as the flamingos are calling. Thank goodness for DVR. The flamingos hang out of the box on their golf cart, will they be seen by those Super Bowl partiers in the driveway two houses down from their target? It can't be helped. The flock must get to their resting place.

Pretty in Pink's flamingos have flown the coop, but they'll return next year, and the flockers will be ready. They venture out after dark to help their pink friends land in a special resident's yard, chosen by a mysterious friend. They carefully drive by their target, making sure they won't be seen, then circle back with the lights off to do their work. Who knew there was such subterfuge and intrigue in Herons Glen?

This year 36 volunteer flockers helped their pink flamingos land at 188 houses in Herons Glen over about five weeks, raising \$3,805 for Pretty in Pink's cause. Linda Dentel, a three-year veteran flocker, reports there are sometimes surprises in store while doing her work. Yard sprinklers spurt forth without warning, soaking both birds and their handlers. And then there was the time she and

her husband had to jump behind a bush with their box of birds when a homeowner came out to walk his dog. When he spotted them hiding in the dark, he yelled he was going to call the police. Linda held up a harmless pink flamingo, explained what they were doing, and then all was well.

Linda speaks for all the flockers when she says she enjoys the adventure because it's for a good cause and brings joy both to those who are flocked and those who see the flock. Certainly, it also brings joy to those who secretly donated to surprise a friend. And here in Southwest Florida, someone just got a lifesaving breast care test or treatment they couldn't pay for themselves. Thanks to all the volunteers and donors who participated in this fun event.

An Unusual Friendship

By Jack Nelson, Herons Glen

Every afternoon, Jimmy Cricket, a retired bus driver from a midwestern town, sat on his back porch swing drinking raspberry-flavored iced tea. His beautifully manicured lawn backed up to a wooded area containing dozens of shrubs and punctuated by three maple and four oak trees. A variety of birds made the trees their homes and occasionally a few deer would prance about. The setting was idyllic, and every time Jimmy gazed upon this gem of nature his mind was transported into a state of euphoria. Indeed, how fortunate he was to have this extraordinary experience.

On an unusually warm day in May, Jimmy became involved in a situation that he would never forget, an event that would put his bravery to the test. As he was swinging back and forth and drinking his usual glass of tea, he noticed something dark causing the shrubs to be disturbed from their usual peace and quiet. With each passing second, the dark form became clearer, and, after almost a full minute, there appeared a huge black bear!

The distance from Jimmy's porch to the edge of the woods was about a hundred feet. The critter started a slow walk toward Jimmy, stopping now and then to rest on its haunches. Jimmy sat perfectly still now, hoping the animal would turn around and head back to its den. But that didn't happen. The bear kept moving forward every few seconds until it was only 10 feet from the porch. There it sat; it was content to go no further, much to Jimmy's relief.

Now, if that bear had started to climb the porch steps, Jimmy had a fly swatter ready to defend himself. It was a flimsy deterrent for such a large animal, but it gave Jimmy a little peace of mind. But it wasn't necessary for the bear was perfectly content to stay put. After several minutes, Jimmy concluded that the bear was the friendly sort for when Jimmy smiled and waved at the animal, he thought he could see a smile on its face.

And there they were, man and beast, enjoying each other's company for nearly a half hour. Then, without any warning, the bear stood straight up and turned to scamper back into the woods. Jimmy noticed that his new friend was a female, and he looked forward to another meeting with his newfound furry friend.

The weather continued to be delightful the next day. Jimmy was hoping his new bear friend would return for another visit, and to show his friendship, he visited the local apiary to buy some honeycomb, for he knew that bears loved the taste of that delectable sweetener. He bought a half dozen for his ursine friend, and was eager to show his gesture of kindness. He decided to name the furry animal; it would be "Eloise" in remembrance of his mother's name.

On the afternoon of the next day, Jimmy was seated at his usual place drinking his usual drink when Eloise appeared, right on schedule. He was delighted to see her moving toward him. He quickly grabbed a honeycomb and

sat on the front step of his porch. Eloise slowly ambled along, and when she saw the honeycomb, she quickened her pace. She could smell the bees-made deliciousness, and without hesitating, she grabbed the honeycomb and had it devoured in just seconds.

Jimmy was ecstatic, and he was delighted when Eloise sat next to him. Would she let him pet her? He gave it a try, and to his surprise, she put her paw on his knee. Clearly, she was contented, and their contact continued for at least 15 minutes. For the next five days, the ritual between man and bear would continue, and Jimmy needed to replenish Eloise's supply of honeycomb. This time, he bought a month's worth. June entered with a heat wave, and Jimmy had his fan running at maximum speed each day as he sipped his tea. He and Eloise maintained their contact every day, much to his delight.

On a bright sunny Saturday afternoon, Jimmy was anticipating another visit from Eloise, and sure enough, she emerged right on schedule. She was about halfway to the porch when suddenly a very loud gunshot was heard coming from the woods, and Eloise keeled over. (To be continued.)

In Case You Missed It ... Highlights From The HOA Weekly Bulletins

From your HOA Communications Committee

This listing highlights important articles covered in recent HOA *Herons Glen Weekly Bulletins* distributed by email to residents listed with the HOA Office. These issues affect every property owner, their renters, vendors, and guests.

The articles are intended to help residents better understand the actual requirements for our restricted community and may also include safety information. Reading about and understanding these issues could eliminate an escalation of problems that may result in potential fines.

If you have questions about a subject, you can locate the full article from the bottom left link on the HOA website at www.hggcc.com/hghoa/files/office_news.html, then CLICK the link titled *HOA News Bulletins, EXTRA! EXTRA!* Or you can see the issues listed by date in the middle of the web page under HG HOA News from Management.

March 15 – New HOA Text Messaging Program to Replace HGGEMS

March 8 – SSEP Safety Tips for Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors and Security Cameras; HOA Parking and Vehicle Rules and Regulations

March 1 – Security/Visitor Management; HG Rental Policies and Forms; Selective Herbicides for Florida's Lawn Weeds

Feb. 23 – Defibrillator Locations, Emergency Contact Information

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Flockers Val McCarter and Bernadette Van Belois – Valentines Day flock



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Feb. 16 – Solution for Owners Who Want to Leave Their Garage Doors Open, Five Tips on Why You Should Not Leave Your Device Chargers Plugged In When Not in Use from SSEP

Feb. 9 – Open Garage Door Violations

Feb. 2 – Notice of Herons Glen HOA Board Meeting to Consider Amendments to Community Wide Landscape Standards and Grounds Approval Request Form, Air Quality Control and Complaint Survey, Architectural Review and Approval Requirements for Exterior Modifications to Your Home

Please keep this reference guide in a location that's easy for you to find when needed.

Island Coast High School

By Denise Johnson, Herons Glen

Photo by Paula Klimas, Herons Glen

A very generous Herons Glen resident donated a bicycle to Island Coast High School (ICHS). It was delivered to Trish Williams on March 11 by Paula Klimas, Alpha Delta Alpha (ADA) Sorority's contact for ICHS. The bike will be given to a needy student. The end-of-year celebration for students who qualify under the Positive Behavior Intervention Program is coming up. Donations of more bikes and other donations such as gift cards, electronics, backpacks, sports bags, etc., will be appreciated.

If you, or someone you know, has a bicycle to donate or would like to donate any of the other above listed items, please contact Paula Klimas at (239) 322-0663 or pklimas@me.com. Also, bicycles can be donated to All Souls Outreach Program. All Souls is also one of the ADA supported charities and we would be happy to pick up and deliver to the charity of your choice. We thank all Herons Glens residents for their generosity, whichever organization you choose to donate through.



Trish Williams, intervention specialist, ICHS

Living Through Remodeling

By Sarah Schoon, Herons Glen

In February, my husband and I endured a minor remodeling project, which felt more like a major reconstruction since it left us without a kitchen stove or microwave oven for two weeks. Did I mention that we also did not have a kitchen sink or a functioning dishwasher?

It is amazing how projects of this type originate. We were considering some changes to the bathrooms, but it shifted into a kitchen makeover. Both of us had things that irritated us in the kitchen. The cabinets were one of my greatest sources of irritation. There is something about the climate in Florida that makes wood cabinets undesirable, particularly if you are accustomed to soft-close cabinet doors with handles.

In our heads, we contemplated what adjustments we would have to make without a stove. This was probably more difficult for me than my husband because the kitchen is one of my areas of expertise. If he decides to do anything using the stove, I feel the need to supervise and instruct him. He could probably figure it out on his own, but I am sure I would get the same treatment if I attempted to use the outdoor grill on my own. I don't like using it, so he is safe being king of the grill.

Prior to the start of this project, we were sure to inform our neighbors that we would be without a kitchen, hoping for sympathy. We flew back to Iowa during the initial tear-out and left one neighbor in charge of construction management on a purely volunteer basis. His input was extremely helpful while we were gone. Even with extremely reliable professionals doing the work, you wonder from afar if all the doors were locked.

We did dine twice in Herons Glen's restaurants, and both times we were impressed with our meals. Another time a

gracious neighbor shared her bean soup with us. I am not sure that I have ever had bean soup that good. There was also a dinner invitation. Both were incredible. Some of our church friends also invited us to dinner, and they are amazing cooks, both the husband and wife.

To add to the discomfort of our situation, we moved the table and chairs into the living room area to be out of the way of the workers. It wasn't a big deal, but it required a lot of walking back and forth from the living room to the kitchen. We probably should have used paper plates, but we didn't. So, that meant another trip to the sink in the garage to wash the dishes. If I were a person who counted her steps daily, I think I would have put in a lot of miles.

Now that the project is all finished, I am adjusting to a much newer electric oven. I always used to say that my gas range in Iowa heated up faster than my electric oven in Florida. No more. I am still adjusting to its power and newer capabilities. Every time I think about the differences in power, I am reminded of my grandmother-in-law who used to say that some days the electricity was hotter than others. Bless her heart. She was one of the finest cooks I have ever known.

Transportation

By Jack Cotter, Herons Glen

The Veterans of the Glen Outreach Committee and Friends Helping Friends Transportation Committee have joined in a partnership to help Herons Glen residents who are in need of transportation for medical appointments, prescription pickup, grocery shopping or some other essential transportation need. **Please do not call for rides to/from airport.**

During the period of Jan. 1 through May 30, residents may call a volunteer from the following list (Note: A 24-hour advanced notice would be very helpful):

- Jack Cotter (860) 490-2183 (Committee Chair)
- Kathleen Colletti (239) 822-1573
- Trish Chesnov (631) 334-1315
- Nick Dinoto (301) 807-4580
- Bruce Johnson (716) 472-3860
- Ed Schmidt (616) 745-9057
- Dave Wingert (573) 552-2030
- Mike Zarella (541) 292-2714

We are always seeking volunteers, please contact Jack Cotter if you have an interest in volunteering.

Healthy Hearts The Topic For Socialites

By Pam Scheid, Herons Glen

Physicians Assistant Catherine Shaffer from the Shipley Center of Lee Health gave an interesting and informative presentation on atrial fibrillation (A-Fib). Her talk included a lesson on the function of the heart, the arteries, and the vessels that move the blood throughout the body. It is the small pocket in the upper right quadrant of the heart that gives out the electrical impulse that controls the rhythm of the heartbeat. When that area malfunctions, the resulting irregular beat is A-Fib. A-Fib is very serious because it can lead to heart failure and stroke. Schaffer reassured the group that this condition is treatable with medication and surgical procedures but emphasized the importance of early detection. She also pointed out that A-Fib equally effects men and women and that its probability increases as we age. In her closing Schaffer urged everyone to take care of their hearts with healthy diets and regular exercise.

In keeping with the day's theme, the members enjoyed a build-your-own salad buffet. Following the luncheon, President Janet Kerns called on Cheryl Dawes to introduce the new member and Treasurer Bev Groft reported the members' donation to All Souls church food bank totaled \$344. She also told the members that their board had voted to give the church \$100 each month the Socialites do not meet in the off-season. Rhonda Parkinson announced that the April program will be a presentation by Echo Global Farms.



Bridget Cortez, Lee Health; Rhonda Parkinson, Jean Miller, Catherine Schaffer, Lee Health; Lylette Macdonald

The Meadows Picnic

By Mary Wright, Herons Glen

The Meadows held their annual Neighborhood Picnic on Saturday, March 2 in the Via Athena cul-de-sac. Carol Ross along with Marion and Burton Reese volunteered their garages and driveways for tables of food and room to socialize.

The weather was a little humid, but overcast with a nice breeze. It was our biggest turnout with 48 residents and guests representing almost half of the 51 homes. The food was wonderful and showcased the talented cooks and bakers of The Meadows. After eating, some folks visited while others enjoyed a game of Left Right Center.



Meadows

Kaidon Lane Bocce

By Denise Fell, Herons Glen

Photo by Larry Cummings, Herons Glen

The residents of Kaidon Lane in the Fairways enjoy playing bocce and gathering for friendly competition. A great opportunity to connect with old friends and make new acquaintances.



Kaidon Lane



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SSEP Committee March Safety Tip

By Jo Moyer, Herons Glen

Just a few safety tips for Spring.

1. Check, Test And Inspect Smoke Alarms And Carbon Monoxide Detectors

When the clocks spring forward one hour with Daylight Saving Time, it's also wise to check and inspect your home's smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. New batteries can be the difference between injuries, damage, and even fatalities. It's important to listen for specific beeping and chirping sounds, both of which have distinct tones signifying potential issues such as emergencies, low batteries, or device replacement. Having a strategically placed fire extinguisher within reach of the kitchen or other cooking areas is also recommended. Like other fire and life safety devices, these should be inspected yearly for expiration dates and working order. If possible, directly connect carbon monoxide and smoke detectors to your security system's service for immediate responses from local law enforcement and emergency personnel.

2. Clean And Reposition Outdoor Security Cameras

It's crucial to review placement and positioning of outdoor security cameras around your property. This

ensures suspicious activities and unwelcome intruders appear on video feeds. A clearly positioned doorbell camera at your front door will clearly identify any packages a thief could walk off with. Often occurring during daylight hours, these so-called "porch pirates" keep watch for unattended deliveries. When properly positioning outdoor security cameras, a general recommendation is mounting these devices between 8 and 10 feet from the ground. This is low enough to capture even the smallest details, while keeping thieves at bay. Placing security cameras away from obstructed areas is best for avoiding distorted or blocked imagery and video.

Congratulations Pretty In Pink!

Through their generous donations and fundraising events, Herons Glen residents raised over \$40,000 for Partners in Breast Cancer Care, Inc. Thank you Herons Glen for another great year!

Watch for more information in the May issue of *The Heron*.



Fearless (Poem For PIP 2024)

By Danielle Lecavalier, Herons Glen

Did you expect me to take this lying down,
cry into my pillow, scream and moan and frown?

Did you expect me to complain about my pain,
walk around in circles, stand in the pouring rain?

Did you expect me to forget about my beautiful past,
kick me where it hurts, make sure my spirit did not last?

Did you expect me to be a victim to this hell,
take my licks and lay down for a long, long spell?

Did you expect my life to be over in a flash?
I will tell you right off, that thinking is very rash!

I am a woman, a lady, a wife, a mother, a sister, a daughter, a friend and a partner – I am a lover of life!

I am a fighter, a champion, a soldier, a warrior, a gladiator, a scrapper, a slugger and a bruiser – I am a grabber of life!

I am not beaten or broken, shaken or shattered, confused or controlled, distressed or undone – **I am** a fearless survivor!



Sports News

Lady Niners (HGL9HGA)

By Denise Johnson, Herons Glen

Photos by Denise Johnson, Herons Glen

The Lady Niners held their St. Pat's Ribbon Scramble and monthly meeting on March 13. Members met in the dining room and awards were given for the President's Cup (Jan. 10) and League Championship (Feb. 21 and 28). Awards went to:

President's Cup	
Flight 1	
First place	Susan Kane
Second place	Sean McDonald
Third place	Lori Vivian
Flight 2	
First place	Kathy Young
Second place	Terry Viau
Third place	Barb Marshall
Flight 3	
First place	Ellen Halleran
Second place	Renee Wolf
Third place	Shelly Hepperly
Flight 4	
First place	Jeri Wolf
Second place	Bonnie Bickel
Third place	Judy Philpot

League Championship	
Flight 1	
First place	Susan Kane
Second place	Lori Vivian
Third place	Peg Rabb
Flight 2	
First place	Shelly Hepperly
Second place	Bev Davis
Third place	Becky Gignac
Flight 3	
First place	Joyce Haist
Second place	Michele Martel
Third place	Helen Misener
Flight 4	
First place	Kathleen Colletti
Second place	Kathleen Olsen
Third place	Diane Mather

This season we had 31 ladies make a total of 54 birdies and two eagles which were holes in one by Carol Ross and Shirley Evans. It was a stellar season for the Lady Niners.



Joyce Haist, overall league champion



President's Cup, Ellen Halleran, Kathy Young and Susan Kane (absent Jeri Wolf)



Flight league champions, Susan Kane, Joyce Haist, Kathleen Colletti and Shelly Hepperly

Herons Glen Mixed Bowling League 2023/24

By Michael Stropes, Herons Glen



High Scratch Games And Series		
Games		
Feb. 20	Ed Schmidt – 256	Linda Protani – 200
Feb. 27	Dave Jager – 215	Linda Protani – 189
March 5	Bruce Kelley – 245	Bonnie Stropes – 190
March 12	Dave Jager – 290	Linda Protani – 206
Series		
Feb. 20	Ed Schmidt – 665	Linda Protani – 552
Feb. 27	Dave Jager – 608	Linda Protani – 513
March 5	Dave Jager – 598	Linda Protani – 475
March 12	Dave Jager – 653	Linda Protani – 574
Other Scratch Series Of Note		
Feb. 20	Dave Jager 628; Al McKinsty 560; Mary Kelley 437; Pat Spagnolo 429	
Feb. 27	Ron Decker 569; Owen Tarrence 564; Bonnie Stropes 452; Marilyn Levin 443	
March 5	Ron Decker 585; Bruce Kelley 570; Mary Kelley 465; Bonnie Stropes 432	
March 12	Bruce Kelley 632; Augie Spagnolo 559; Pat Spagnolo 455; Mary Kelley 429	
Other Bowling Accomplishments		
There were over 90 games with a score of 200 or better this year by league bowlers. The most exciting game was on Dec. 19 when members of the league gathered round to watch Dave Jager bowl a blistering 299, just missing that elusive perfect game of 300 by 1 pin. Nevertheless, it was a great accomplishment! This would not have been his first perfect game in his bowling career either. Kudos to all those getting to that 200-plus game!		
End of the season first place team is: "You Never Know" with 91 points for the season (Andrea Helms, Nora Wood, Jim Meidl, Ernest Muserallo).		

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HOLE IN ONE

Congratulations to ...

Maureen Cormier

On Her Hole-in-One
Hole #7 100 Yards
Using a Driver



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HOLE IN ONE

Congratulations to ...

Robert Agate

On His Hole-in-One
Hole #11 142 Yards
Using a 7 Iron



February 27, 2024

HOLE IN ONE

Congratulations to ...

Ron Hollander

On His Hole-in-One
Hole #4 110 Yards
Using a 8 Iron



March 6, 2024

Fiddlesticks Invitational

By Carol Ross, Herons Glen

On March 4 four ladies from the Herons Glen Ladies' Nine Hole League attended an Invitational at Fiddlesticks Golf and Country Club. Our own Shelly Hepperly and her team won first place! Congratulations Shelly. Shelly, Donna Johnson, Karen Popp and myself, Carol Ross, represented Herons Glen that day. Not only was it a great day to golf (no sun), but the course was amazing, and the breakfast and lunch were delicious. Most of all, meeting and playing with other nine-hole ladies throughout Lee County was so fun.

Invitationals are part of the Lee County Council of Ladies' Nine-Hole Golf Association (LCCLNHGA) KISS events which include about 25 golf clubs throughout Lee County. The invitationals are held during season from November until the end of April and the KISS (Keeping It Simple Summer) events are held from May until the end of October. Participation in these events is not only fun, but an opportunity to play at other courses throughout Lee County.

Florida's Fishing Season Guide

SPECIES	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Amberjack	G	G	E	E	E	E	E	E	G	G	G	G
Blackfin Tuna	E	E	E	G	G	G	F	F	F	F	E	E
Black Grouper	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
Blacktip Shark	G	G	G	G	E	E	E	E	E	E	G	G
Blue Marlin	F	F	F	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	F
Bonefish	F	F	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	F	F
Cero Mackerel	E	E	E	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	E
Cobia	G	E	E	E	G	F	F	F	F	F	G	G
Dolphin	F	G	G	E	E	E	E	E	G	G	F	F
Gag Grouper	E	E	E	E	E	G	G	G	G	G	G	E
Mangrove Snapper	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Jack Crevalle	E	E	E	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	E	E
King Mackerel	E	E	E	E	G	F	F	F	F	F	G	E
Lemon Shark	G	F	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	G	G
Mutton Snapper	E	E	E	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	E	E
Permit	F	F	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	F	F
Sailfish	E	E	E	E	G	G	G	F	F	G	F	F
Swordfish	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Tarpon	N	N	F	E	E	E	G	F	F	N	N	N
Wahoo	E	E	E	E	G	G	G	G	G	G	E	E
Yellowfin Tuna	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
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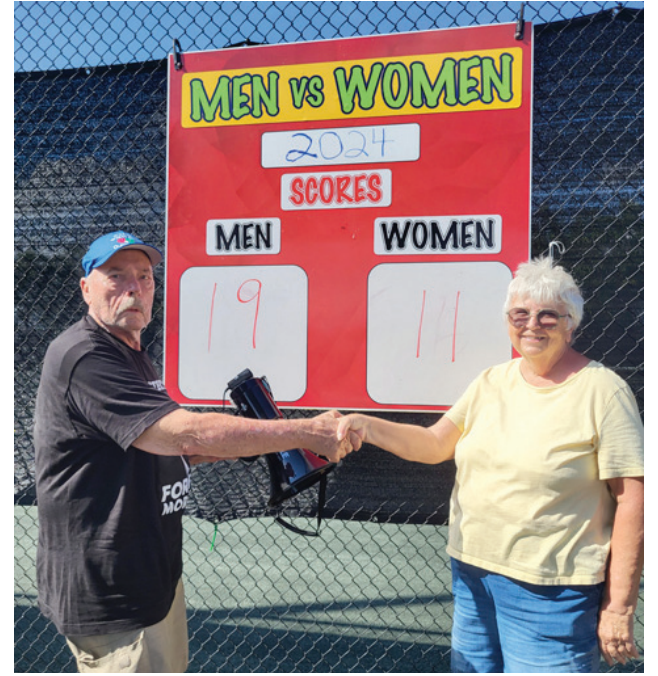
Men Vs. Women Bocce Tournament

By Deb Garipey and Patti Cummings, Herons Glen

What another fabulous day on the courts! The weather cooperated and even gave us a nice breeze. Of course, it would have been even better if the women had beaten the men, but alas, it was not meant to be. The men took the tournament 19 to 11, but what fun we all had! Thirty games were played from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. when the last game ended. All in all over 200 happy bocce players participated in the tournament.

Many thanks to Larry Cummings and Mary Wright for the great job they did in coordinating this event. Thanks also to those others who helped throughout the day at the courts. And we would be remiss if we did not give a big thanks to Janine and the restaurant crew for serving up another tasty lunch for the many who enjoyed a burger or a dog.

Onward to the Historic vs. Outback Tournament coming up in April. Be sure to sign up in the book in the clubhouse lobby. Please pay attention to the heading on the sign-up sheet so you sign up for the correct team.



Larry Cummings and Mary Wright

Outback Vs. Historic Golf Tournament

By Jack Birecree, Herons Glen

The 2024 edition of the Outback vs. Historic Tournament was held on Tuesday, March 12. One hundred twenty-eight golfers teed it up to settle the community-wide debate as to where the better golfers lived in the Glen. The teams were evenly divided with 64 players representing the half of the community that was settled first (aka The Historic section) and 64 representing the western group of homes (aka The Outback). Plenty of bragging rights as well as the championship belt were at stake. Teams were easily discernible with the Historic section all wearing red shirts and the Outback players all in white.

Captains Gary Pasche (Historic) and Wayne Heard (Outback) started off the festivities with enough trash talk to make Mount Zemel blush. Resident poet laureate Frank Desantis burned some bridges with a lengthy rhyme chronicling last year's champions. The Historic team was the defending champion.

Golf was 64 one-on-one matches. Each player was asked to hold up against a player from the other section. It's not an exaggeration to say the quality of golf was top notch. More than a few shots were hit out of the water because the match required it.

After golf everyone met in the ballroom to await the results and enjoyed a fabulous lunch with adult beverages while the pro

shop tabulated results in secret. You could cut the tension with a knife while the scores were double and triple checked. Every scorecard had to be accounted for before the scoreboard was spun around and...

Congratulations 2024 Champions – The Outback.



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Softball Season Ends

*By Karen Jessop, Herons Glen
Photo by Peggy Muir, Herons Glen*

March brings the end to the Herons Glen Softball season. This year we had eight teams including two from Herons Glen. After the first round of play the teams were divided into two divisions for the remainder of the season with four teams in each division. The Herons Glen Eagles had a nice mix of “old timers” along with some new faces. The Eagles also had a new head coach/manager with Tom Spenceley at the helm. He was assisted by Bob Foster and Terry Boots. The Eagles came in second place in their division. Good job guys. We’ll aim for first place next year.

The faithful fans came out in all kinds of weather, although the cold wasn’t bad this year, the rain was another story. That red dirt is awful not only because it gets all over your clothes, but it is much too dangerous to play on those wet fields. A number of games had to be cancelled due to the rain. I’ve been scorekeeping for this team for over 20 years and I’ve never seen so many cancellations due to the rain.

Remember to save your soda cans, etc., and place them in the container by golf course maintenance. The Eagles bring those cans for recycling and use the proceeds to help defray the cost of umpires, fields and general expenses. So,

you can do your part and help your team by saving those cans. It also helps if they are rinsed out so the container doesn’t attract critters.

To all Herons Glen residents, family and friends – come out next January and cheer on the team. I can guarantee you some nail-biting moments.



Eagles Softball Team

Skies Over Herons Glen



Photo By Elaine Quilliam



Photo by Michaela Moore



Photo by James Magestro



Photo by Paul Koenig



Photo by Denise Fell



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Photo by Peggy Jensen



Photo by Dan Lim

What's in Season for April?

		
Beets	Peas	Mango
Apples	Cabbage	Lemons/Limes
Artichokes	Carrots	Mushrooms
Asparagus	Cauliflower	Parsnips
Avocados	Celery	Pears
Bananas	Citrus	Pineapple
Blueberries	Greens	Potatoes
Bok Choy	Kiwi	Strawberries
Broccoli	Leeks	Vidalia Onions

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