

CLEARWATER BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD

including Sand Key and Island Estates

Newsletter



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THE CLEARWATER COMMUNITY SAILING CENTER

The genesis of the Clearwater Community Sailing Center on Sand Key began back in the 1950s when the Clearwater Optimist Club was given permission to store a fast growing fleet of Optimist Prams in an old fish processing plant on the east end of Bay Esplanade, on Clearwater Beach.

The Pram, a newly created sailboat designed especially for children, was so popular that the Optimist fleet soon numbered over thirty boats with scores of children eagerly joining the Optimist Club's program and learning to sail and race the little craft.

When a few years later, the old wooden building burned, along with all of the little boats in it, the people of the community rapidly donated sufficient funds to build a new, cement block "Pram Shed" on the site, with adequate space for the boats and additional room for a future recreation center. This building is now the Clearwater Beach Recreation Center and Library.

For years the Optimist Club members conducted pram classes and races in Clearwater Bay, behind the Center. As the area developed however, more large boats were using the area and high rise buildings were blocking the wind, making sailing in the area more challenging and less safe for the young skippers.

Meantime, a bridge to Sand Key island had been built and the development of that island began. The Optimist Pram Fleet, which had flourished under the direction of the Optimist Club, was left in the hands of the City of

Clearwater when the Clearwater Optimist Club ceased to exist. A group of young sailor's parents supervised the races and other activities.

Clearwater, the birth place of the now internationally popular Opti Pram, was in danger of not having its own fleet. Fortunately, in 1964, a sailing organization composed of local sailors, formed calling themselves Windjammers. This group sponsored a variety of area sailing activities including classes for young sailors. In 1986, the Windjammers petitioned the Clearwater City Commission for the use of some acreage, immediately south of the Sand Key Bridge, as a sailing center. They had raised \$3,600 for the Center by holding an auction and the City agreed to allow them to use the property. Windjammer sailing activities were conducted on the site from then on, providing an impetus for expansion of the organization.

In 1987, fund raising began in earnest for the Clearwater Community Sailing Center. A fundraiser, generously supported by Carlisle Motors in Clearwater and called the Carlisle Classic, was responsible for providing the Windjammers with a beginning sum of \$30,000 to be used as seed money for the building of the Center. Future Carlisle Classics and other programs helped the Windjammers to continue to financially support the Center.

With the evidence of real interest on the part of the Clearwater sailing community urging them on, the Clearwater City Commission, in 1990, voted to spend \$300,000 to build a two-story building on the Center property on Sand Key. The funds for the new center building came from development impact fees, donations from the local sailing community, and recreation facility impact fees. Documents from 1990 indicate that the City officials expected an operating budget of approximately \$65,000 with about \$15,000 income from launching fees and other charges.

OR Current Resident

By Anne McKay Garris, Historian

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**CLEARWATER BEACH
NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER**

This is our 29th Clearwater Beach Neighborhood Newsletter. We started this publication in December of 2009.

You will find articles and local information about the Beach area inside. We call it a Neighborhood Newsletter because it is primarily about your neighborhood, Clearwater Beach. It is mailed to the entire zip code of 33767 including Island Estates and Sand Key.

We want your input. How did you like this issue? What suggestions do you have for future issues and articles? We hope you enjoy this newsletter. We call it a "Neighborhood Newsletter" because it is about Clearwater Beach, your neighborhood. It is mailed to about 5,000 households and includes Island Estates and Sand Key. We publish this edition six times a year.

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CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- Property Tax Bills Mailed 1
- The Clearwater Challenge Regatta 1
- Clearwater Historical Society Fish Fry 1
- City Garage Sale Belleair Beach 1
- Daylight Savings Time Ends 2
- Election Day 4
- Taste of IRB 8
- Visit Egmont Key Day 8-9
- Christmas Under the Oaks 9
- Tri Rock Triathlon 9
- Veteran's Day 11
- Farm Day at Heritage Village 14
- RibFest St Petersburg 14-16
- Suncoast Dixieland Jazz Classic 14-16
- Carlisle Classic Regatta 14-16
- Manatee Season Begins 15
- America Recycles Day 15
- Beaujolais Day 20
- Great American Teach In 20
- Mayor's Annual Prayer Breakfast 20
- Festival of Trees 21-23
- Public Schools Closed 24-28
- Thanksgiving 27
- Turkey Trot Run 27

- Heritage Village Trees Traditions Opens 28
- Hurricane Season Ends 30

DECEMBER

- Beach Chamber Annual Breakfast 2
- Official Christmas Tree Lighting 5
- Miracle on Cleveland Street 5
- Blast Friday 5
- Post Office Toys for Tots 6
- Holiday Home Tour Heritage Village 7
- CBA Holiday Party Rec Center 12
- Island Estates Lighted Boat Parade 14
- Gift & Plant Sale Botanical Gardens 15
- Hanukkah Begins 16
- CBA Christmas Caroling 18
- Indian Rocks Lighted Boat Parade 20
- Winter Begins 21
- Public School Close for Holidays 22
- Holiday Camps Open 22
- Kwanzaa Begins 26
- BitCoin St Pete Bowl 26
- Blast Friday 26
- Dog Parade Botanical Gardens 28
- Outback Bowl on the Beach 29
- Heritage Village Trees & Traditions Closes 31
- Fireworks at Sand Key Park 31

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Did You Know...

HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE

The 2014 Memorial Holiday Boat Parade, organized by the Island Estates Yacht Club, is scheduled for Saturday, December 13th beginning at 6:30pm. There will be a captain's meeting Thursday 6:30 pm, December 11th, at the Clearwater Yacht Club. The Island Estates Yacht Club Boat Parade is one of the largest and most popular marine events in the Clearwater area and will be celebrating its 40th year. There is no parade entry fee. If you are interested in participating, contact IEYC Fleet Captain Scott Sanders at (727)-215-5730 or scottsanders62@gmail.com



GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN

You have the power to enrich a child's life! Share your talent, career, favorite trip or hobby with students at the Great American Teach-In on November 19th. This is truly a rewarding experience that you won't want to miss! Contact your local school to participate.

MIRACLE ON CLEVELAND STREET

This year's event is Saturday, December 6, from 5:30 to 10pm. It includes family fun activities with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, a Scavenger Hunt for prizes, slides with real snow and live entertainment. visit MyClearwater.com.

MOVIES ON HOLD

The free Sunset Cinemas will take a break through February due to the construction in the park. The playground, concessions and the normal Sunsets at Pier 60 daily festival activities will continue as scheduled.

PAPERLESS BILLING

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FREE FEDERAL TAX FORMS PREPARATION

Again this year AARP volunteers will be preparing tax forms (1040) free for area residents. They are still looking for volunteers to be greeters and tax preparers. Experience is not necessary and training will be provided. You must be willing to donate one four hour shift a week between Feb. 1 and April 15. For information contact Dan Trembulak, (727) 242-5603.



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END OF SUMMER PARTY Close to 30 boats full of people attended the IRB Boat Club's End of Summer Island Party, making it their largest one ever. Members set out an amazing feast, with perfect weather while they danced on the sand into the night to the sounds of live beach music. The Club, is a FREE organization, now in its 6th Year and over 200 members strong! Their primary goal is to have fun enjoying the water and the great area we live in! E-mail bob@griffindirectories.com for information about joining.

ONLINE STORE OPEN Now you can purchase some of the more popular Egmont Key Alliance items and have them shipped directly to you. In the past, souvenirs were only available a few days a month at the lighthouse compound in the State Park on Egmont Key. If you ever visited the island and were not able to purchase something because the store was closed. now you can buy them online. They are still adding more items so check back often! They accept PayPal, VISA and MasterCard. Visit egmontkey.info/Online-Store. Mark your calendars for The Alliance's Discover the Island on November 8th and 9th.

NEED ANOTHER COPY? Pick up another copy of this newsletter at the Beach Chamber Office, The Beach Rec Center, Island Estates Print Shack, Shorty's Gourmet Deli or the Island Estates UPS store.

MCKAY CREEK BOAT HOUSE UP

Thanks to the hard work of the volunteer framing crew, the building that will house vintage boats and other materials related to the county's rich coastal history, is up, the roof is on, and the windows and doors are being installed. The next steps are to finish the exterior with siding, and build entrance steps and ramps. The work is far from over, the next phase will be to build the displays, and educational panels to tell the story of our maritime history. The Historical Society with the help of our donors, and Volunteers are proud of what they have accomplished to add to depth of experiences at Heritage Village, and they still need help to complete the Boat Shop. Information and a donation form can be found at www.pinellascounty.org/heritage.



OUR NEXT ISSUE IS IN DECEMBER Read this issue, as well as others, online at BeachNewsletters.com.

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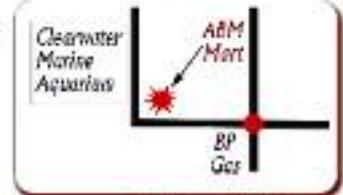
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SAILING CENTER continued

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The Clearwater Optimist Pram Fleet was moved to the Center and three new Prams were added to the fleet, named the Cliff McKay in honor of Major McKay, who created the idea and promoted it, the Clarkie Mills who designed it, and the Ernie Green, the Optimist member who directed the original fleet. Today, one of the original, all wood Opti's is displayed at the Sailing Center, along with the history.

With the City of Clearwater in charge of the Center, sailing programs began, but things did not go well and sailing enthusiasts were concerned. Among the concerned was Sand Key resident Joe Calio, who negotiated with the City to form a non-profit organization to operate the Center more fully, using a membership program and pulled together a group to do so. Under the new leadership, the Center diversified, adding a handicapped sailing program, summer camp programs, boat storage, kayaks, championship youth sailing teams, surfboard teams, regattas that attract sailors from all over and, in the midst of it all, ways for ordinary sailors to gather for simple fun races in the Florida sun. Until his death in 2010, Mr. Calio was very active at the Center, enjoying the camaraderie of the sailors who frequent it.

Today, the Clearwater Community Sailing Center provides waterborne activities for everyone at all levels. Three types of memberships are available: Youth: \$190, Adult \$375, or Family \$495. The phone number is 727-517-7776.

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Sunday - Thursday:

Happy Hour Food Menu

Wednesday:

"Hogs on Ramp Day" 1/2 of all tags 7-11

Thursday:

Ladies Night 23 House Wines, 23 Sangrias, 23 Dessert of the Day 7-11



Restaurant News...

35 YEARS OF PIZZA Post Corner Pizza opened Thanksgiving Day, 1979. It might seem to be a strange day to open a pizza business, but it has worked pretty well ever since. Owner Jimmy Sofronas moved to the U.S. in 1952 when he was only 16. He and wife Christina moved to Clearwater Beach in 1978 and opened Post Corner Pizza. "The people here have not changed much, but their bathing suits and tattoos sure have," says Jimmy, now almost 80. "Back then, the Caribbean Gulf Motel (later the Adams Mark Hotel) was across the street and there were many small motels and beach cottages. You could buy a cottage for about \$45,000. Most have now been replaced with condos." Today their daughter Maria and other family members primarily run the restaurant.



14 YEARS AND COUNTING The City of Clearwater, owner of the Crabby Bill's property near the Roundabout, announced they were reviewing the terms of the property's lease, which is standard procedure. Crabby Bill's has been there since September of 2000 and owner Greg Powers, has made it clear that they want to stay and are willing to do whatever is necessary to make that happen. Bill Morris, Director of Marina Operations has said Crabby Bill's has been a good tenant over the past 14 years and currently pays \$10,311 rent monthly after taxes. The city believes it can get more for such a prominent location. Prior to Crabby Bill's, the spot was occupied by Crazy Bill's, owned by Bill Goodwin.



MARINA CANTINA STATUS The progress at Clearwater Beach Marina's new Marina Cantina Restaurant located on the roof of the Marina Office Building has been slow. The project has turned out to be much bigger than expected. Bringing the 50 year old building up to current standards and code has been a big project. but the biggest slowdown involved replacing the underground utilities. The plumbing was showing its age and had to be replaced. Baystar is now moving full speed ahead, with the hope of an early 2015 opening.

SURFSIDE TAP HOUSE Mandalay Grill, across from the Hilton, has been sold and a new restaurant and tap house to be called Surfside Taphouse is under construction. The new restaurant is owned by the owners of the Palm Harbor Lucky Dill, but it will not be a Lucky Dill concept. The restaurant is located at 395 Mandalay Avenue.

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Best Entrée: Crabby Bills
Best Themed Booth: Island Way Grill - Baystar Group
People's Choice: (Tie) Sandpearl's Caretta on the Gulf and the Hyatt Regency's Shor Restaurant
 For the complete list, check out www.ClearwaterFlorida.org.

LEARN TO COOK The Friends of the Library is hosting another special cooking seminar on November 19 at 2pm. John Harris, Rusty's at the Sheraton Sand Key's Executive Chef will be demonstrating a few of Rusty's signature dishes, including Mama's Crab Cake, Roasted Pepper Aioli and Parmesan Crusted Humboldt Calamari. The program is free and includes samples. Just show up and bring your appetite. Call 462-4410 for information.

SOUTHWEST COMES TO SOUTH BEACH Pan Filo's Co. is a new restaurant offering a Mexican and Southwestern menu, full bar and live music, seven days a week for lunch, dinner and late night until 3am. The menu includes enchiladas, tortas, homemade tostadas and tacos. They are located at 656 South Gulfview next to the old Walgreens in the space formerly occupied by Billy D's. They hope to open by November 1st.

PEARLY'S BEACH EATS OPENS Pearly's, named after owner Rusty Pearl, is located at 45 Papaya St., one block east of Mandalay Ave., near the back of the Beachcomber. The small restaurant features tacos, burritos and other beach food and desserts. There is no inside seating, but about 80 outside seats. They also deliver to nearby residents and businesses.

NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS

The Frenchy's restaurants announced they are once again the main sponsor for the Third Annual New Year's Eve Fireworks. This is their second year. Frenchy's owns and operates 5 restaurants, a gift store, motel and a fishing operation on Clearwater Beach.



There are also three restaurants in Dunedin. Additional firework sponsors include Clearwater Gas, Shephard's Beach Resort, and Crabby's Bar & Grill. More are still needed. For information, visit LightItUpClearwater.com.

NOW SERVING LUNCH This is something new for the Belleair Bluff's Bonefish restaurant, but they now have a lunch menu reflecting lower prices and smaller portions. They open at 11am, Monday through Saturday and 10am to 2pm for Sunday Brunch.

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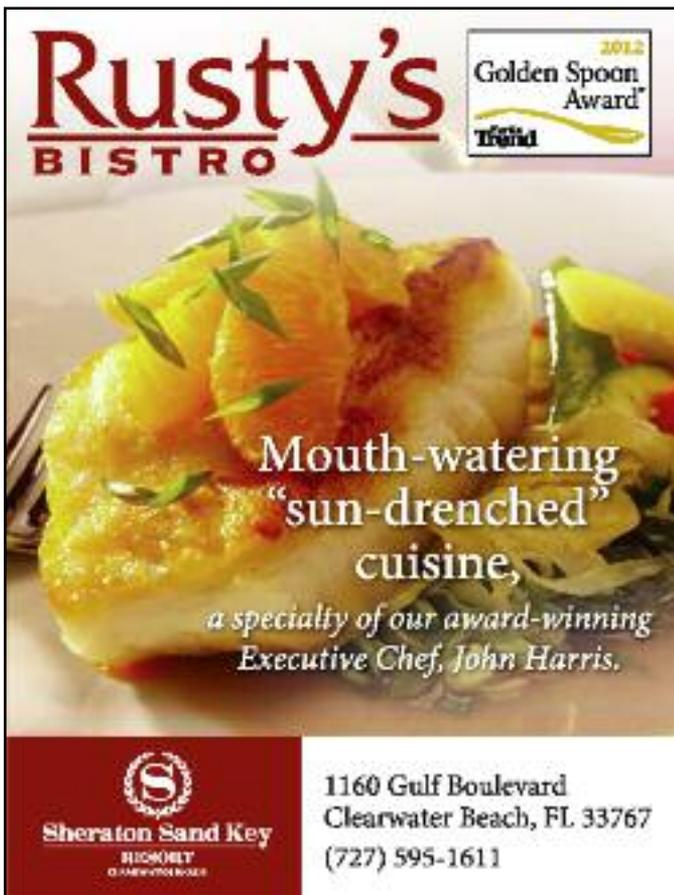
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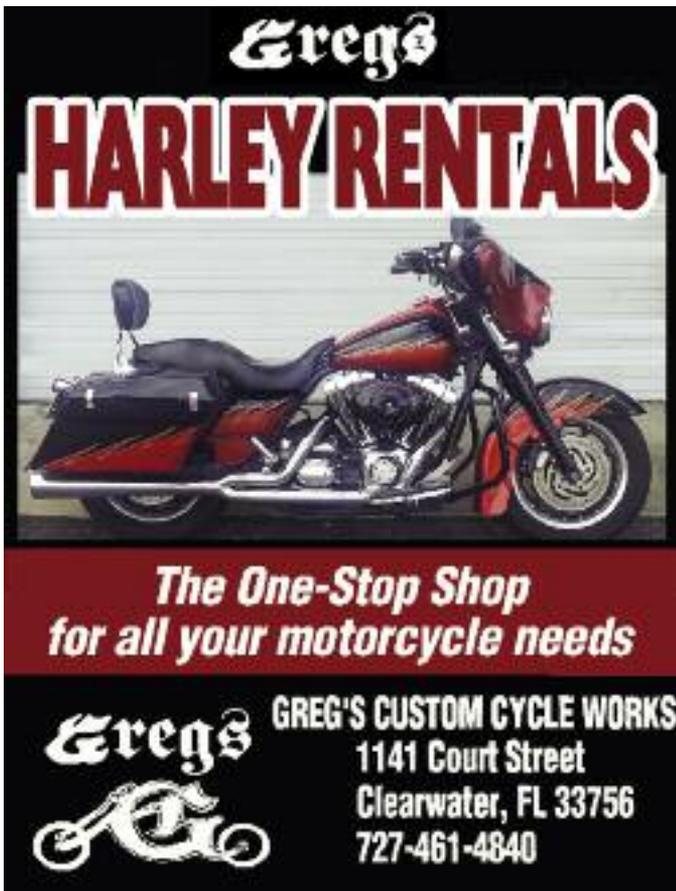
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Lily Uline is 10 years old and already making an impact on her Saffey Harbor community. She wants to not only make a difference in her own community, but in the world by doing random acts of kindness. She started "Make Kindness Count" after her mom gave her \$250 for Christmas and told her to give it away. "After seeing the impact I was making on people's lives and the happiness that my small act of kindness had on them, it showed me how important it is," said Uline.

On her 10th birthday, Uline decided to make "Make Kindness Count" cards and do random acts of kindness for people and hand them a card for them to do a random act of kindness to someone else. "I am a happiness ambassador and I want to change the world and would like to encourage others no matter what your age is to participate."

Uline says acts of kindness can be anything from a thank you letter, spending time with someone or helping someone with chores. Uline gives examples of random act of kindness on her Facebook page Make Kindness Count. She is also helping nonprofits in the community by promoting their organizations in raising awareness for their needs. Uline promoted the Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center in Safety Harbor in a Facebook video encouraging people to bring in donations to their organization.

Uline also recently spoke to her local Rotary group and was on the Pete O'Shea Radio Show on WTIS AM 1110. "My passion is to encourage others to do one small act of kindness every day. Imagine how much happiness you would spread in a lifetime," says Uline.

For more information contact Lily's mom, Jodi Avery at 727.238.9660 or go to Lily's Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/MakeKindnessCount

CANDY SWAP

It is a tradition for many families to enjoy a night of trick-or-treating. Now, those sugar-filled treats can be traded for great prizes at the annual City of Clearwater Sweet Swap.

Candy received on Halloween night can be turned in to The Long Center, 1501 N. Belcher Road, and Countryside Recreation Center, 2640 Sabal Springs Drive, Saturday, Nov. 1, from 9 am to 4 pm and Monday, Nov. 2 from 9 am to 7 pm. Each pound of candy is traded for a ticket to be used in drawings for chances to win various prizes, such as bikes, skateboards, attraction tickets, sporting and fitness goods and more. Halloween is such a big holiday for kids, and we want them to enjoy it with their friends and family. Sweet Swap just adds more fun to the tradition and keeps it a healthy event, said City of Clearwater Wellness Specialist Regina Novak.

The collected candy will be sent to active military troops serving overseas.

Participants may write a thank you letter to the troops or bring donations of adult tube socks and disposable razors which will be included in the candy care package.

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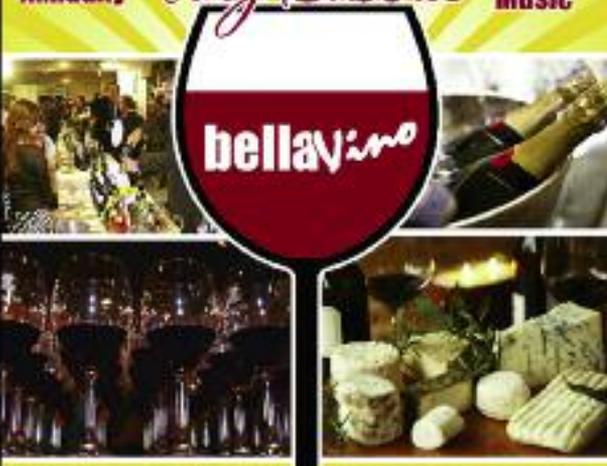
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DANGER LURKS FOR PETS AT HALLOWEEN TIME

Halloween can be great fun for trick-or-treaters but Pinellas County Animal Services reminds pet owners that family pets face some scary dangers of which their humans should be careful.

- All but the most social dogs and cats should be kept in a separate room away from the front door during peak trick-or-treat visiting hours. Too many strangers can be scary and stressful for pets.
- When opening the door for trick-or-treaters, take care that pets don't dart outside.
- Chocolate in all forms is very dangerous for dogs and cats. Symptoms of significant chocolate ingestion may include vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, increased thirst and even seizures.
- Candies containing the alternative sweetener xylitol can be poisonous to dogs. Even small amounts of xylitol sweetener can cause a sudden drop in blood sugar, which leads to depression in dogs, lack of coordination and seizures. In cases of significantly low blood sugar, liver failure has been known to occur.
- Ingesting tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers can pose a choking hazard or cause intestinal blockage.
- Wires and cords from electric lights and other decorations can be dangerous. If chewed, pets could experience damage to their mouths from shards of glass or plastic, or receive a possibly life-threatening electrical shock.
- A carved pumpkin certainly is festive, but do exercise extreme caution when adding a candle. Pets can easily knock a lit pumpkin over and cause a fire. Curious kittens run the risk of getting burned or singed by candle flames.
- Popular Halloween plants such as pumpkins and decorative corn are considered to be relatively nontoxic, yet they can produce gastrointestinal upset should pets ingest them. Intestinal blockage could even occur if large pieces are swallowed.
- Dress up can be a big mess up for some pets. Consider a pet's personal preferences. If a pet is dressed up, make sure the costume isn't annoying or unsafe. It should not constrict the animal's movement or hearing or impede its ability to breathe, bark or meow. Also, try on costumes before the big night. If a pet seems distressed, allergic or shows abnormal behavior, opt out of dress up.

- Dogs and cats should always have proper identification. If for any reason a pet escapes and becomes lost, a collar and tags and/or a microchip can increase the chances that a pet will be returned.

Pinellas County Animal Services is located at 12450 Ulmerton Road in Largo. Normal hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the adoption center closing at 5:30 p.m. Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and services include adoptions. Rabies vaccinations are administered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 2 to 2:30 pm and Thursdays from 1 to 4 pm The facility is closed all Pinellas County holidays.

For information on how to adopt, donate or volunteer, join Pinellas County Animal Services on Facebook. To learn more about the shelter, visit www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices, or call (727) 582-2600. The lost or found pet hotline is (727) 582-2604.

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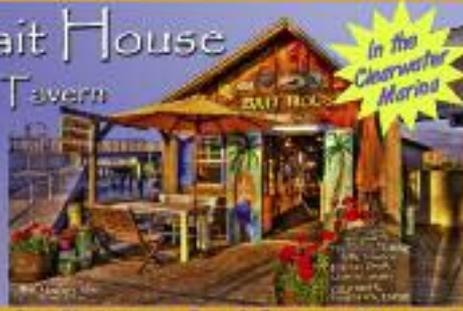
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THE SAILING CENTER - TODAY

The Clearwater Community Sailing Center (CCSC) is a vibrant and successful asset to our community. The center has 350 members and an annual budget of \$225,000. Membership gives you use of all of their 78 boats. The staff includes five full-time and three part-time workers, plus numerous volunteers.



Beginning his fourth year as Program Director, Rich White (62), shown at the right, along with nine Board of Directors, oversees day-to-day operations. White grew up in Grove City, PA, where their family sailed almost every weekend. In fact, his father took him sailing three weeks after he was born. "I didn't play baseball or football, like other kids," says White. "When the weekend came, we went sailing."

White eventually became a Sailing Instructor at Charleston, SC's Sailing Center, where he taught commercial license classes. He joined the National Governing Board of U.S. Sailing and frequently traveled to evaluate sailors. He was also an instructor with the U.S. Naval Sailing Association.

Since White has been with the CCSC, they were sanctioned by the U.S. Sailing Association as an Official Sailing Center. They are also one of the first U.S. centers to be certified as an Official U.S. Olympic Training Facility. "This is the perfect place to host future Olympic sailors," says Rich, "because of our Intracoastal waters, the open Gulf of Mexico and the surrounding hotels." The Center recently bought four new Lazars, two 18' Skuds, and four 2.5m sailboats. These are all Olympic related boats used for training future champion athletes.

The CCSC recently hosted the RS:X Youth World Windsurfing Championships, which relocated here from Israel due to violence in that area. It is the first of five worldwide events related to the upcoming Olympics and included over 100 competitors from over 40 countries.

"There has been a growth spurt in our Youth Development Team," White states proudly. "There are now about 67 kids in all of our sailing programs. My daughter was in one of the first learn to sail classes at the CCSC, long before I ever worked here," adds Rich. "It was even before there was an actual building on this site." Their Optimist Pram Team, with kids aged 8 to 13, competes across the country.

Camp Awesome, a summer sailing program recently developed, is something they are very proud of. It is designed specifically for kids with special needs such as Autism and Asperger's. The program mainly operates in the summer, but some participate all year.

The CCSC has received accolades in recent years. In 2011 it was recognized for Outstanding Contributions to Sailing by U.S. Sailing organization. It was recognized as an Outstanding Program for Disabled Sailors in 2012. Last year, it was named the Best Small Non-Profit of the Year, by the Clearwater Beach Chamber of Commerce.

"Clearwater is the best world destination for sailing," White says but adds, "This is a community sailing center, but you don't have to live in Clearwater to be a member. We have members from all over the state and even outside the U.S. Our mission is to provide non-motorized sailing and boat training to the general public at a low and reasonable price".

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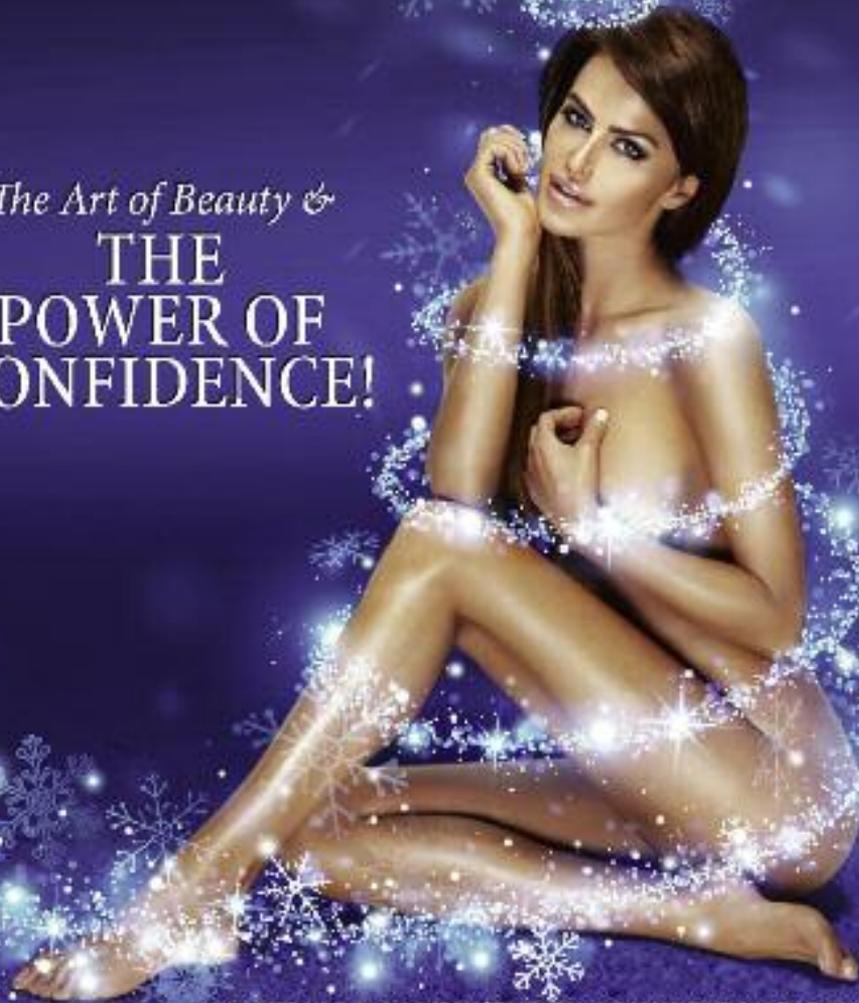
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SAND KEY TO THE OLYMPICS

By Bob Griffin, Publisher

When he was only 13, Jonathan Rudich, now 18, attended a Clearwater Community Sailing Center (CCSC) summer camp, and instantly knew that was what he wanted to do. Today, Rudich is on a path that may take him to the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil where he hopes to represent the United States and Clearwater Beach.

Rudich grew up in Clearwater. After that one-week camp in Sand Key, he told his parents he wanted to continue learning to sail, specifically windsurfing. He came by it naturally since his dad and his grandfather were also recreational sailors. He attended Palm Harbor University High School and now attends the University of Florida.

Since there is no water around Gainesville, Rudich regularly returns to the CCSC on Sand Key. But lately, he has also been globetrotting while he attends major sailboarding competitions in faraway places like Turkey, France, Holland and Rio de Janeiro.

In January, Rudich entered the International Sailing Federation World Cup in Miami and placed 2nd among the other competing Americans. That gives him a shot at one of the 2016 U.S. Olympic windsurfing spots, but it is no guaranteed. He has to keep competing and winning to make the final cut, and join the Olympic team.

Rudich is one of two members on the U.S. Sailing Team Sperry Top Sider windsurfing team in the RS:X Class which had an international competition in Clearwater Beach October 20-26. At the last minute, that event was moved from Israel due to unrest in that area.

"I have to give credit to my first coach, Britt Viehman for sticking with me and teaching me the ropes," says Rudich. "I was not as big and strong in the beginning, so he made me train and stick with it." Today, his coach is Justin Ahern. His six person CCSC team has 5 men and a woman.

Even when there is no water, Rudich is always training. He is at the gym every day and uses yoga to improve his balance. "Windsurfing is very physical and can be exhausting," Jonathan explains. "It is way more tiring than sailing boats. You may be on your board for 30 to 50 minutes, pumping and changing positions constantly."

Rudich's challenge now is to keep winning. He hopes to make the Top 10 in the next big Medal Race which is the first step to his 2016 Olympic dream.

When not training, Rudich is trying to raise money by seeking donations, grants and sponsors to continue to compete. The CCSC does not supply his sailboards; he pays for them himself. Traveling costs a lot too. To help save money, he tries to stay in people's homes.

You can contact Rudich at Rudich.Jonathan@Gmail.com or call the CCSC at 517-7776. Learn more about his progress on his blog at RudichWindsurf.blogspot.com.

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CLEARWATER RESIDENT RAY GRAVES - ONE

By Bob Griffin, Publisher

Growing up in Jacksonville, we loved the Florida Gators. After all, the University of Florida was just 90 miles away, and Jacksonville was the home of The Gator Bowl. Florida Gators Coach Ray Graves is the first Gators coach I remember. He coached from 1960 to 1969. Graves lives in a Clearwater retirement building on the same floor as my mother and on December 31st, he will be 96.

Samuel Ray Graves was born in Knoxville, Tennessee in 1918. He played on his high school team and received a scholarship to a small Tennessee college. After two years, he was awarded a scholarship to the University of Tennessee where he played center and was the team's captain. He graduated in 1942 and attempted to join the Navy, but was rejected due to a loss of hearing in one ear. Instead he played profession football after being drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles as their center and their kicker.

During WWII, with most men serving in the military, it was difficult to find players to make a complete teams. The Eagles temporarily merged with the Pittsburgh Steelers and were known as the "Steagles". Graves played in 28 NFL games over three seasons.

Graves volunteered to coach his UT Volunteers and following his NFL career, he was hired as the defensive coach for Georgia Tech. During his tenure there, they won the SEC championship, the Orange Bowl, the Sugar Bowl and the National Championship. Graves was credited with creating the "Monster Defense".



In 1960, Graves was hired by the University of Florida, where he coached for ten years. He led Florida to five bowl appearances and had an overall record of 70-31-4. He coached many now famous Hall of Fame Gators, including Tommy Shannon (1962-64) Larry Smith (1966-68), Jack Youngblood (1968-70), and others. But his most famous player was a quarterback named Steve Spurrier (1964-66). He recruited Spurrier from a small Johnson City, Tennessee school. Spurrier excelled in football, basketball

and baseball, and could have gotten a scholarship in any of those sports. He chose Florida because they promised him he could also play baseball. He also loved golf and Graves tempted Spurrier with the thought of being able to play golf 'year round' in Florida.

"Coach Graves is a great man!" says former quarterback Tommy Shannon, "He is a leader of men and a super athlete himself." Tommy Shannon was a 3-year starter under Graves and won the Gator Bowl in 1962. He still has the highest passing percentage of any Gator quarterback. Shannon now lives in Tampa, owns 63 Outback Steakhouses in California, and runs The Gold Shield Foundation.

In 1969, his final year as coach, Graves posted a 9-1-1 record, and upset his alma mater Tennessee Volunteers 14-13 in The Gator Bowl. After that season, Coach Graves voluntarily stepped down as head coach to become the Athletic Director which allowed former Gator quarterback Doug Dickey to take the head coaching job. Graves remained the winningest coach (70-31-4) in Gator history, until Steve Spurrier became Coach and surpassed him in 1996.

During Graves tenure, Dr. Robert Cade, a professor at the University of Florida's School of Medicine, and a real football fan conducted dehydration and rehydration analysis experiments using Gator team members. In 1965, this led to the formulation of a replacement for water they liked to call "gator-ade". Coach Graves liked what he saw when they used it during hot August scrimmages and asked Dr. Cade to make a batch for the next game, which was against LSU. The game was played in 102-degree heat and the Tigers wilted, but not the Gators. Eventually, Graves told friend, Hank Stram, coach of the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs, about the drink and it soon led to Gatorade® becoming the official drink of the NFL and many other sports.

Graves was involved in more than football. After he graduated, with more than half of them entering the military, he became the Athletic Director, he embraced Title IX, which required equal opportunities in sports and allowed UF's women's sports programs in Division I sports. His players remained close friends and remain a close-knit group. Graves remained involved in sports.

Graves was inducted into the Florida Sports Hall of Fame in 1981, the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 1990. He is named the Ray Graves Trophy. The Athletic Director was named Coach Graves in 2005.

Graves and wife Opal have three adult daughters. After retiring they moved to the area, where he started Steinbrenner Enterprises in Tampa and he is a member of the Gold Shield Foundation for families of fallen officers.

His former quarterback Tommy Shannon started the Gold Shield. "It is a very rewarding experience to help families in their time of need and duress, a true citizen love of law enforcement and the surviving family members of fallen officers." Graves started the program.

Ray Graves completely retired in 1989 and he has coached many players and the oldest living Gator's coach. During my interview with Coach Graves we discussed his life.

How did you meet your wife?

During summers between college football games, we would get us jobs, usually involving heavy labor. I was working near Opal's house and knew her for a long time. She was good and wondered if she would go out with me. I said, "and ask her, she'll go out with just about anyone."

Have you always had a hearing problem?

I was born with a hearing defect. Been that way since birth. It also affected my jaw. That is what kept me out of the military. You can see it in most of my photos while I was coaching.

What did you do in your off time?

I loved to fish. I have probably fished every lake in Florida and Georgia. Actually, my wife Opal, caught that bass in the photo, but I had to help her get it in the boat.

Did you ever score a touchdown?

Yep in 1941. I was playing for Tennessee in the Gator Bowl. I intercepted a pass and ran it back 67 yards, for my first and only touchdown. Remember, I was a center.

Where else did you coach?

After the NFL, I volunteered at Tennessee (my alma mater), then as a paid Coach at Georgia Tech from 1951 to 1960. That is where I created the "Monster Defense." Then I went to Florida.

Did you ever win a National Championship?

We won the National Championship when I was Georgia Tech Coach in 1952, we won the SEC Championship in 1953.

How much did you earn while playing in the NFL?

I was paid \$7,500 a season but, we did not have minimum salaries in the NFL today!

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How much were you paid to coach the Gators?

I made \$30,000 a year in the beginning. Nothing like what they pay the college coaches today. I was actually a state employee and get a state pension. Today, the coaches are paid by other methods and supplemented by the alumni. I had a special license plate issued by the Florida Highway Patrol. It helped whenever I got stopped speeding.

How did you convince Spurrier to come to Gainesville?

Steve was the most recruited football player in Tennessee. Over 30 teams offered him a scholarship, in more than one sport. I heard about Steve while playing golf with some other coaches. Steve was also a big golfer. I went to Johnson City and met with his mother and father. That's the way I always did it, I mainly got to know the mothers.

What was your greatest victory?

We beat Alabama and Bear Bryant in 1963. They were undefeated and ranked #1 in the SEC. Shannon was our quarterback; Spurrier was still a freshman and could not play. Joe Namath was their QB. That may be the only game that Bear Bryant lost in Tuscaloosa. Bear Bryant was a very interesting guy. He could really talk football. While I was at Florida, they won three National Championships.

Did you ever win the SEC Championship while with the Gators?

No, during my ten years, Alabama won four titles, Old Miss won three, Georgia and Tennessee each won two. My final year, Tennessee won the SEC, but we beat them in the Gator Bowl. It was a tough decade to be a Gator. We finished that season ranked 14th in the nation.

Tell me about Gatorade

Dr. Robert Cade taught in the Gainesville medical school. He came to me and wanted to test a new drink on my players. He said it was full of electrolytes, whatever that was. He said it would help replace the fluids lost through sweating and gives them back their lost energy. I was not sure about it, so I only gave it to our C Team. In a scrimmage they beat our B team; then I gave it to the B Team, and they beat our first string. So, when we went to Baton Rouge to play LSU, our whole team drank it and in the second half, LSU fell apart, and we rallied.

Gatorade was a powder we had to mix with water. In the beginning, the mixing was not well documented and it tasted terrible, like medicine. But over the next few months we changed the mixture.

When I told Hank Stram, NFL Coach of the Kansas City Chiefs about it, he tried it, liked it and introduced it to the NFL.

How did you meet George Steinbrenner?

I first moved area near the Carrollwood Country Club where I liked to play golf. That is where I met George and he asked me to work for his company. We had a lot in common. The Steinbrenners were big Gator supporters and had a suite at Florida Field. Steinbrenner actually coached in college for a short time.

I was basically in public relations. I helped create the Gold Shield Foundation, a special foundation to take care of families of officers who died in service. Steinbrenner had just bought the horse track, Tampa Downs and was very busy, so I got involved with that, too.

What is your favorite cigar?

I like Antonio Y Cleopatra, but I haven't had one in a while. I am left handed but smoke with my right. I think better with a cigar in my hand.

What do you have planned for your 100th Birthday?

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www.ClearwaterBeachRotary.com

ISLAND ESTATES CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Their first annual Island Estates Halloween Costume Parade was Saturday, October 25th. It started at Publix and traveled north along the Island Way sidewalks.

The IEC board members will install the annual Holiday Light Display immediately after Thanksgiving. They can always use more help.

The next Annual Town Hall Meeting will be Wednesday, November 19 at 7pm, at Island Way Grill. Thier Annual Winter Social will also be at the Island Way Grill on Tuesday, December 9 beginning at 5:30pm.

This community organization is comprised of Island Estates residents and business owners, with a mission to promote the safety, welfare, spirit and unique lifestyle of the Island Estates community. They strive to promote the interests of the community and assist and support members. They act as a clearinghouse for matters of community concern and interest, gain consensus and speak as a uniform voice of the community to local government. For more information, contact President Mary Lau at 813-335-6770.

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November 15th is their Big Event, a special meeting with raffles, flower show, children's activities and a special plant sale. For more information contact, Alice Jarvis, President, at 391-3066 or email at BGJALA@aol.com.

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The Coast Guard Aux of Clearwater announced their upcoming Public Education Boating Safety Classes will be November 8 - 9 and 13 and 14 December at their new location on the Cheek Powell Pavilion, Morton Plant Campus in Clearwater.

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PINELLAS COUNTY GETS INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

By Pinellas County Commissioner Chair
Karen Seel



How can it be that we are entering the holiday season already? Wasn't it just New Year's Day a few weeks ago? It certainly seems that way.

While 2014 is quickly approaching its end, Pinellas County is pulling out all the stops to make this holiday season a memorable one. Whether you are welcoming visitors from up north or just staying local with friends and family, there are plenty of options available to you to celebrate. Be sure to mark your calendars for these great events:

Nov. 28 through Dec. 31: Holiday Lights in the Gardens

The Florida Botanical Gardens are magically transformed into a star-studded venue of over 750,000 twinkly LED lights, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. nightly. A \$4 donation is suggested for visitors 13 and over. Children 12 and under are free. 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo.

Info: www.flbg.org or call (727) 582-2100

Nov. 29 through Jan. 4: Holidays at the Village

Visitors can enjoy the historical houses at Heritage Village decorated for the holidays true to their time period. Visit during normal operating hours. 11909 125th St. N., Largo.

Info: www.pinellascounty.org/heritage or (727) 582-2123

Dec. 14: Gift and Plant Sale

Shop a variety of items perfect for holiday gift-giving including tropical plants such as orchids, herbs, bromeliads and fruit trees as well as unique clothing, jewelry, ceramics and garden art. A \$2 donation is requested for entry. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Florida Botanical Gardens. 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo.

Dec. 28: Holiday Light Dog Parade

Dogs are invited to show off in the holiday light dog parade. Canine competitors will be judged in the following categories: Best costume, best adult, best puppy, best senior, most glamorous, and best vocal performance. Registration is \$10 and is open to the first 100 dogs. Begins at 1 p.m. at the Florida Botanical Gardens, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo

While this is a season for giving and celebration, unfortunately, it's also the season in which some people want to play the Grinch. Unscrupulous merchants, shady characters and other Scrooge wannabes are out there, trying to turn your holiday experience into a bad one. That's why Pinellas County's Consumer Services department is hard at work, providing advice and tracking down these charlatans to help ensure your holiday season is memorable – for all the right reasons. If you would like some advice on how to stay safe, be sure to visit www.pinellascounty.org/consumer, or call (727) 464-6200.

As the year draws to a close, I want to thank each of you for doing what you do to make Pinellas County a great place to call home. It has been my honor to serve you as the Chair of your Board of County Commissioners this year, and I would like you know just how humbled I am to be living in this great county. The passion and commitment each of you shares to make our county a great place to live, work and play is evident, and it makes me proud to serve you.

My wish for you this holiday season is health, happiness and prosperity.

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CLEARWATER HONORS MILITARY WITH FLAG PLAZA

Part of Pier 60 Park Improvement Plan

The City of Clearwater began Phase 1 of the Pier 60 Park improvement and upgrade project on Clearwater Beach. The first stage of this project is the creation of a flag plaza where all five military branches are represented, along with MIA/POW and U.S. flags. A concrete monument welcome sign will be built in the center of the plaza with the same design elements as the nearby Beach Walk sign, which serves as the entryway to the winding path along Clearwater Beach. A cut-out section of the monument offers visitors a photo opportunity. The monument was designed by Landscape Architect Intern Matthew Blansit.

"The 'Spirit of the American Doughboy' and the 'Spirit of the American Navy' statues at the eastern end of the Memorial Causeway remind us of the sacrifices of our veterans. Likewise, the flag plaza at the terminus of Route 60 will honor the men and women of the United States Armed Forces and the principles represented by our flag. Now, the entire causeway truly commemorates those who are defending and who have defended those freedoms the entire world cherishes," said City of Clearwater Mayor George Cretkos.

The next improvement phase of Pier 60 Park will be enlarging the walkways and activity space, then relocating the palm trees to another area in the park to create an improved flow to Beach Walk. The entire project is expected to be completed before Spring Break 2015. The park playground, restrooms, Pier 60 Concessions, Visitor Information Center, fishing pier and Sunsets at Pier 60 Daily Festival will remain open during construction. The Sunset Cinema free movie event, held in the park, will show a final movie October 31 (Hotel Transylvania). Movies will resume once construction is complete.

For information about Sunsets At Pier 60 Daily Festival, visit Sunsetsatpier60.com. Pier 60 Park is at 1 Causeway Blvd., Clearwater. For information on this construction project, please contact City of Clearwater Parks & Recreation Department at (727) 562-4809.

BELLA VINO'S 9TH ANNUAL GRAND TASTING EVENT

Tiny Bubbles and Big Red's 9th Annual Grand Tasting features samples from a dazzling array of some of the world's finest champagnes, sparkling wines and "BIG Reds". Set in the historic Belleair Country Club ballroom, Friday, December 5th from 5:30 to 8:00 pm, guests will enjoy live music, door prizes and culinary delights.

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Complimenting the wines will be a full ensemble of award-winning cheeses as well as culinary bites in 'tasting stations' throughout the room.

Tickets to the bash are only \$75 and available at Bella Vino Wine Market. This usually sells out weeks in advance - only 150 tickets are printed. For more information, contact Bella Vino Wine Market 727.584.5552, or e-mail Brian@BellaVinoWineMarket.com.

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See Civil War re-enactors, stroll the island on our self-guided walk with interpretive sites along the way, including nature, wildlife, military and history. There will be children's games, a silent auction and a viewing of the lighthouse. We will also have live birds of prey from Boyd Hill Nature Preserve. The Guardhouse will be open with new displays of island history and wildlife.

Food, drinks and souvenirs will be available for purchase on the island. Shuttle ferries will be leaving Fort DeSoto Park from 9 am to 2pm, with the last ferry returning to Fort DeSoto at 4 pm.

Ferry ticket prices: Adults \$18, Youth 6-11 \$5, and Children 5 and under are free. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more adults. Tickets can be purchased online at the Alliance website or at the ferry departure site on the beach between the Gulf Pier and Fort Museum.

Discover The Island is the 16th annual fundraiser for the Alliance, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, Citizen Support Organization of Egmont Key State Park, dedicated to protecting, restoring, and preserving the island. To purchase tickets or get more information please go to www.EgmontKey.info.

JAZZ TIME AT SUNCOAST JAZZ CLASSIC'S NOV. 21-23 WEEKEND

Music makes the world go 'round and on Nov. 21-23 it stops at Clearwater Beach for the 24th Annual Suncoast Jazz Classic at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort and Marriott Hotel Suites. It's anticipated that 3,000 to 4,000 music lovers from Florida and other states, Canada and England will converge on Clearwater Beach to listen and dance to over 130 hours of their favorite music played by 20 of the nation's leading bands and guest artists. It will be a weekend of traditional and new tradition jazz, swing, ragtime, rhythm and blues, Zydeco/Cajun, plus the fun music of the Roarin' Twenties, Flirty Thirties and Swinging Forties up to the spirited music that is currently enjoyed by today's young dancers. A Swing Dance Extravaganza is a special event on this year's Classic schedule.

The Classic is a non-profit organization that provides scholarships to young musicians and supports high school music programs from the festival proceeds, again will feature Sonny LaRosa and America's Youngest Jazz Band from Largo, the Tarpon Springs High School Jazz Ensemble plus 18-year-old, world-renowned jazz violinist Jonathan "Jazz" Russell.

A \$125 all-event badge provides access to all weekend performances. Continuous music will prevail in five venues. Daily badges for Friday and Saturday are \$50 and Sunday \$40. Students (21 & under) tickets are \$10. A four-day weekend badge at \$175 includes the Thursday VIP Gala.

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On November 19 at 2pm, John Harris, Executive Chef at Rusty's at the Sheraton Sand Key will present a Cooking Class featuring a few of Rusty's signature dishes, including Mama's Crab Cake, Roasted Pepper Aioli and Parmesan Crusted Humboldt Calamari. This program is free and includes free samples.

Two new programs at the Clearwater Beach Recreation Center are a Knitting Class, taught by a certified knitting instructor and Origami Box Creations for your gift giving. Both programs will be taught by Maggie Vircos. Knitting is Thursdays, 10 am to Noon and feature a variety of stitches. Creating Origami Boxes is Monday, 10 am to 12:30 pm. These nested boxes, made from colorful scrapbooking papers, are great for small gifts, or decorations. Both programs will be scheduled after a minimum of four people have signed up.

The Friends are having a membership drive to attract people who share their goal of keeping the Rec Center, Library and Pool open and providing services for all Clearwater Beach residents. There are no longer any dues. Membership is free or you can make a donation. Pick up a membership application at the Rec Center or Library. They meet the third Monday of each month at 10am at the Beach Rec Center. Call Anne Garris (President) at 446-4410 or Jewels Chandler at 729-4479.

SAND KEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

They meet once a month on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Clearwater Community Sailing Center. Next meetings are November 5 and December 3 .New Elections will be held in December.

Call For Candidates: There are two openings on the board of directors. To be considered, you must be an authorized representative of a unit owner on Sand Key in a Resident Association, and submit a written resume to Ken Protonentis is the Secretary of the SKCA by November 4th. Contact him at 596-3435 or by email at SKCAinc@aol.com.

If you would like to serve on this board, please call current president Arlene Musselwhite at 644-7524 now. The slate will be posted after the November meeting and voted on at the December meeting.

CLEARWATER ALL AMERICAN SERTOMA CLUB

The Sertoma Club recently presented checks totaling \$3,500 to seven area charities in Pinellas County. Some of the recipients included Big Brothers / Big Sisters, Disability Achievement Center, RCS, Homeless Emergency Project (HEP), Pinellas Education Foundation and the Morton Plant Speech and Hearing Center. Those wishing to learn more about Sertoma, its work and those it serves may call Charles Fazio at 727-593-8322

ISLAND ESTATES WOMAN'S CLUB

The Club meets September - May, on the third Tuesday of the month at area restaurants. The next meetings are November 18 and December 16. Members enjoy activities including book group, bowling and bridge. The group encourages a spirit of goodwill and cooperation in affairs pertaining to the welfare and betterment of the community. Membership is open to all women who are residents of Island Estates. Membership dues are \$20. Guests are welcome. To join, call Joan Landreth at 812-8078.

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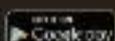
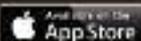
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More Organizational News

CLEARWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Annual Fall Fish Fry is November 1st at 11:30am at the Ross Norton Park Recreation Center, 1426 South Martin Luther King Jr Avenue. Adults \$12, Children \$6.

The big news is that the Clearwater Historical Society is acquiring the Old South Ward High School and Elementary on south Ft Harrison as a future museum. In June, the Pinellas County School Board approved a the 50 year lease which calls for the Society to maintain the facility and fund all operating expenses.

The building was built in 1906 and became Clearwater High School in 1912. It later became South Ward Elementary school. The Historical Society saved it from demolition and it will be a museum and headquarters. But there is still a lot to do and money to be raised.

GREATER CLEARWATER WOMAN'S CLUB

Plan to attend their special event, November 13, at the Clearwater Main Library at 12:30pm, when they host an afternoon with writer Ben Montgomery, author of "Grandma Gatewood's Walk". Ben is a former writer for the Tampa Bay Times and has written a book about the Appalachian Trail which he has personally walked three times. A box lunch will be supplied at 12:30pm and the presentation is at 1pm. Call 937-7059 to RSVP. Future meetings are November 18 and December 16.

The Clearwater Community Woman's Club has been a non-profit organization for forty years. They meet monthly on the third Tuesday of the month at 10am, at the Clearwater Main Library on the mainland. The general public is invited at no charge. For information about any meeting, call Kay Estock at 536-7737. For more information about the club, contact Margo Tarr at 772-3596. Visit www.ClearwaterCWC.org.

CLEARWATER BEACH ASSOCIATION

They are a Neighborhood Association in their 70th year, that is organized to promote projects of a civic, recreational and entertainment nature and meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Clearwater Beach Rec Center. The next meetings will be November 4 and December 6 which is their annual Holiday Party meeting at the Clearwater Beach Rec Center.

On September 20th, a large group of members participated in a beach clean up, removing debris and trash from several beach accesses. The Annual Fall Picnic was held October 25th.

November 5 at 2pm, they will help host a seminar at the Rec Center on Scams, Fraud and Identity Theft. It will feature Anna Marie Millett, investigator with the Pinellas County Office of Consumer Protection. There is no charge.

ISLAND ESTATES YACHT CLUB

The Island Estates Holiday Lighted Boat Parade will be December 13th this year. Organized by the Island Estates Yacht Club, It is the 40th Anniversary.

The first parade, held in 1974 only had 5 boats. It was organized by Roy May. The original plan had them go into the Gulf of Mexico for hotel guests to see, but over the years, that made the parade time too long. Going into each of the fingers started later. The parade also honors the memory of IEYC members that have passed away during the prior year. If you would like to participate, Call Scott Sanders at 215-5730 or send emails to ScottSanders62@Gmail.com.



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CLEARWATER SAILING CENTER What the Community Says

"The Clearwater Community Sailing Center is recognized locally for its sailing programs that especially benefit our youth and disabled veterans. It is now becoming known internationally, and I commend the staff and community supporters who have worked to bring events that showcase Clearwater and its outstanding recreational opportunities."
George Cretkos, Mayor of Clearwater

"The Clearwater Community Sailing Center is, as the name implies, a community sailing center. Many locals mistakenly believe it is a city operation or an adjunct to the Clearwater Yacht Club. Both are incorrect. The CCS Association was established as a non-profit, 501(3)C and receives no direct funding from the city. CCSA pays rent to the City of Clearwater to operate their building on their property.

Rich White is the Director of Programs for CCSC and has been instrumental in the successful development and implementation of the Adult-Learn to Sail program for adults seeking a new adventure. Mr. White and Bonnie Moore (a parent of an autistic child) created Camp Awesome which is a sailing camp for young adults with autism or potentially limiting conditions. Rich is a cordial ambassador for the CCSC, always welcoming every visitor or member entering the facility. Due to his efforts, and with the help of other staff members, membership has increased over 30% in the past few years. Rich has a wide range of contacts in the sailing community that has attracted sailors from near and far. Teams from northern universities, Canada, the Midwest and Olympians come here every winter to escape the cold and call Sand Key their winter home."
Al Brown, CCSA Board of Directors Chairman

"The Clearwater Community Sailing Center is a great facility run in Clearwater. When the CCSC was first born, Joe Calio was the "bow and the anchor" of the new center. Now Rich White is that person. He makes us proud to have it here in Sand Key. They teach sailing to anyone who has the desire to learn and it does not seem to have any limits - young and old, residents and tourists, even the handicapped. Anyone who wants to learn to sail."
Russ Kimball, Sheraton Sand Key Manager

"The CCSC has blossomed from a small spot on the beach to launch a dingy or sunfish, to one of the best places to train for the highest profile events in the world. Rich has worked with me at our sail making business in St Petersburg and it was apparent from the beginning that he was meant to do something on a much grander scale. I am so happy that he was asked to run the sailing center. The people in charge back then could see his potential and his desire to make CCSC truly a first class location to train."
Mark Ploch, Owner Doyle Ploch Sails

"The Clearwater Super Boat Races help support the CCSC. Proceeds from the September races go to Tampa Bay Charities, who in turn make a generous donation to the CCSC. This has been the case since 2009."
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conservatively estimating that we will serve at least 69,000 individuals. While government programs were set into place to help people through the Great Recessions, many of those programs have now ended or have had funding reductions. RCS Food Bank has seen a steady increase in food needs over the past three years.

RCS Food Bank recipients are 56% children, 17% senior citizens and less than 6% homeless individuals, with the majority of adults being employed or currently seeking employment.

Caitlin Higgins Joy, RCS President/CEO, states, "RCS Food Bank expects to see 15,000 people in need of food at the Clearwater distribution warehouse this November and December. Only with community support will they be able to serve them all this holiday season".

If you are shopping online this holiday season, support RCS in the process! Simply visit the RCS website at www.RCSpinellas.org and click the Amazon link near the upper right corner. It will take you to Amazon where you can shop as usual. When you check out, RCS will receive 4-8% of the purchase proceeds!



MARINA DISTRICT BOARDWALK

The 2001 City of Clearwater Beach's by Design Master Plan was behind the creation of Clearwater Beach's Beach Walk in 2008. Now, plans are being finalized for the next phase: a pedestrian boardwalk along the Intracoastal Waterway of East Shore Drive. Beach visitors and residents will be able to walk along the water's edge from the marina to Baymont Street and connect to Beach Walk. There will be three separate build-outs along the boardwalk. The first portion to be constructed is at Papaya Street and includes a beautiful walking pier with fountains, benches, and bike racks. Construction on the first phase is expected to begin in early 2015 and tentatively completed by May. Then, two additional piers will create a gathering place for guests to enjoy the scenery and the business community there. Traffic is not expected to be impacted during construction of the boardwalk. Future private developments along East Shore Drive may be required to build and pay for their portion of the boardwalk, using the same design elements. For more information on this project, visit myclearwater.com and search "beach by design" or call 727-562-4579.



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LAUGHTER PROVIDES BENEFITS FOR A HEALTHY LIFE

by Bob Clark, Belleair Christian Science practitioner

It's a funny thing. Research continues to prove that humor can help to improve our physical health.

The University of California San Diego's Osher Center for Integrative Medicine, which offers "Laughter Infusion" classes for cancer patients, says, "Research has shown laughter can enhance our immune system, assist with pain management, and boost our mood. Laughter really is the best medicine!"

Among the examples of how that weapon works are the amazing stories of soldiers' ability to endure starvation, tropical diseases and torture in World War II prison camps, as told in *Ghost Soldiers* by Hampton Sides. Humor was about the only weapon the soldiers had in helping manage their fear and maintain their health against all odds. Some actually found ways to laugh at their absurd circumstances and sadistic captors. Humor had the power to break the control of fear, disease and despair. It allowed many of them to endure an otherwise unendurable horror and survive.

The PBS show *This Emotional Life* aired a "Benefits of Humor" segment last year that offered convincing evidence about the health benefits of humor. Among the findings:

- Physical benefits of mirth and laughter: increased relaxation response, reduced pain and reduced stress.
- Emotional benefits of humor and mirth: elevated mood, feelings of well-being, reduced depression, anxiety and tension, and increased hope, optimism, energy and vigor.
- Social benefits of humor and mirth: bonding with friends and family, reinforcement of group identity, altruism, closer relationships, happier marriages and increased friendliness.

Even though science is continuing to prove the connection between humor and health, humor can still be pretty hard to find sometimes. For me, regular prayer tends to restore and

protect the joy from which humor naturally flows. Prayer that acknowledges a divine source of joy tends to silence fear and open the door to a more spiritual perspective on life, promoting humor and health.

Here's an example: A friend tells a story about the power humor can play in dissolving fear. A quickly spreading rash had caused his face to become swollen and painful and he was afraid. He had learned from his practice of Christian Science that fear tends to aggravate unhealthy conditions, whereas prayer has the opposite effect. His prayer took the form of acknowledging a divine source of peace and well-being. In this calm state of mind, he decided to take a look in the mirror to see if he looked as bad as he felt. What he saw was so ridiculously cartoonish, so completely unlike his real, normal look, that instead of shrinking back in terror, he burst out laughing. The laughter immediately dissolved the fear and the rash disappeared within the hour.

We may not understand the scientific relationship between humor and physical health, but when personal experience confirms what science is proving, and vice versa, that's something to be grateful for and something to smile about.

If you thought science was just now discovering the link between humor and health, or wondered where humor and joy originated, here's what Abraham's wife, Sarah, said after giving birth to a son in her 90th year: "God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me" (Genesis 21:6). Perhaps as a way of acknowledging God's gift of humor, Sarah named her son Isaac, Hebrew for "he laughs."

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Read Bob Clark's blog at simplyhealthyflorida.com.

General Election November 4, 2014

Five things you need to know to be election ready –



1. Voter Registration Deadline – October 6

2. All voters can vote by mail. All eligible mail ballots are included in final election results.

To vote at your convenience, request a mail ballot by visiting www.votepinellas.com or by calling (727) 464-VOTE (8683). Ballots can be returned by mail or dropped off at any drop-off location, but must be received by 7 p.m. Election Day.

3. Early Voting has new days, hours & locations.

NEW Days and Hours (Varies by County)

October 20 - November 2
7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Daily

Locations - Supervisor of Elections Offices

13001 Starkey Rd., Largo (Starkey Lakes Corporate Center)
315 Court St., Room 117, Clearwater (Courthouse)
501 1st Ave. N., St. Petersburg

NEW Additional Locations:

Centre of Palm Harbor, 1500 16th St., Palm Harbor
Gulfport Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th St. S., Gulfport

4. On Election Day, voters must vote in the precincts in which they live. Precinct, voting districts and polling place information can be found on your current voter information card or online by selecting "Find Your Precinct" at www.votepinellas.com.

5. To avoid delays, bring photo and signature ID to the polls and make sure the Elections Office has your current name, address and signature.



Deborah Clark, Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections

OUR EAGLE SCOUT LIFE GUARD

By Bob Griffin, Publisher

Caleb Hadak has already accomplished many things in his 18 years. A Seminole High School graduate, he is a member of the swim team, an Eagle Scout, a St Pete College student and the youngest Clearwater Beach Life Guard.



Hadak started team swimming at Largo's Southwest Pool. He was a member of the West Florida team for 10 years and later swam Varsity with Seminole High.

Swimming was not his first love though, Hadak has been in Scouting since first grade. Last December, he was awarded the rank of Eagle. "To get Eagle, you have to earn 21 required merit badges, plus a few others," says Hadak, "and you have to do a major project you dream up. You have to plan, fund, and execute that project."

"For my project, I made a memorial at Bauder Elementary to honor a student and a teacher from the school that had died," Hadak explains. "It was a walk of honor and was later expanded to allow for other names to be added."

"It is tough being in scouts and athletics and school, all at the same time," Hadak explains. "It is no fun getting up at 5am every morning to swim for several hours, sometimes twice a day."

About a year and a half ago, when barely 17, Hadak applied for a job as a Clearwater Beach lifeguard and was hired. "I only work on Saturdays and Sundays from 9am to 7pm," he says. "They pay me \$12 an hour."

"I've already been involved in several emergency rescues. One time a man swam out, began floundering in the water and called for help. I thought he was size normal, but found out he was 6'2", 350 pounds and having seizures. We put him on a paddle board, dragging him back to shore, but unfortunately he died of a heart attack. You just never know what can happen."

"Our biggest beach problems are heat exhaustion and dehydration. Stingray stings are a problem too. They happen all year, but during certain times there may be 7-10 stings a day. Normally there are only 1 or 2 per day."

Hadak has been a great resource for the City. He was hired at 17, which is not common when you take into account the maturity needed for this profession," says his boss Patrick Brafford, Water Safety Supervisor. "I made a decision to give him a shot because I saw him as a moldable, eager young man that could really benefit from the years of expertise that the Beach Patrol has on staff."

"Hadak proved himself quickly. He showed discipline in training, respects his supervisors and has a work ethic rare amongst young men and women today," adds Brafford.

His worldly experiences have led Hadak to decide to become a paramedic with the fire department. His father was a fireman for over 20 years. He plans to study to be a medical technician at St Pete College's EMT school.

Next time you are swimming at Clearwater Beach on the weekends, keep an eye out for blond guy with blue eyes. He may not look like an Eagle, but he is. And while there are no merit badges for saving lives if there is a problem, he can help bring you back to shore safely.

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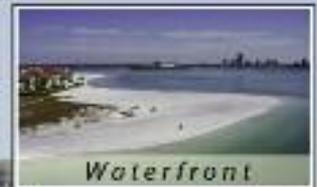
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DOLPHIN TALE 2 MOVIE REVIEWS

Twelve year old twin brothers Daniel (left) and Jonathon (right) Aquila recently had the opportunity to be extras in both the Dolphin Tale and Dolphin Tale 2 movies. Unfortunately, their scene was cut from the first movie, but not the second. They also attended the Dolphin Tale 2 movie premier at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Here are their thoughts about the movie and being on a movie set.



by Daniel Aquilar

I was an extra in Dolphin Tale 2 and was in the scene where everyone was cheering outside of the aquarium when they found out Winter and Hope would be friends. I also saw in the movie that there were many disabled people with missing limbs. They got to spend time with Winter. That was my experience being a part of and watching Dolphin Tale 2.

Dolphin Tale 2 was a great movie. What the message was is "If one door closes, another one opens." This message was created because their deaf dolphin Panama passed away most likely from old age. They knew they needed to pair Winter with another female dolphin because of how sad she was since her best friend had died.

They had found another dolphin, Mandy at the beginning of the movie with bad sunburn, but it all healed. Sawyer and Hazel were sad to hear from the owner of the aquarium which is Hazel's father, Clay that they were releasing Mandy because she was healthy.

Later on they found Hope and twice they tried pairing the two together and after the second time with the prosthetic tail on, they became great friends.

by Jonathan Aquilar

Dolphin Tale 2 is so great, it's even better when you're in the movie. When I was an extra in first Dolphin Tale, they cut out the scene I was in. Though, in the second movie Dolphin Tale 2, I was also an extra. I got to experience so many amazing things. I got to see how they filmed the scenes and what went on. I was in three scenes. The first scene I was in was the very first part of the movie when Rufus the pelican chases a mother with her child. During the second movie they paid me 8 dollars an hour as an extra and I made 160 dollars.

The movie was great. The base of the story is Winter's best friend Panama dies and Winter becomes very unsocial, so they have to pair Winter up with a new friend. Winter's new friend near the end of the movie is Hope. Hope is a baby dolphin and a female. The baby dolphin Hope is paired up with Winter and they become best friends.

A message that they used in the movie a lot was "when one door closes another one opens." During the movie I learned how animals can act and they could have feelings.

In the movie Winter gets a new prosthetic tail. Winter gets the new tail when Hope thinks that Winter is a bit weird the way she swims, so they make a new tail that looks more normal so that Hope likes Winter better by the way Winter swims.

Winter and Hope become best friends and are still at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium today. Being in the movie, then seeing the movie, is something I will never forget.



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AN AMERICAN IN ITALY - WITH PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES

By Bob & Becky Griffin

You may notice this newsletter is coming to you a little late. That is because we took 18 days off this month and went to Italy. To get there, we flew nine hours across the Atlantic from Charlotte, NC to Rome. Just enough time to watch three movies.

In preparing for the trip, my wife ordered the Italian Rosetta Stone and she really tried. On the other hand, I assumed everyone would speak English. Was I disappointed! We did however conquer some key words, such as, buongiorno (hello), grazie (thank you), prego (you are welcome), arrivederci (good bye), and ciao (a greeting that can mean hello or goodbye.) They do seem to say many words twice, such as, si si (yes), no no (no) and ciao ciao,.

We spent a lot of time trying to convert things to things we understood such as money (Euros to Dollars), distances (kilometers to miles) and speed limits (kilometers/hour to miles/hour). We never did figure out how to use common appliances which were similar but different, and only had Italian instructions.

The Euro Dollar exchange rate fell slightly, during our travels, but we had to remember when looking at prices, each Euro was worth about \$1.30. We noticed prices rarely included cents. They were whole numbers, partly because they do not have a visible sales tax. Instead, they have a 22% Value Added Tax built into the price. Each Euro denomination is a different size and color bill, the larger the value, the larger the bill. One and two Euros are coins, not bills, similar in size to our quarters. It surprises you when you expect three Euros back but just receive two coins. We never saw a penny.

Navigating around the cities was challenging. First, maps are obviously in Italian. In writing, street names are reversed, Mandalay Avenue becomes Avenue Mandalay so all the names look similar. They have no street signs, instead street names are carved on the side of some, but not all, buildings about 20 feet off the ground. You cannot see them until you are in the intersection. Street names also change at will sometimes very few blocks, for no apparent reason.

Everyone recommends not driving in the big cities and now we know why. The cars are half the size of ours. 25% drive cars, 25% ride scooters, 25% ride bicycles and 25% walk or ride the busses and subways. Stops signs and lanes are just suggestions. When stopped at a light, the scooters all move in front of the cars. If you did drive, you would never find a parking space. Never!

The country really believes in mass transit. While in Rome, we bought a multi-day pass for the Metro (subway). We walked two blocks, got on it and with one transfer, we were at the Coliseum in 15 minutes. Getting home on the bus though was not as easy. We stood under what we thought was a bus stop sign until we discovered it was a no parking sign. Who knew? Once on, we then had no idea where to get off.

When it came time to leave Rome and travel to Florence, we took a cab to their modern train depot, The Termini. We looked at the trains departing to Florence pronounced Firenze in Italian and there weren't any. After some angst, a U.S. travel agent on vacation, helped us when the train station employee didn't speak English. We arrived at the gate just in time to catch our bullet train. We eventually learned they list routes by the last stop of the day; Florence was the first

Florence, shown above, was amazing. Most of the buildings are three or four stories high and hundreds of years old. A law passed many years ago forbid any building to be taller



than the main church, called the Duomo. Most streets are mixed use with housing over businesses. Most restaurants have roll up garage doors with no signs. In the morning, they look like nothing; at 4pm or so they open, put chairs and tables in the street, and wa-la, there is a café or restaurant.

In the historic area, many of the streets are only 8 feet wide. You can almost reach out and touch both sides. If a car goes by, you have to get up on the 12" wide slanted sidewalk and sometimes turn sideways to avoid being hit.

Waiters make 12 to 14 Euro per hour and do not expect a tip. Instead you are charged a service fee for bread and use of the table. Usually it is \$2 per table. They are very friendly and if you do tip them, they are surprised and appreciative.

Italy is known for their wine, of course. Florence, in the Tuscany region, is similar to our Napa Valley. Italians drink wine with meals, but they would never order it at a bar like a cocktail; that is an American thing. You can drink wine at age 16 and beer at 18. Liquor (not just beer and wine) is sold every where, even in the grocery store. We enjoyed the Chianti very much, which is only grown in that region. The prices were very reasonable, by the glass or bottle.

At the end of our first week, we headed to a villa in Barberino Val d' Elsa, 30 miles south of Florence using a three Euro bus ticket. The villa was surrounded by hundreds of vineyards most offering wine tastings, but we only had time for three.

We took a day trip to Siena, 30 miles farther south, in a rental car. Driving there wasn't too hard; it was mostly interstate with clear but interesting signage. The speed limit was 90 km/hour, which we figured out later is only 55 miles/hour. In Siena, we spent an hour looking for a parking spot, but once parked, we saw how beautiful the city is. We plan to stay there a few nights on our next visit. Thank goodness our cell phone's GPS worked, and we found our way home before dark. Those country roads have no lights, and many sharp drop offs along the edge of the mountains.

After seven amazing days, it was back to Florence to catch a train to Venice, then our flight home. Venice, 160 miles from Florence, was just a 2 hour bullet train ride away.

Venice is just like you see in the movies. WOW and more WOW. They have no cars or scooters. Cabs are luxury boats all competing for the water and resembling a demolition derby, although we never saw them hit each other or bridges.

The boats are all inboard/outboards, with side thrusters and cost from \$150,000 to \$200,000. At high tide, you have to duck when going under bridges. We were told with over 150 canals, there are 140 bridges. Walking through Venice, is like walking through a county fair fun house. Even with a GPS in hand, we were lost, most of the time.

We could write pages about our experiences, but we really recommend you go to Italy and experience it for yourself. We plan to go back, soon.

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