

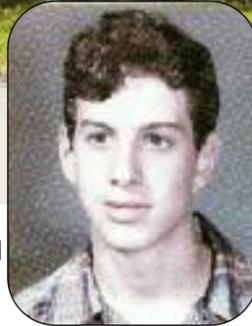


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Bert Valery

THE PINELLAS TRAIL 25 YEARS LATER



Albert Valery

December is the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the Pinellas Trail. Before it was built, area walkers, runners, bikers, and skaters had to take their chances on our city streets. Unfortunately, it took the death of a

young man to jump-start the building of the Pinellas Trail. His tragic death is what motivated his father Bert Valery, to make the trail a reality.

On April 1, 1983, 17-year-old Albert Valery was killed while riding a bicycle on the Belleair Causeway. He was returning home from his part-time job. The tragic accident was the catalyst to move the concept of The Pinellas Trail forward, by focusing on its need.

Parents Bert and Patti Valery started a movement to create safer areas for bicycling. Their vision was "bicycle pathways" from one end of the county to the other, 30 miles each way, protected from cars. It would take five years of relentless petitioning and campaigning, numerous presentations to dozens of local municipalities and the twisting of many politician's arms before their concept of a "linear park," a green ribbon running through the county as a recreational trail, took form.

Creating the trail required a vision, but the first steps were unknowingly taken prior to young Albert's death. In 1980, AMTRACK pulled out of Pinellas County leaving their tracks unused. The Seaboard Railroad wanted to abandon many of their county lines. State Senator and environmentalist, Mary Grizzle proposed the State of Florida buy the tracks for \$20-30 million. As a result, in 1983 the FDOT became the owner of hundreds of miles of tracks, with no plan for them.

After Albert's death, his father started his campaign for safer

riding places. To get his message out, Valery spoke to groups big and small--from homeowners to city councils. He also enlisted the help of the media. He did not care if a trail was created over railroad tracks, power line corridors or on the edges of major drainage ditches - as long as it was safe for cyclists. Valery found support from many area biking clubs and cycling shops.

Valery approached the Metropolitan Planning Organization, who controlled transportation project's money. With their support, he made a presentation to the County Commission. "By this time, the Commission knew about the concept and it was well received," says Valery. "Commissioner Mary Sheen Todd made the motion and helped push it through." From that meeting, the Commission created the Bicycle Advisory Committee. Each commissioner assigned three people from their districts to be on it. The first meeting was attended by over two dozen citizens and business owners.

In 1988, Pinellas Trails, Inc., a non-profit activist group and fundraising organization was created. The organization worked to expand the idea of a linear park.

"No one really wanted to build this," Valery recalls. "The head of County Parks was ready to retire and thought the project was too big. Even Fred Marquis (for whom the trail was later named) gave no support in the beginning. He wanted to use the tracks to construct a \$2 billion monorail system. That was nixed by the voters in the late 1980s.

Others saw Valery's vision. Brian Smith, head of Pinellas County's Planning Department, thought it was possible. County Commissioner Mary Sheen Todd also liked the idea.

It was time to create a real plan. The abandoned tracks seemed out of reach. They were not for sale and some of them were still in use by CSX. The possibility of building the trail on easements under power lines owned by then Florida Power was proposed, but Florida Power did not like it, primarily due to liability issues.

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Story by Bob Griffin, Publisher

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NOVEMBER:

Daylight Savings Time Ends	1	Holidays Heritage Village Opens	28
Property Tax Bills Mailed	1	Holiday Lights Botanical Gardens	27
Beach Art Center Red Bow Exhibit	6	IRB Garage Sale	28-29
Belleair Beach Garage Sale	7	Small Business Shopping Day	28
Ride Against ALS	7	Hurricane Season Ends	30
Taste of IRB	7	DECEMBER:	
Veterans Boat Parade	7	In the Water Boat Show	3-6
Community Clean Up	9-11	City Holiday Tree Lighting	4
Veteran's Day	11	Pinellas Trail 25th Anniversary	5
Pinellas County Fair	12-15	Post Office Toys for Tots	5
Homeowners Happy Hour	12	Sail For The Hungry Yacht Club	5
Historical Society Fall Luncheon	14	Holiday Home Tour Heritage Village	5
Visit Egmont Key Day	14-15	City Holiday Street Parade	6
Rib Fest	13-15	Hanukkah Begins	7
Dixieland Jazz Classic	13-15	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	7
Historical Society Fall Luncheon	14	HOA Christmas Toy Drive	9
Harvest Blessing Benefit Bash	14	Rotary Big Game Drawing	13
Manatee Season Protection Begins	15	City Election Qualifying Begins	14
America Recycles Day	15	City Election Qualifying Ends	18
Christmas Under the Oaks	15	City Lighted Boat Parade	19
Great American Teach In	18	Indian Shores Lighted Boat Parade	20
Beaujolais Nouveau	19	Winter Begins	21
MADD Walk	21	Public School Close	21
30th Anniversary Party JD's	21	Christmas	25
Festival of Trees	20-22	St Pete Bowl Game	26
Public Schools Closed	23-27	Kwanzaa Begins	26
Turkey Trot Run	26	Dog Park Permits Expire	31
Thanksgiving	26	IRB Skate Park Permits Expire	31
Black Friday Shopping Day	27	New Year's Eve	31
		Fireworks Clearwater	31

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SPECIAL HISTORY LECTURE SERIES Largo's Heritage Village at 11909 125th Street N., is offering these lectures.
 Nov. 8: Expansion during the Early 1980s.
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 Feb. 14: New Initiatives in the New Millennium.
 Mar. 13: Images of Seminole, Pinellas's Youngest City.

They are always looking for volunteers, young and old to act as docents, craft demonstrators and a receptionist. They also need historic house caretakers and people to adopt historical structures and keep them tidy. If you are interested, call 582-2125.

DISCOVER THE ISLAND Come to Egmont Key State Park Saturday, November 14th or Sunday, November 15th and enjoy one of Tampa Bay's gems! Stroll the island on a self-guided walk with interpretive sites including nature, wildlife, and Civil War re-enactors. There will be children's games, silent auctions and a viewing of the 157-year-old lighthouse that is still working to guide ships into Tampa Bay. See live birds of prey from Boyd Hill Nature preserve Saturday only. Enjoy live music by singers performing period music and sea shanties. Shuttle ferries leave Fort DeSoto Park from 9 am to 2pm. Visit www.EgmontKey.info or call 813-361-7563.

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COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES It's that time of year, get out your junk or your wallets for the following city sponsored Garage Sales: Belleair Bluffs and Belleair Beach are both November 7. Indian Rocks Beach will have theirs the weekend of November 28-29

PINELLAS COUNTY FAIR IS BACK While the Pinellas Fair is in its 99th year, you may have noticed there was no fair last year. Years ago, it was held at the Largo Fair Grounds, then it moved to Pinellas Park before disappearing for a few years. Now it is back - November 12-15. It is organized to promote our county's youth, agriculture, horticulture and resources. Exhibits will highlight our agricultural heritage. There will be pig races, miniature horses and exotic Polynesian dancers, plus food, of course. The Black Honkeys and the Bellamy Bros. are scheduled to play. The Fair will be held at the England Bros Park, 5010 81st Ave N, Pinellas Park. This non-profit event also needs volunteers. Get more information at www.PinellasFair.org.

JOIN THE CLUB The Club at Treasure Island launched a new part-time membership. If you are a winter visitor, their Part-Time Resident Membership is perfect for you. It is available October – May, for four, five or six consecutive months. Access to all club amenities and services including dining, marina, tennis center, pool pavilion, tiki bar, fitness center and classes, special events and programs, coin-free arcade, and exclusive concerts are included. For information call 727-367-4511.

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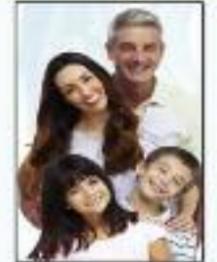
Nearly 90% of plastic water bottles are not recycled, instead taking thousands of years to decompose. Buy a reusable container and fill it with filtered tap water; it's a great choice for the environment, your wallet, and possibly your health. The EPA's standards for tap water are more stringent than the FDA's standards for bottled water. Plus, new studies suggest plastic bottles release small amounts of chemicals into the water over a period of time. The longer water is stored in plastic bottles, the higher the concentration of potentially harmful chemicals. Bottled water can cost up to 10,000 times more per gallon than filtered tap water and is much more convenient. Besides, who wants to lug those cases of water home? When you do need to have bottled of water, please recycle the bottle!



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Real Estate News



A MOVEABLE FEAST Home Is Where Thanksgiving Is

By Gordon Obarski, Broker Associate Doiron Realty on the Beach

Realtors love to spout off about real estate being a great investment, especially since median single-family home values have risen another 14% since last year. But, aside from financial gain, there's an even bigger benefit to owning a home in Indian Rocks Beach. There's no way to place a value on it. It doesn't affect your portfolio. It's of no concern to the Pinellas County Property Appraiser because it's not taxable. What is it? It's the pure ENJOYMENT one gets from living in IRB.

"Enjoyment value" peaks at Thanksgiving. It's when your home near the beach is more than just a symbol of economic success. It's the place where your kids and their kids, now spread out around the country, make their annual pilgrimage for the "moveable feast." Technically, a moveable feast is a holiday without a fixed date (like Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday in November). But, for many of us, it's the relocation of an important celebration from the frozen North to the Gulf beach.

Even though a "Beach Thanksgiving" doesn't involve going over the river and through the woods, it has developed traditions of its own. Like deep-frying turkeys outside. If Grandma only knew that 50 minutes in the fryer and the gobbler's ready to go, she might not have spent the day with her head in the oven, incessantly squeezing a turkey baster. It's tough to miss being crammed into the dining room of a Cape Cod with steamed windows when looking at the azure blue Gulf or the serenity of the Intracoastal as you savor every bite.

There's definitely something to be said for dining "al fresco" like the Pilgrims did on that First Thanksgiving in 1621. Theirs was actually held in December to celebrate the harvest and the temps were in the mid- to low-60s. How lucky was that? (Besides, some historians claim "a thanksgiving" was held before theirs in 1564 near present-day Jacksonville, so it's possible the Pilgrims stole Florida's thunder.)

Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz desperately wanted to go home to Kansas...probably because she'd never visited Indian Rocks Beach. If she had, the words she uttered as she clicked her heels together might have been: "Two bedroom/two bath/waterfront." Be it ever so humble, there's no place like IRB!

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE IS LOOKING FOR HELP!

By Deborah Clark

With a busy 2016 election year right around the corner – which includes three countywide elections – the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Office must rely on qualified election workers to assist in conducting fair, secure and accurate elections.

A countywide election in Pinellas County requires over 2,000 election workers spread across our three office locations, our five early voting sites and our 222 polling places throughout the county. Election work can take many forms:

- Poll Workers – Each poll worker is assigned to work at a specific polling location on Election Day. Poll workers must be available to set up their sites before the polls open and must remain at the polling place until after the polls close.
- Early Voting Workers – Before all state and federal elections, the Supervisor of Elections staffs 3-5 early voting sites for voters who wish to cast their ballots prior to Election Day. Early Voting can begin from 10-15 days before the election and last from 8-14 days. Early voting hours range from 8-12 hours each day.
- Other Election Work – The Elections Office relies on temporary election workers to help answer phones in a Call Center environment, open mail ballots, sort and count ballots for the post election audit, process petitions for future ballot contests and initiatives, and perform other clerical tasks in support of upcoming elections.

Our poll workers serve as the backbone to our operation, offering much-needed assistance for our voters on Election Day. From setting up the polling place, to checking in voters, to handing out ballots and distributing "I Voted" stickers, our poll worker family is a vital element in conducting a successful election.

There are six poll worker positions – Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Machine Manager, Ballot Distribution Manager, Inspector and Precinct Deputy. Each role requires a different set of skills and experience.

Florida law requires the following to serve as a poll worker: Be a registered or pre-registered voter in Pinellas County, be able to read and write English, and attend the required poll worker training classes for the assigned position. And yes, Pinellas County Poll Workers are compensated for their training and for working an election. Depending on the assigned position and number of training classes, a Poll Worker can earn \$265 on average in a countywide election.

Serving as an election worker at one of our three offices requires dedication, long hours and constant attention to duties. Our offices are busy throughout the year with a variety of tasks to complete – many by state-mandated deadlines, and election workers earn up to \$400 a week.

To learn more about being an election worker or to apply, please visit our website – VotePinellas.com – and click on the 'Be a Poll Worker' tab on the top right-hand corner of the page, or call (727) 464-6110, or email PollWorker@VotePinellas.com.

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25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PINELLAS TRAIL, continued

Then the State passed a law allowing abandoned railroad easements to be acquired by the nearest landowner, if not owned by a local government. This meant a person backing up to a train track could extend their property lines to the middle of the track at no cost.

About the same time, the Federal government wanted to increase public transportation and offered grants to improve methods of transportation. The Pinellas Trail concept qualified and grant money became available.

In 1989, County Manager Fred Marquis proposed using the newly created Penny for Pinellas money to buy the tracks for development of a Pinellas Trail. The Penny for Pinellas was already approved by the voters; all the County had to do was earmark the funds for the never before tried concept of a linear park.

"Fred got the various cities on board with the project," said Barbara Sheen Todd. "He saw it as a use-it-or-lose-it proposal."

The County Commission allocated \$1.5 million to build the first 15-mile segment beginning at Taylor Park and running a short distance north and south. County voters extended the Penny for Pinellas sales tax, which lead to further funding of the complete 35 miles of trail.

On December 1, 1990, five miles of Trail were officially opened from Taylor Park (Largo) south to Seminole City Park. It was the beginning of what would become over 70 miles of roadway, reserved exclusively for people on foot, bikes, and skates. At the same time, two more sections were built at Seminole City Park and near U.S. 19 at Curlew Road.

It would be easy to say "and the rest is history" but that was only the beginning of now 30 years of planning and construction. There were overpasses to build and CSX was still operating in parts of St. Petersburg.

In 1994, sections of the Trail opened north to Tarpon Springs and moved into

the western part of St. Petersburg. By 2002, they built an overpass over Pasadena Avenue and sent the trail on towards downtown St. Petersburg. On the Trail's 15th Anniversary, in 2005, the County purchased the abandoned CSX section of tracks near downtown St. Petersburg and started two years of construction on that part of the trail.

In 2008, the County Commissioners agreed to form the Pinellas Trail Loop connecting Downtown St. Petersburg to an area east of Lake Tarpon. At the same time, downtown St. Pete opened three miles of trail along the waterfront.

Progress Energy eventually agreed to allow the use of some power easements and even contributed money to the project. In return, much of the northeast trail was named Progress Energy Trail (later changed to Duke Power Trail when the companies merged).

After 20 years, the 34th Street overpass opened and construction began on the path running through Clearwater's Downtown area. By 2011, the trail was 37 miles long.

Today, although the loop is not fully connected, a plan is in place to complete it by 2020. The loop will serve as a linear park and a multi-modal transportation pathway directly linking eight municipalities and numerous unincorporated areas

In 2003, the Pinellas Trail was designated as part of a National Recreational Trail within the National Trails System by the United States Department of the Interior and the National Parks Service. The Pinellas Trail has been inducted into the Rail Trail Hall of Fame and has twice received the Best Trails of Florida Award from the State Office of Greenways and Trails.

"It is a shame that it took a terrible tragedy, like the accident that claimed Bert Valery's son's life, to develop something as nice as this Pinellas Trail," says Barbara Sheen Todd.

Although the trail was started with money from Penny For Pinellas, County, State and Federal agencies have also

invested more than \$63 million in expanding and improving the trail over the last 25 years.

It is estimated that an average of 70,000 people use the Pinellas Trail each month. The trail is a priceless haven in a busy, highly urbanized environment. The construction of 10 overpasses and 3 underpasses allow trail-goers to safely travel above and below traffic through some of the County's busiest intersections.

The existing 47-mile trail offers residents and visitors a unique opportunity to enjoy the outdoors close to their home, school or office. The trail is patrolled by the Pinellas County Security Task Force, which are not police but represent law enforcement officers, the County Sheriff, and other agencies. Pinellas County Park Rangers also patrol the trail daily as well as auxiliary rangers who are supplied by Pinellas Trails, Inc.

Each Pinellas Trails, Inc., volunteer travels the trail 12 hours per month. Some walk, or bike while others drive a golf cart bought by the organization. Their program "Trees for the Trail" plants trees along the corridor. They started the Auxiliary Ranger Program to support police enforcement. They pay for maps, signage, benches, water fountains and other amenities along the trail. Fundraisers are held throughout the year to pay for these expenses.

"Our goal is to ensure the viability of the trail," Scott Daniels says. "We stress safety and security. This has become a special source of pride—for me, for Bert, the County, and everyone who lives here and uses the Pinellas Trail."

In the beginning, only three other places had any form of a community trail. Today, over 1,000 cities have them. Almost all have asked Pinellas County for input or visited to see our now famous Pinellas Trail.

A 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Pinellas Trail is December 5 at Largo's Taylor Park beginning at 10 am. Visit www.PinellasCounty.org/Trail or www.PinellasTrails.org for more information.

OTHER PEOPLE BEHIND THE SCENES RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING OUR PINELLAS TRAIL A REALITY

Scott Daniels

An active bike rider, he met Valery as the Trail concept was developing. He was a founding member of the Bicycle Advisory Committee and Pinellas Trails, Inc. and is still their spokesman.



Brian Smith

As the County Planning Director he was involved creating the trail from Tarpon Springs to downtown St Pete. Although retired after 30 years with the County, he is still on the Board of Directors of Florida Greenways & Trails Foundation, Inc.



Barbara Sheen Todd

A County Commissioner in the late 1980s and early '90s, she helped to push the Pinellas Trail through the Commission and worked closely with Marquis, and other Department Heads.



Fred Marquis

Pinellas County Administrator from 1979 until 2000, he proposed using Penny for Pinellas to fund the trail and took steps to make it happen. The trail was named in his honor.



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Submitted by Tim Shears, Board Member

Wow, what a huge success Oktoberfest 2015 was. Organized by Action 2000 volunteers, with the help of the City of IRB, all the money raised goes back into the community for beautification projects. We can't thank everyone enough. Special thanks to Diane Flagg and Linda Dalina our Co-Chairs for Oktoberfest, plus our 45 sponsors, 70 vendors and over 120 silent auction contributors.

Our 50/50 raffle, chaired by Bob & Sara Linderman, raised a record \$7,800 and our lucky winners were Randy and Kate Hill. A special mention for IRB resident Mike Alea of FBC Mortgage, Oktoberfest's Event Sponsor, who also hosted our popular 50/50 raffle. The games, chaired by Pete Dalina, are always a blast, with the Stein Carrying race won by Cheryl Swords and the Keg Throwing contest won by Eric Edwards. Thanks to all who entered.

I'm sure by now you have seen many of the projects funded by A2K this past year; the attractive new street poles, the beach access library boxes and the butterfly gardens - the newest at Chic-A-Si park. We also funded the Seasonal Decorations that are at the entrances to Indian Rocks Beach and City Hall. Our City Manager Gregg Mims and his wife Michelle personally create the displays. We also sponsored the City's Kids Halloween at Kolb Park.

Our popular Service Saturdays continue where our volunteers, weed, mulch, plant and tidy the area as well as clean bus shelters along Gulf Blvd; come and join us!

Please visit our Facebook page and website for more pictures from Oktoberfest and information about A2K and how you can participate.

Join us! Action 2000 meets at the Beach Arts Center on the second Monday of each month and everyone is welcome. Come and meet the wonderful group of volunteers making IRB a great place to live and work. More information can be found at www.irbaction2000.com or on facebook Action2000IRB

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MEET THE NEW SAND KEY COAST GUARD STATION COMMANDER

Larry Zeruth (43) became the new Commanding Officer of the Sand Key Coast Guard Station on June 18th. He is a Chief Warrant Officer whose specialty is as a Boatswain, which is someone in charge of equipment such as rigging, anchors, cables, etc. Zeruth replaced CO Steven McDonnell who retired from the Coast Guard after 28 years.



Larry Zeruth, standing next to a Life Ring, from his last command, 'The Cypress', a 225' ocean-going buoy tender

Zeruth has been with the Coast Guard 25 years. His father was in the Navy for 8 years, followed by 12 years in the Coast Guard. Zeruth enlisted in the Coast Guard at age 17, directly out of high school. He has served on five Coast Guard cutters and six small boat stations. His last unit was the 225-foot ocean-going buoy tender, USCGC CYPRESS, whose home port was in Pensacola. Zeruth has served in numerous command cadre positions. This is his second command billet.

Station Sand Key works directly for U.S. Coast Guard Sector St Petersburg which is head-quartered in downtown St Petersburg. Sand Key is responsible for 80 miles of coast line from Pasco County's Aripeka to Johns Pass.

Station Sand Key is involved in about 200 search and rescues each year. Zeruth says the number would be much higher if it were not for the other agencies in the area. Zeruth's group interacts daily with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, the Clearwater Police Department, Pasco and Pinellas County Fire and Rescue Departments and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Zeruth is responsible for 75 people including both active duty and reservists, as well as close to 400 Coast Guard Auxiliarists. "I cannot say enough good stuff about the Coast Guard Auxiliary," he adds. "Those guys are only volunteers but they do everything. There are nearly 400 of them backing us up daily. They do inspections and help with rescues. Recently, the Auxiliary has been learning our communications/dispatch center and we have four Auxiliary chefs helping in our dining facility."

Zeruth words of safety? "Take a safe boating class, file float plans, know your boat including what's in it, and always wear your life jacket."

SUNCOAST JAZZ CLASSIC SILVER JUBILEE - NOVEMBER 20-22

Once again, the Suncoast Jazz Classic is presenting over 20 bands and artists from our area, as well as nationally, entertaining. The bands bring their professional and highly entertaining performances to Sand Key, where they will play traditional jazz, big band, swing, rockabilly, zydeco, blues and more, in five simultaneous venues at the Sheraton Sand Key (1160 Gulf Blvd.) and Marriott Sand Key (1201 Gulf Blvd.) allowing attendees to move from one venue to another to hear their favorite entertainers throughout the three-day weekend. The Suncoast Jazz Classic is well known as being fan friendly, operating from morning to late at night. The Grand Finale is Sunday at 4pm.

Dance floors are available near the musicians for those interested, and a large swing dance floor is dedicated Friday night from 6pm to midnight, which begins with an hour of instruction by the Swing Time Dancers.

The Suncoast Jazz Classic is again partnering with the City of Clearwater, celebrating the city's Centennial. Another 30+ companies also partner and contribute to the success of this festival. New sponsors are also welcome.

Day tickets are on sale starting at \$36 or \$112 for the 3-day. Student tickets are available for \$10. For information visit SuncoastJazzClassic.com or call 727-248-9441.

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Something Fun To Do Nearby



A VISIT TO THE MOREAN ARTS CENTER GLASS STUDIO AND HOT SHOP

by Bob Griffin, Publisher

Have you ever seen those one-of-a-kind glass dish or plate creations at a major art shows and wondered "how did they make that?" A trip to the Morean Hot Shop and Glass Studio can show you the answers to those questions.

The Morean Hot Shop and Glass Studio is a special production facility located on the northeast corner of the Morean Arts Center's block at 719 Central Avenue. The Hot Shop is behind the Glass Studio store and the entrance is off 1st Avenue North. They produce many types of art objects made with clear and colorful glass on site which are sold in their attached Glass Studio retail store. Their store is the largest retail glass store in the Tampa Bay region.

The Morean Hot Shop is called that for a reason. It is really a hot. Seven days a week, on-staff artisans Paulie Maiville, a glass artist for 30 years and David Spurgeon turn on the ovens and start the process to make glass art. But when you visit the Glass Studio store, you immediately see not all glass art is alike. Each piece is similar to a snowflake - each a little different even if you try to make them the same. Of course a snowflake would not survive within a mile of this place. It is that hot.

"I've been here since the beginning," says Spurgeon, one-half of the glass team. "We opened the Hot Shop the same week that Chihuly opened on Beach Drive. I helped them install and build all the equipment here."

Inside the open air Morean Hot Shop production facility, bleachers have been installed, where people can sit and watch the process of making glass art. While their two in-house artists move the glass through dozens of steps, in and out of a pair of ovens

set at a temperature over 2,000 degrees, one of the artists narrates the process describing what is going on. Hot Shop shows are 30 minutes, 7 days a week (starting Sept. 28) at 1, 2, 3 and 4pm. June through September, they are closed on Mondays to allow their artists to create new inventory for the Glass Studio retail store.

To create one piece of their beautiful art takes between 30 and 45 minutes. Then the glass object is placed in a special 900 degree oven, to "cool." Because the glass is layered, if it was allowed to cool at room temperature, the different layers would cool at different times causing the piece to crack. Instead it is slowly cooled which can take up to two days. Once it is finished, each glass item is displayed in the Morean Glass Studio retail store for sale for \$75 to \$300.

"There is nothing like creating colorful, beautiful glass art," says Morean Hot Shop Manager Spurgeon, who became a full-time glass artist around six years ago, after dabbling in other types of art. "I started working with glass as art over 15 years ago. I met some people in Gulfport who were doing it there. Then, I heard about this Hot Shop Morean when they were adding it to their Art Center. I work five days a week; I am off Thursdays and Fridays."

"I love doing our daily shows which both educate and entertain residents and visitors from around the world. The Morean Hot Shop and Glass Studio is a wonderful place to see glass art up close and personal. It is a great complement to our world-renowned Chihuly Collection on Beach Drive," Spurgeon explains.

The Morean Hot Shop offers a *Personal Glass Experience* for members and visitors. During the one-on-one class, they will create their

own piece of glass art with the help of one of the professional glass artists. The *Personal Glass Experience* costs \$75 for a 30-minute 1-on-1 session. Four *Personal Glass Experiences* are offered each day: Noon, 12:30pm, 5pm and 5:30pm. Pre-registration is required. *Personal Glass Experience* art can be picked up a day or two later after it cools.

Periodically, they offer a Ladies Night at the Hot Shop. Enrollment is limited to five and each person will create their own colorful piece of glass art, just like Dale Chihuly!

If creating glass is not your thing, but owning it is, you can buy their wonderful creations in The Morean Glass Studio retail store, which is full of art made on site. The store, open noon to 5pm daily is located at 700 1st Avenue N.

"Everything we make is for sale in the gift shop. I have the best of both worlds. I get to use all this great equipment, and I get to see people enjoy my products," Spurgeon concludes.

The Morean Arts Center, a community-based visual arts based organization, is almost one hundred years old. It has been a major component of the St Petersburg cultural landscape since 1917. The Center is comprised of The Morean Arts Center and Gallery, The Chihuly Collection on Beach Drive, The Glass Studio and Hot Shop, and the Morean Center for Clay at the historic Seaboard Train Station on 22nd Avenue South.

They currently have over 1,000 members. Their attractions are open 363 days a year.

Get information on the Morean Hot Shop and the Morean Arts Center by calling 727- 822-7872 or visit www.MoreanArtsCenter.org.

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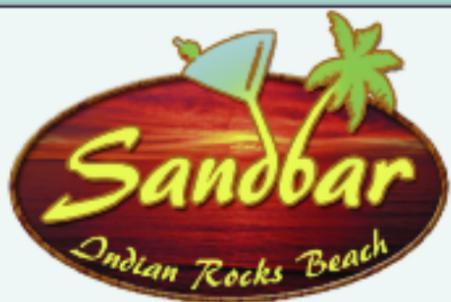
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KWANZAA CELEBRATIONS

Kwanzaa, a week-long celebration of family, community and culture, honors African heritage in the African-American community. The concept was created by Maulana Karenga, and first celebrated in 1966.

It begins the day after Christmas and the dates are always December 26 through New Year's Day. 2015 will be the 49th annual celebration of Kwanzaa.

Kwanzaa is based on the year-end harvest festivals that have taken place in Africa for thousands of years. The name derives its meaning from the Swahili phrase "matunda ya kwanza," meaning fruits of the harvest.

The Kwanzaa concept can trace its roots back to the Black Nationalist movement of the 1960s. It was established to help African Americans reconnect with their African cultural and historical heritage.

The celebration is not an alternative to Christmas and is not meant to be an alternative religion or a religious holiday. It is a way to experience the cultural traditions and to unite the community.

The celebration centers on the seven principles of Kwanzaa: Unity, Self-Determination, Collective Work and Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity and Faith. Each of the seven days of Kwanzaa is dedicated to a principal.

Kwanzaa symbols include a decorative mat, corn or other crops, a kinara which is a candleholder, seven candles and a communal cup.

A Kwanzaa ceremony may include drumming and musical selections, beverages shared in the communal cup, readings, a discussion of the African principle of the day or a chapter in African history, a candle-lighting ritual, artistic performance, and, finally, a feast. Respect and gratitude for their ancestors plays a large role in the celebration.

Today, many African American families celebrate Kwanzaa along with Christmas and New Year's. Frequently, both Christmas trees and the traditional candle holder, symbolic of African American roots, are in Kwanzaa-celebrating households. For people who celebrate both holidays, Kwanzaa is an opportunity to incorporate elements of their particular ethnic heritage into holiday observances

It is estimated that between 15 and 20 million African Americans take part in Kwanzaa in the U.S. If you would like more information, Maya Angelou narrated a 2009 documentary about the Kwanzaa celebration called *The Black Candle*.

HOLIDAY ADOPT A FAMILY

Thanksgiving Adopt A Family - November 2-16

The Belleair Parks & Recreation Department and the Belleair Teen Council are partnering with local Public Elementary Schools again this year to adopt 40 local families in need. They will be providing families with a complete Thanksgiving meal, various essentials, toiletries, and other items. You can donate one item or adopt a whole family for \$100, checks made payable to "Town of Belleair". Every little bit helps. Donations of canned goods, toiletries, and Publix gift cards (a full list will be listed on our website) can be dropped off at the Dimmitt Community Center, from November 2nd to the 16th, at 918 Osceola Road, Belleair. To participate, call 518-3728 or e-mail dfelten@townofbelleair.net.

SOCIAL SECURITY: AARP STUDY SHOWS NEED FOR ADVICE

by Ray Ferrara, ProVise Management Group

AARP and the Financial Planning Association (FPA) recently conducted a study regarding the financial literacy about Social Security benefits which are a significant part of retirement income for many individuals. Only 9% of those surveyed said they were "very knowledgeable" and only 50% said they were "somewhat knowledgeable" about how Social Security benefits are determined. Yet 39% said that Social Security would represent a majority of their income in retirement. In reality, the percentage is closer to 50% for young retirees and over 60% for those that reach age 80. (Source: AARP) This is a major disconnect.



39% didn't know that they could claim Social Security as early as age 62. 88% intend to wait until full retirement age (66 or 67 depending on your birth date). Prior to this age, the benefit is reduced and a recipient may only earn a limited amount of money before they are penalized by losing part or all of their Social Security benefit.

Only 13% intend to wait until age 70 when the maximum benefit is available. For those recipients that have divorced, they may be able to make a claim on the ex-spouse's benefit if 50% of his/her benefit is greater than the one's own. Unfortunately, 34% thought you had to be married for only five years to claim the benefit under this provision, while 74% didn't know that you have to be married for a minimum of 10 years.

So where do people go to get advice regarding Social Security benefits? While you might think Social Security itself, only 45% seek their advice. The number one source is family and friends at 46%. This doesn't leave much room for professional advice. This is especially disconcerting given the importance of the decision. When asked to estimate the benefit amount, 67% overestimated and 16% underestimated, meaning a whopping 83% are uninformed.

By some estimates, there may be up to thousands of ways to claim Social Security for a married couple. Making this decision without the help of a professional means you could be leaving tens of thousands of income on the table. Why would you want to do this when we can use sophisticated computer software to help you make a good decision?

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TOP 5 WAYS TO CHALLENGE HOLIDAY DEPRESSION

by Bob Clark, Belleair Christian Science Practitioner

For many, the holiday season is a joyous time, but for some folks it can be a hard season to get through. If you Google "holiday depression", or better still "beating holiday depression" you'll find lots of top 10 lists. Most of the ideas on my list below appear on one or more of those lists. But they've also appeared in my life. They're tried and proven. They're real. They work.

1. Be grateful. Research at Harvard, and at major universities in Florida, Texas and California is beginning to prove the mental, emotional and even physical benefits of taking some time each day to be grateful. Keep a gratitude journal. Write a thank you note. Thank someone mentally. It's a great way to protect your natural joy. Roman philosopher, Cicero, tells us, "Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others."

2. Serve. Choose one of the many service opportunities all communities offer. Volunteer at your church. Ring a Salvation Army bell. Volunteer at a Veterans Hospital. Be a story reader at your local library or elementary school. Serving others is a sure fire way to forget yourself. That always feels good.

3. Be still. If you search online, you'll find that one of the chief causes of holiday depression is a lack of stillness. Silent nights are hard to find. So be purposeful about finding stillness. Find a quiet spot and make time (even just 5-10 minutes) each day to just be quiet. Pray, meditate, relax, take some deep breaths.

4. Simplify. As shopping, food preparation and travel intensity, things can get complicated. You can take

control here. Simplify your menus. A calm host/hostess is a better gift than a sumptuous meal. Set reasonable limits on gifts. Some families assign each family member one person to buy for: one gift, under \$20. Have fun; keep it simple.

5. Reach out. Although it may have many different causes, holiday depression has a common antidote. Look out instead of in. This can seem devilishly hard to do. But thinking outward, thinking of what other people need instead of what we lack is a joy creator, while thinking of ourselves can promote depression. Again, you can be purposeful here. Make a list of people you've been out of touch with and send them a holiday greeting. Think about who in your community is needier than you.

Our church discovered that 1 in 6 children from a local elementary school were from homeless families. We contacted the school and agreed to have our Sunday School kids work to provide backpacks with school supplies at the beginning of the year and snack packs during the rest of the year. It's hard to feel sad when you're packing bags for homeless kids.

So as the holidays approach, challenging rather than accepting holiday depression is a healthy choice. Find your own ways to keep the season joyful. Share them with friends. Look outward and upward. It works.

Read Bob Clark's blog at simplyhealthyflorida.com.



NECK-LESS

By Dr. G. Joseph Fitzgerald

Have you ever wanted a tighter more youthful neck without surgery, scars or downtime? Are you tired of looking at pictures of yourself and seeing a double chin? Or looking in the mirror and seeing your profile and asking yourself the question: What happened to my neck? Chances are you inherited your neck. The dreaded turkey neck is a common concern among millions of people. If neck stretching yoga treatments, firming creams and turtle necks have exhausted you, we have a better and permanent solution: CoolSculpting with Cool Mini.

A double chin is an extra layer of fat below the jaw-line and can be as uncomfortable as it is unsightly. A "turkey neck" is caused from sagging of loose skin, flaccid muscles and excessive accumulation of fat. There are several strategies in treating fat in the neck, which involve anesthesia, incisions, scarring, downtime, facial garments, excessive costs, the list goes on. A neck-lift involves making an incision underneath the chin, removal of fat and 10-14 days of downtime. We are in a generation of fast and easy, budget conscience, no downtime and wanting it done yesterday. CoolSculpting meets the needs of millions of people struggling with fat in their neck by offering them exceptional results with no downtime!

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fascinating and humorous anecdotes from Staats' career:

- In a chapter about his years with the Cubs from 1985-89, Staats describes the friction that preceded him between Caray and fellow broadcasting giant Milo Hamilton. The tension between the two was palpable, spilling into verbal antics involving, wackily enough, the San Diego Chicken and Bozo the Clown.

- While working with Kubek as a Yankees broadcaster in 1990-94, Staats pranked Yankees manager Buck Showalter by doing a dead-on Harry Caray impression over the phone. (Showalter was not pleased, but later forgave him.)

- At one point, Yankees owner George Steinbrenner tried to get Kubek fired from the MSG Network team, but changed his mind, stressing that he liked "that Staats kid" - even though he hated how Kubek criticized the Boss' moves.

- When Staats went down to the field to throw out a ceremonial pitch at Tropicana Field in 2005, then-broadcast partner Joe Magrane told viewers it was "Jeopardy" host Alex Trebek, and ESPN ran with the story for a full 24 hours.

- The book spans the entire history of the Rays, giving vivid descriptions of their miracle Game 162 in 2011, along with the team's rags-to-riches 2008 run to the World Series. The reminiscence of the Series includes a riveting section about the terrible Philadelphia weather and the challenges faced by family and friends at Citizens Bank Park.

In calling almost 6,000 Major League games, Staats has witnessed nine no-hitters, including Nolan Ryan's record-breaking fifth and the inspirational no-hitter thrown by New York's Jim Abbott. He also saw Wade Boggs and Derek Jeter reach the 3,000-hit mark with home runs, the first two players in major league history ever to achieve that feat.

"Position to Win" includes high praise

of Staats from such baseball luminaries as Ryan, Kubek, Caray, Joe Maddon, Don Mattingly and many others, along with an extensive photo gallery.

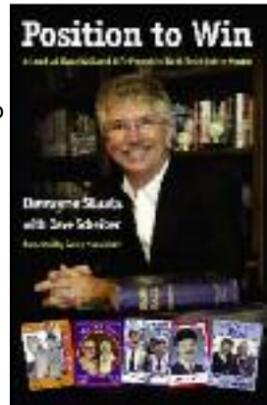
Throughout, Staats underscores a central message - putting oneself in a "position to win" with persistence, preparation and hard work in order to take advantage of opportunities that arise in life. The book is also a deeply personal story, addressing love, loss, resilience and faith - and a testament to the powerful bonds of family.

A portion of the proceeds from "Position to Win" is being donated to two noteworthy charitable organizations based in the Tampa Bay area:

- Quantum Leap Farm, an Odessa, Fla. facility, is a nationally recognized equine therapy program that helps injured and disabled adults and children - including many combat veterans and first responders dealing with PTSD - achieve therapeutic goals by engaging them with horses.
- The Poynter Institute's Write Field program in St. Petersburg, Fla., which receives support from the Rays, is designed to improve the academic performance and life skills of selected minority middle school boys in Pinellas County. The Write Field has had a significant positive impact on graduation rates for the boys in the program

Co-author Dave Scheiber is a veteran Florida-based author and national award-winning journalist. He is also the co-author of two critically acclaimed books, "Covert: My Years Infiltrating the Mob" and "Surviving the Shadows: A Journey of Hope Into Post-Traumatic Stress."

"Position to Win" is available on Amazon.com and other major outlets, including the Rays' gift shop at Tropicana Field and the team merchandise store in downtown Tampa located at 400 N. Tampa St.



Dewayne and wife Carla at the Quantum Leap Farm

Early in a new book by Dewayne Staats, the longtime play-by-play TV announcer for the Tampa Bay Rays, tells how - as a 10-year-old - he became entranced with the voices that brought baseball to life over the radio airwaves, leading him to write a fan letter to his idol, Houston broadcaster Gene Elston.

Elston typed a letter back to Staats later in that summer of 1962, starting a relationship that lasted through high school and college, as Staats quickly worked his way up from minor-league broadcast booths to landing a job as the Houston Astros' play-by-play TV announcer at just 23, sitting next to future Hall of Fame announcer Elston.

From there, Staats built one of the top broadcasting careers in baseball, a 40-year run that has included sharing the booth with Hall of Famers Harry Caray for Chicago Cubs games and Tony Kubek for New York Yankees games, followed by three years doing national broadcasts for ESPN before joining the then-Tampa Bay Devil Rays for their inaugural season in 1998.

In the new book, "Position to Win: A Look at Baseball and Life From the Best Seat in the House," (Advance Ink Publishing) Staats and co-author Dave Scheiber recount a variety of

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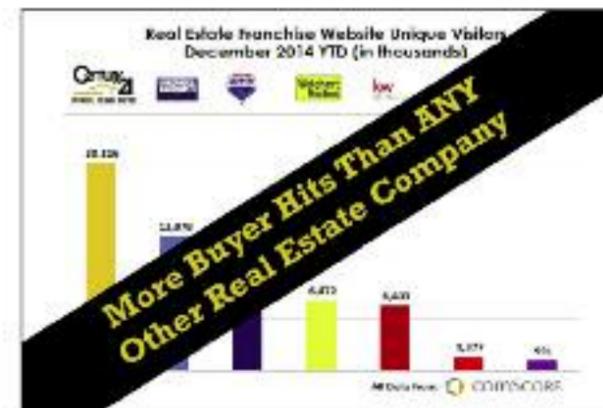
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INDIAN ROCKS BEACH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWS



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December 9th: Century 21 Beggins Toy Drive
These FREE Happy Hours are from 6-7:30pm and are held on the second Thursday of each month. Visit www.IRBhome.com or visit our Facebook page for details.

Submitted by Joe McCall, President
UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Taste of IRB: Date scheduled for November 7th. Be watching around town for the Taste of IRB posters at our participating sponsors for additional information.

Movies in the Park: We purchased all new movie equipment over the summer to be able to continue our Movies in the Park tradition. Please visit irbhome.com or follow us on Facebook for event dates and locations for these family fun events.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT THE HOA IS FUNDED THE FOLLOWING CIVIC PROJECTS AND DONATIONS:

Donations to Indian Rocks Beach Food Pantry and Morton Plant Breat Cancer Voucher Program: Another successful Scavenger Hunt is in the books. We cannot thank Plumlee Realty, The Original Crabby Bills and the Beach Bee enough for sponsoring such a great event. Not only was fun had by all, all of the participants were introduced to all the great local businesses we have here in Indian Rocks Beach.

New Bus Stop Bench: The HOA approved and the city has completed installation of a new bench on the west side of Gulf Boulevard between 10th and 11th Avenue

CURRENT PROJECTS:

10th Avenue Outdoor Workout Facility: Installation on the Workout Center has begun. The contractor is expecting to be completed mid- November. We thank the city, their employees and the community for their assistance with this project.

Community Project/Event Ideas: The Indian Rocks Beach Homeowners Assoc. is always looking for the next great project or community event to fulfill our association's mission and enhance our community. If you are an Indian Rocks resident and have an idea for a project or event in mind for our community, please email a description at irbhomeowners@gmail.com

Finally, we cannot thank the Indian Rocks Beach Homeowners board members and it's many volunteers enough for all the time and effort they donate for our fundraising efforts that make these projects and donations possible.

Visit www.IRBhome.com or visit our Facebook page.

Indian Rocks Beach Homeowners Association is a 501(c)(4) non-profit corporation to promote community unity. Our mission is to unite residents and businesses for the preservation, beautification and enjoyment of our small beach community. To accomplish this mission, we provide opportunities for residents and local businesses to meet and get better acquainted in a friendly and informal manner during adult and family social events throughout the year. All proceeds generated by our major annual events help fund worthwhile projects and causes that directly benefit our city.

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JD'S RESTAURANT & LOUNGE CELEBRATING ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

JD's Restaurant and Lounge is celebrating 30 years in Indian Rocks Beach on November 18th. The popular beach restaurant and bar was purchased in 1985 by Tom and Jackie Downing a few months after Hurricane Elena hit.

The building that is home to JD's has a long history. It was built by Furman Moodie about 1945. He and his wife Elise operated Moodies Drug Sundries on the first floor and lived upstairs. Later they added clothing and small beach related novelties. Indian Rocks Beach resident Shera Bie worked there around 1948 serving sodas and ice cream; it was her first job.

Later, Moodie sold the building to Jimmy O'Neal. His second wife Dubie was a restaurant operator and together they ran the O'Neal's Restaurant there until 1985, when the Downings bought it and opened JD's Restaurant and Lounge. Dubie later opened another restaurant where E&E is today.

Tom named the restaurant JD's after his wife, Jackie Downing. Husband and wife ran the bar, with the help of their children Kip, Jay and Leslie until Tom died in 2007. Jackie has stayed involved, but noww JD's is primarily run by the three kids.



Owners Kip, Jackie and Jay Downing



Happy Hour is everyday on the patio

"The old building leaked and with water rising it made us wonder if our decision to buy the restaurant was a good one," says Kip Downing. "We hunkered down and just tried to create a venue that provided both locals and tourists, with a place to go for good food, cold drinks and live entertainment. We are still open six days a week starting with breakfast to late night."

The Downing family prides itself in a friendly, family atmosphere as well as the freshness of each and every meal. They are still the "HOME OF THE ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY" every day of the week... and their Meatloaf recipe is really their grandmother's secret recipe.



They are the only place in town with two live music venues. Their popular piano bar inside features Indian Rocks Beach resident Phil Tolotta as the Piano Man. Their outside venue, on the back patio overlooking the Intracoastal, offers music seven days a week.

The Downings are very grateful for the many years of support that the community has provided. This is truly a family run business and they wish to share their happiness with you. So to celebrate their 30th Anniversary, they are going to have a party Saturday, November 21st. They are offering their Indian Rocks Beach neighbors heavily discounted specials including draft beers for \$1, oysters for only \$5, U-Peel & Eat Shrimp for \$5, plus scads of other great food and drink specials, too numerous to mention.

"It will be like 1985 again, except the roof will not leaking," says Jay.

SAVE THE DATE: November 21st. Join the Downing family as they celebrate this milestone.

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Business News....



CONDO SALES AT THE HOLIDAY INN

It has been announced that the new building almost finished at the Holiday Inn will not be regular hotel rooms but owner owned vacation rental condominiums.

Engel & Volkers will be handling the sale at the newly named Harbourside at Marker 33 — a 57 unit, 8 story vacation condominium development next to the Holiday Inn Harbourside at 399 2nd Street on Indian Rocks Beach. The family friendly waterfront condos feature the new waterpark called Splash Harbor with a Pirate Ship, two 42' water slides, a 600 foot Lazy River, concession stand, a gift shop, a splash pad, dumping bucket and a mine for gems and shark teeth.

With views of the Gulf of Mexico and the intracoastal waterway, these resort-style condos have 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and many include dens— ranging from 1,200 – 1,600 square feet. Units start at \$350,000. Contact Steve Kepler at 727-647-6696 or Bridget Cortes at 813-404-3847 of Engel & Volkers for information and to view units. Visit www.harboursideatmarker33.com for information, updates and to view photos.

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NEW LOOK FOR WINE SHOP

Owners Brian and Cheryl Franzese remodeled Belleair Bluff's Bella Vino Wine Market. The new look includes a 12-bottle Cruvinet Wine system, a new wine and beer cooler, a larger cheese case, an expanded bar and seating area, custom cabinets, larger tables, lighting, trim, a designer accent wall...and more. They now offer 24 wines by the glass, so drop by Bella Vino's to see the changes first hand and enjoy a glass off wine or take home a bottle or two. Bella Vino Wine Bar is located at 100 Indian Rocks Road North in The Plaza.



EDWARD JONES MOVING Brenda Ehrke moved her Edward Jones office, but not far, just a block east to 2450 West Bay Drive, across from the Wells Fargo.

WE WANT YOUR NEWS Are you moving, expanding or planning an event at your business? We want to know. If you have news or story suggestions, email them to Bob@GriffinDirectories.com or call us at 727-517-1997

More Business News....

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

Construction is making life difficult for businesses at the corner of Gulf Blvd and Walsingham Rd. The entire intersection is torn up, primarily on the southeast corner near the Sand Dollar Plaza. There have also been road closures. How are the businesses coping?



"It's a mess but we are surviving," says Craig Severson, owner of Tropical Ice Cream. "My September business is down 20% over last year. But the workers and project managers have been doing all they can to keep my place accessible. Most of my customers walk up."

"Business is slower than normal, but it always is this time of the year," says Frank, the owner of Ride N Roll Bikes. "People don't think we are open and sometimes there is no place to park on the Walsingham side of our building. But, it is always slow this time of the year with school in session and no snow birds here yet."

"The situation there is awkward with all the barrels in front of our store," says Matt Loder, owner of Crabby Bill's and Jake's Cantina. "We are blessed that Jake's is doing very well in IRB. But it has certainly been difficult for customers, pedestrians and drivers to navigate the area. We are looking forward to the completion of the project and improved accessibility."

The six month construction job is predicted to be done by the end of the year.

CHIROPRACTOR MOVES OFFICE

Dr. Kim Nolan moved her chiropractic business off the beach. She has practiced on the beach for years and has many Indian Rocks Beach clients. She wants them to know she is still close by so please come visit! Her new office is 11580 Oakhurst Road in Largo near the Wendy's and behind Walgreens. Call her at 269-1808.



CORRECTION The new t-shirt shop being built between CVS and Slyce Pizza is going to be a Beach Zone, not a Surf Styles, although very similar.

BEACHSIDE FRESH MARKET Soon they will offer quality local Craft Beers and a great wine selection with a small vineyard focus, at the store. It will partner well with their hand-crafted cured meats and fine imported cheeses. The market now offers some of the best gourmet deli sandwiches on the beach and as the weather continues to cool, look for fresh seasonal soups made in-house every day. In addition, they developed a line of raw smoothies made to order from the same fresh fruits and vegetables they carry in the market. Not powders of artificial flavors, just pure fruit and vegetables.

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TAPS ON THE BEACH

For nearly a year, Ken Deka drives 20 minutes to the beach to the County Park in Indian Rocks Beach to play "Taps" on his bugle exactly at sunset. Traveling from Largo, Deka shows up about an hour early and walks the beach. Many regular beachgoers recognize him and thank him for his nightly performance.

"I used to access the beach at 27th Avenue, but there is very little parking there," Deka says. "So, I moved my base of operations to the County Park at 18th."

Deka, originally from South Bend, IN, joined the Army right out of high school and served for three years. He and his brother are both proud Vietnam veterans.

After his service, Deka went to school and received a degree in computer science. He worked as a computer programmer for about 25 years and is now retired.

Deka never played in a band; he learned to play the bugle at home as a kid. "I liked it because it was loud," he says. He was a military veteran, as was his late brother. They both served in Vietnam in the late 1960s. "While in the military, I always noticed the reaction of the crowd when someone played "Taps," at funerals and sunsets."

"A kid came up to me the other day and asked me why I do this. I told him, in the military you hear "Taps" every night--my favorite time of the day," Deka says. "For me, it was always a nice, quiet and peaceful time. It gives you a minute to stop and think. A lot of guys did not make it home alive. It makes you remember that our Freedom is not really Free."

"Taps" is a 24-note melody normally played on the bugle or the trumpet. It was written for bugle which is the simplest brass instrument with no valves and no means of changing pitch other than the player's mouth. Therefore, "Taps" is composed of a limited range of notes.

Traditionally sounded during military flag ceremonies and funerals including the wreath ceremonies conducted at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier each year, "Taps" is also sounded nightly in military installations. It is often used by American Military schools, the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other youth groups when sitting near their campfires at night.



TAPS

From the hills, from the lake,
From the sky.
All is well, safely rest,
God is nigh.
Go to sleep, peaceful sleep,
May the soldier or sailor,
God keep.
On the land or the deep,
Safe in sleep.
Love, good night, Must thou go,
When the day, And the night
Need thee so?
All is well. Speedeth all
To their rest.
Fades the light; And afar
Goeth day, And the stars
Shineth bright,
Fare thee well; Day has gone,
Night is on.
Thanks and praise, For our days,
'Neath the sun, Neath the stars,
'Neath the sky,
As we go, This we know,
God is nigh.

The name "Taps" is a variation of the word "taptoe" derived from the Dutch word "taptoe" which means "close the beer taps" and send them back to camp. At one time, the military used three single, slow drum beats to signal lights out. It was known as "Drum Taps" or simply "Taps."

During the Civil War, the tune was known as the "Scott Tattoo" as it was arranged by Union Army General Daniel Butterfield which explains why it is sometimes called "Butterfield's Lullaby."

Butterfield came up with the melody to replace a previous "lights out" bugle call used by the French. He hummed the tune to his bugler, Oliver Wilcox Norton, who perfected it. Within months, "Taps" was used by both Union and Confederate troops.

In 1862, Captain John C. Tidball, a member of the Union forces, began the custom of playing "Taps" at military funerals when one of his corporals died in action. They were not allowed to perform the normal three-gun salute, due to the close proximity of the Confederate Army. Tidball suggested playing "Taps" instead. It was soon taken up by others and by 1874 it was officially recognized by the United States Army.

"I did not get serious about the bugle or playing "Taps" until my brother died. He loved to hear too." Deka adds. "A sunset is beautiful to watch and "Taps" is a beautiful song to go with it. It is the perfect way to end a day and to remember someone you love. I guarantee, every veteran on the beach feels like standing at attention and saluting while I play."

When he starts to play, almost everyone stops and stands at attention in silence. As the last note sounds, they applaud his performance.

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By Stephanie Schlageter, Radiance Medspa



Retail locations begin promoting holiday sales and décor in October, so why not start planning for your holiday good looks too? Whether it's a vow to treat yourself as well as you treat others this season or the anticipation of annual visits with friends and family, minimally-invasive medical cosmetic treatments can have you feeling thankful, jolly and in the holiday spirit.

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HEALTHY EATING STARTS AT THE GROCERY STORE

Grocery shopping can be overwhelming and many shoppers find themselves opting for a quick meal, instead of venturing into fresher, more nutritious ingredients. What you put in your body has a significant effect on your physique. That's why anyone who wants to be healthier should adopt a clean, whole foods diet, said nutrition expert and trainer Julia Zammito, who owns Total Body Results.

Those new to eating clean might have trouble adjusting without someone guiding them. Once a month, Zammito offers a free tour of the Publix grocery store at 13031 Walsingham Road, Largo.

"Most often, people do not know what to eat for overall health & weight loss. The grocery store tour teaches you how to read labels, check for chemicals in ingredients, specific shopping tips and includes a seven-page handout with a list of with my top picks and recipes," Zammito explains.

Zammito suggests a healthy everyday diet incorporates fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean meats. "We really touch on ingredients and label reading. Labels are important, however, being able to distinguish ingredients within a product is essential. People are very surprised with what's actually in the foods they consume," says Zammito.

Zammito has one universal rule for anyone looking to eat healthier: drop the processed foods. "This means planning your meals so you're not tempted by junk foods," she says. "You want to become label-reading experts, because often what you think is healthy is not. Avoid artificial sweeteners – particularly high fructose corn syrup – sugar, hydrogenated oils, trans fats and high levels of sodium.

"For those who aren't used to incorporating a variety of vegetables into their diet, it won't take long for your body to

crave them," she said. "The more fruits and vegetables that you eat, the more your body wants."

As for whether things should be organic, that's a personal choice, she said. "If you want to go organic, go for it." She does provide attendees of her tour with a list of the Dirty Dozen – pesticide-laden fruits and veggies that should be organic – and the Clean 15 – the fruits and veggies lowest in pesticides.

"Tofu and other soy products should always be organic," Zammito states. "You should buy organic meat and dairy, too, because you get antibiotics and hormones directly from the animals." Although, she does stress how dangerous and unhealthy red meats are, suggesting people replace it with ground chicken or turkey. "People also should decrease the amount of dairy they ingest," she adds. "Organic Soy, coconut and nut milks are a great alternative."

Healthy Eating becomes easier with time. It's forming habits. "Our taste buds are like a muscle and with time become stronger. When you begin to eat "real" food, it won't take long for your body to crave real food," Zammito concludes.

Julia Zammito has over 17 years of experience in the Health & Fitness industry. She is the owner of Total Body Results, offering group personal training programs. She is on a mission to inspire & educate as many people as possible on how to eat healthy for overall health and weight loss. For information or to register for a trial workout or consult, visit TotalBodyResults.com or call 727-709-3854



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HISTORICAL MUSEUM NEWS

Fall Potluck luncheon - The historical society's fall potluck luncheon is Saturday, November 14 at noon. You need not be a member to participate! Just bring a dish to share, and plan to enjoy traditional potluck food and good fellowship at the museum. Bill Wallace from the Clearwater Historical Society will be presenting a pictorial talk on the history of Clearwater – or "Clear Water" as it was originally known – as they celebrate 100 years as a city.

This is a good time of year to visit the museum "just for the fun of it." Stop by the gift shop to select gifts with a local flavor, like the ever popular Plein Aire Cottage Artists calendar. The artists generously donate calendars to the historical society so that proceeds from sales can benefit the museum. Also available is a selection of local history books including "Indian Rocks As It Was," and "Tampa Bay's Gulf Beaches" that make great gifts.

If you like history and enjoy meeting people, consider becoming a museum volunteer. It's easy and fun! We're open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can work one day a month or more as your schedule permits. Call Carol McGlaughlin at 595-9741 for more information.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Joe Gillespie is the 2015-16 President. He has been a member of the group for some time.

Finding and scheduling volunteers is the primary function of the Friends of the Library group. Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday mornings (9-1) and afternoons (1-5). People are needed at the circulation desk and to interact with their visitors.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Jean Scott at 595-1531 for information

BEACH COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

by Connie Curran

Its that time of the year again, when the holidays are right around the corner. For most of us its a joyous time thinking of holiday meals with family and friends. But at the food pantry, we are serving over six hundred families a month who come in for food and we are finding our donations are very low this year.

I am asking that at this time of the year, if you could donate some extra items, so we may be able to help the families in need. They are always so very appreciated we also except monetary donations. From all of us at the beach community food pantry. Thank you for helping us throughout the year and especially at the holidays. May you all have a blessed holiday season.

If you would like to volunteer at the pantry call Connie at 737-3767.

FRIENDS OF IRB DOG PARK

They are enjoying a busy fall schedule. Their meetings are held the second Tuesday every month at the comfortable Historical Museum. At the most recent meeting, the guest speaker was Dr. Al Paredes DVM from the Sun-Surf Animal Hospital. He addressed the care of senior dogs as well as answered questions from the members. The meeting introduced their new logo, a banner, mugs, and t-shirts.

At Oktoberfest, they had a very busy booth with members handing out a variety of dog treats, selling raffle tickets for a Munchies gift basket and offering a punch game for kids. The best part was meeting so many people who loved dogs and wanted to join their group.

With the snowbirds coming soon, they are preparing the park to be busy. There are extra doggie bag receptacles and a schedule for members to keep them filled. Their most important job though, is to try to help everyone enjoy our park and city.

SAVE YOUR SECONDS THRIFT STORE

The Church of the Isle's thrift store wants you to remember, they need your discarded clothes, furniture and other resalable items. The money they make from reselling these goods is used to fund many churches activities and outreach programs. Save Your Seconds is located across the street from the church at 210 25th Avenue. They are open 3 days a week: Tuesdays (10am to 2pm), Thursdays (5pm to 8pm), and Saturdays 10am to 2pm). Call 595-7769 for more information.

BOATING SAFETY COURSE OFFERED BY USCG AUXILIARY

USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 11-1 Clearwater is offering the "About Boating Safely" Class on Saturday and Sunday, November 14th and 15th, on the Morton Plant Hospital Campus, in the Cheek-Powell Heart and Vascular Pavilion, Second Floor, 455 Pinellas Street, Clearwater. Classes start promptly at 8 am. Parking is free. Unlike internet courses, the ABS Class is taught by certified USCGAUX instructors who can answer your questions and share their experiences about our local waters. Topics include: Boating Emergencies, Know Your Boat, Getting Underway, Navigating, Operating Your Boat Safely and Legal Requirements. All graduates receive a "Florida State Certification Card." Materials are \$35. For information and registration, contact Leslie Long, at (727) 469-8895, auxboatingclass@gmail.com

BEACH ART CENTER

Join them Friday, November 6th from 6 – 8 pm for the Red Bow: Holiday Exhibit and Sale opening reception. The exhibition features paintings, pottery, sculptures, photography, jewelry and more from emerging and award winning artists. Most pieces are under \$100. The media show runs until December 22nd and creates a unique shopping experience; provides a venue for artists to sell their work; and raises funds for the Beach Art Center at 1515 Bay Palm Blvd., Indian Rocks Beach, www.beachartcenter.org. 727.596.4331

LITTLE LEAGUE

Little League Fall Ball is almost over for 2015. They are now signing up kids up for 2016 Spring Ball.

Over 160 neighborhood children participated last year, with many volunteer coaches, umpires and concession stand workers.

Visit their web site at www.ETeamz.com/WestPinellas or fall Damon Hardiman, President at 574-399-9248.



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Restaurant News....

BONEFISH CHANGES The Bonefish Grill in Belleair has recently remodeled the interior of their restaurant. The new design offers a warm and elegant space that is sophisticated and inviting with new earthy tones, golden hardwood accents and embellished wood flooring. The main dining room showcases new bonefish sculpture made of stainless steel. Secondly, they have a new partner/manager, Niko Hales. Hales has been with Bonefish Grill for over seven years, most recently at the South Tampa Henderson store.



BACKWATERS VOTED BEST HAPPY HOUR The readers of the Beach Bee voted Backwater's Grill in Sand Key, as the Best Happy Hour in the area. Happy Hour lasts from 2 to 7pm with lots of food, including oysters, at happy hour prices. They celebrated their 15th year in Sand Key in August. Backwater's Grill is located in the Shoppes of Sand Key.

JEWEL CAFE NOW SERVING DINNER The Belleair Bluffs restaurant has added dinner three nights a week. The small cafe located behind the Belleair Market, now serves dinner Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 4 to 8pm. They feature Prime Rib on the weekends. Find the Jewel at 2601 Jewel Road.

THANKSGIVING AT MAGGIE MAE'S Thanksgiving is just a little under a month away, and it is time to make your plans. If you don't want to cook the people at Maggie Mae's will do it for you. For the first time, they are offering a prepared Thanksgiving meal for you to take home and serve for one, two or four people. The meal includes turkey and several sides. Costs vary but start at \$14. You must order in advance. Order by calling 724-4243. The restaurant has gone high tech with their new Text Messaging System which can send you coupons, specials and news to your cell phone. TEXT the word Maggie to 95361. Then reply "Y" when prompted. You will get a coupon for \$2 off just for signing up. If you text the word "EAT" to 95361 you will receive weekly special offers.



CLEARWATER MARINA RESTAURANT CHANGES Frank Chivas and Baystar are moving full speed ahead and hope to open Marina Cantina by the end of the year. In the meantime, they are building a second restaurant on the ground level to replace the Marina Restaurant that was in the marina buildings on the west end. It will have indoor and outdoor seating and be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. It should be open about the same time the Marina Cantina opens. Chivas is also building a fresh fish market on the end of the building that will supply his restaurant and be open to the public.

Restaurant News....

LOS MEXICANOS REOPENS The Los Mexicanos Restaurant on Gulf Blvd. in Indian Rocks Beach closed in early September due to a kitchen fire. They have repaired the damage and are now open again for business as usual.



SUSHI COMING AND GOINGS OISHII Fondue Hotpot & Sushi Bar in Largo Mall unexpectedly closed this fall. There is no word on when or if the restaurant will reopen. The long awaited Osaka Sushi and Thai Restaurant finally opened in Seminole. They closed their original store in Madeira when their building was sold. Find them at 13800 Park Blvd.

SWEET IRB DOES THE BAKING FOR YOU If you don't want to spend hours making your Thanksgiving baked goods, Sweet IRB is accepting Holiday Orders. They are offering more things than we can list here, but some items include: Gluten Free Options, Cinnamon Slabs, 9 or 10 inch Pies, Cakes, Custom orders, Cobblers, and Trays of Sweets. The retail store will be open every day Thanksgiving week, including 8:30 to 1:00 pm on Thanksgiving Day. You must order by November 23rd. Order online at sweetirb.com or call 444-0987.

NEW LOOK The interior of The Pub in Indian Shores has recently undergone a facelift. The inside bar has been expanded to almost three times what it was, with several high-def TVs to catch all the NFL games. They also expanded the gift shop. Plans to remodel and overhaul the three waterfront decks outside are on going. Learn more about The Pub at ThePubWaterfrontRestaurants.com.

JAZZY'S BBQ This new restaurant opened on South Ft. Harrison at the former Three Oaks Restaurant location. Owned by former Buccaneer Johnny Smith and his wife Pamela, it is their second location. Johnny, a cornerback for the Bucs in the 1980s, already has a Jazzy's BBQ is on Waters Avenue in Tampa. The menu is southern style food with more than just BBQ, and they cater. It is located at 1575 So. Ft Harrison. Get more information at Jazzy'sBBQ.com or call them at 223-5955.



FIREHOUSE SUBS GIVES BACK The Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue received \$24,000 from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation who provides funding to public safety organizations and first responders to purchase life-saving equipment. The funds will purchase Hurst eDravlics combination tools and Hurst Quick Struts to assist firefighters on the Rapid Intervention Team. Firehouse Subs has eight locations in Pinellas County, including the Largo Mall store which participated in a training and demo session of the new equipment.



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**"COOKING WITH CAUTION"
A recipe for a great holiday gathering**

By Marshall Eiss, Fire Inspector, Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue

Thanksgiving is a time for families and friends to gather and enjoy a meal together. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), it is also the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

With the activity in and around the kitchen, the NFPA recommends: keeping the floor clear so as not to trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags; staying in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food being prepared; checking on your turkey frequently and using timers to remind you when to remove food. Keeping anything that can catch fire – oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains away from the stovetop will help prevent fires.

Children like being involved in the food preparation and can be helpful if they use recipes that can be done outside of the kitchen. The NFPA also suggests the following rules for kids and holiday safe practices:

- Establish a "kid free zone" of at least three feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns!
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of the children.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children—up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone with a lit candle.
- Have activities for children like games, puzzles or books to keep them occupied and out of the kitchen area.

Following these few simple safety tips can help ensure a safe and happy holiday meal for all.

DONATED THANKSGIVING MEALS

Publix, the Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach, Calvary Episcopal Church's Beach Food Pantry, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department and the Suncoast Fire & Rescue squad combine forces to provide and deliver turkey dinners to about 50 nearby families in need. Each package is more than just a holiday meal. They include extras for leftovers and lunches during the holidays. The group has been doing this for over a dozen years.

The Rotary primarily pays for the food, which Publix provides at half price, then Publix prepares and packages the meals. Pinellas Sheriff officers and firefighters from Indian Rocks then deliver the meals to the designated families. Recipient households are chosen by the Sheriff's office and their community officers. The Beaches Food Pantry also assists with other donated items and some of the deliveries.

The Rotary creates the menu, while they "shop" for the best deal, with the Publix manager of the Indian Rocks Road store. The 50 hot meals cost about \$40 each requiring a \$2000 donation at Thanksgiving. The Rotary covers about 75% of the cost of the meals. Donations to the Holiday Meals program and the Beach Community Food Pantry cover the remainder.

They will do this again on Christmas and Easter.

PINELLAS TRAIL – A QUARTER-CENTURY OF PROGRESS

By Karen Williams Seel, Pinellas County Commissioner

A quarter-century of bike rides, runs, rollerblading and just enjoying the wonderful diversity Pinellas County has to offer. This month I am excited to share some highlights with you about the Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail as we celebrate the trail's 25th anniversary.



Some in our county use the Pinellas Trail as a daily means of commuting. For others, it's used to stay in shape, or just take in the outdoors. The county and partnering municipalities remain committed to continually improving this linear park for the enjoyment and benefit of the thousands of individuals who take advantage of our unique urban trail each year.

In 1990, the first 6-mile section of the Pinellas Trail opened along an abandoned CSX railroad right of way. Over the years it has grown to become a 47-mile greenway that takes cyclists, skaters, joggers and walkers from Pinellas County's southern tip to its northernmost point. The popularity of the first trail link from Taylor Park in Largo to Lake Seminole Park in Seminole prompted citizens to support funding for its expansion from St. Petersburg to Tarpon Springs with the passage of the Penny for Pinellas 1-cent local option sales tax.

The Pinellas Trail is a unique greenway corridor that runs through some of the county's most picturesque parks, scenic coastal areas and residential neighborhoods. The trail averages more than 70,000 users in any given month.

Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy deep glades of live oaks, trailing Spanish moss, quiet waterways and tidal streams, with all varieties of land and water birds. Ten overpasses and three underpasses aid trail goes in quickly and safely breezing above or below traffic at busy intersections.

The county's partnership with Pinellas Trails Inc., an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, has helped make the trail into a model of outdoor recreation. Whether you use it for a jog, a leisurely bike ride or a safe way to travel to work, the Pinellas Trail is a great benefit to our community. I hope you'll join me to partake in the beauty of our trail, whether biking, running or strapping on your blades and rolling like me.

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DELIGHTFULLY PUZZLING DALI EXHIBIT

The Dali Museum is electrifying audiences again with the new Escher at The Dali exhibit. The show highlights M.C. Escher, a renowned artist, whose visual illusions puzzle and delight audiences worldwide, and is best known for his "impossible constructions" and use of tessellation. Escher at The Dali adds yet another inspiring perspective for visitors, and will run through Jan 3, 2016, just prior to the Museum's grand opening of Disney & Dali: Architects of the Imagination.

On loan from the Herakleidon Museum in Athens, Greece, this robust exhibition features 135 works covering Escher's entire artistic career. The show includes an array of the artist's most famous works such as "Drawing Hands," "Reptiles" and "Waterfall" alongside rarely exhibited early drawings of family members, panoramas of exotic landscapes and historic architecture of Italy and Spain, original preparatory sketches, mezzotints and more.

"Escher, like Dali, played in a serious way with that fundamental question of visual art – What is real? Is the world as it looks to be, or have I constructed an illusion in my mind? Escher delights every viewer with his visual sleights of hand," said Dr. Hank Hine, Dali Museum Executive Director.

Special exhibitions, including "Escher at The Dali," are included in the price of Museum admission along with complimentary audio guides; private, docent-led tours are available for a fee and upon advanced reservation. For advance-purchase tickets visit TheDali.org/tickets. To book a private tour, call (727) 628-4778. The Dali Museum is located at One Dali Boulevard, St. Petersburg. For additional information contact 727-823-3767 or visit TheDali.org.

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IRB ROTARY NEWS
"Service on the Rocks"

Submitted by David Kline
13TH ANNUAL "BIG GAME" RAFFLE DRAWING

Autumn is in the air and football on every level is in full swing! The Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach is excited to roll out the 13th edition of our "Big Game Raffle." Once again, this years Grand Prize winner will attend one of the sporting world's most popular events---and professional football's biggest game!

The "Golden 50th Big Game" will be held on February 7, 2016 at beautiful Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, CA. The grand prize winner will receive two tickets to the big game, four nights lodging in nearby Pleasanton, CA, and \$1000 spending money. The second prize winner will receive \$1000 cash and third prize winner will receive \$500.

Raffle chances are only \$5 each or 5 for \$20 (our most popular choice). You can obtain your raffle chances from any Rotarian or by contacting David Kline (727-418-1673) or Milt Johnson (727-517-3435). For more "Big Game Raffle" info, visit www.indian-rocks-rotary.org.

Join us for an afternoon of football, food and fun at this year's Grand Prize Drawing party on December 13th at Slyce Pizza Bar on Gulf Blvd. in Indian Rocks. The party starts at 2:30 pm and goes until the winners are drawn at 5:30 pm. Slyce has graciously agreed to provide food and drink specials during the party. Our friends at Slyce support many events in Indian Rocks throughout the year and we encourage everyone to support Slyce Pizza Bar by visiting their great restaurant and patio bar!

Community support of this and other IRB Rotary events throughout the year benefit the good works of Rotary, both locally, nationally and globally. Funds raised by this and other Rotary events are fully invested in many humanitarian projects such as Rotary's global initiative to eliminate polio (Polio Plus), Pinellas Habitat for Humanity, the John J. Todia III Scholarship Fund, Pinellas Education Foundation, Beach Community Food Pantry, Elementary School Dictionary Project, Beach Art Center and many other endeavors.

FALL AND WINTER ROTARY PROJECTS

Rocktoberfest: IRB Rotary wishes to thank all of the sponsors who supported the very successful Rocktoberfest event that took place at Seminole City Park on October 17. We sincerely appreciate all of you. We partnered with the Seminole Lake Rotary club to raise funds for numerous Rotary humanitarian projects.

Holiday Meals Program: IRB Rotary is partnering once again with our friends at Publix grocery store and the Pinellas County Sheriff's office to provide holiday meals for those in the community who need help for the holidays. Our thanks go out to Publix and PCSO for their support and also to the community, whose support of our fundraisers make this possible.

Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing: One Saturday every December, IRB Rotary staffs the Salvation Army donation kettle at the Indian Rocks Road Publix. Come say hello and support the charitable works of the Salvation Army.

Adopt-a Mile: Every quarter, IRB Rotarians are out early on a Saturday morning picking up trash from one end of Gulf Blvd to the other. Please honk or wave as you drive by to let us know you support the good works of Rotary.

Please visit our website (www.indian-rocks-rotary.org) for more information on our club and its projects.

AN ARMY OF BELL RINGERS

By Bob Griffin, Publisher

Kenneth Baylor has been ringing bells for the Salvation Army for the last three years. He loves the job. Not only does he like getting paid, but he loves talking to people.

Baylor was ringing his bell at the Publix on Indian Rocks Road in Largo one Tuesday last year when I caught up with him, but he may be somewhere else on any given Wednesday, Thursday or any day thereafter. Baylor is paid minimum wage and reports to whichever location he is assigned. He does not have a car, and has to take the bus to the Belcher Road Salvation Army outlet. Once there, he gets in a van that will take him to one of the dozen stations in county. Once there, he will work a 6-hour shift and then time someone else arrives to take his place. At the end of the day he earns about \$50.

The Bell Ringers can be found at major retail outlets, such as Publix, Wal-Mart, Sams Club, Winn-Dixie, Walgreens stores and even Westfield Countryside Mall, but not all of the Bell Ringers are being paid. The Salvation Army has an army of volunteers, too. Volunteers range from housewives to businessmen in suits and ties. Baylor says sometimes at the height of the shopping season, he can bring in as much as \$500 in a day, if it is a good location.

"We have over 45 outlets that have to be covered with usually two shifts a day," says Captain Zack Bell, commander of the North Pinellas Salvation Army center. "They are out there from 10am to 8pm, 7 days a week. We also have volunteer groups. Businesses, churches, schools and the Rotary clubs help a lot." Between volunteers and paid employees, they cover these locations from Thanksgiving through Christmas which totals about 2500 shifts to be filled during the holiday season.

"We have two types of Bell Ringers," Bell explains. "We have the paid people who are seasonal employees. We have about 40 of those. The rest of the shifts though are filled with our army of volunteers. The fact that we do not have to pay them, helps our money go further."

The Salvation Army started in London in 1865 by one-time Methodist minister William Booth. and was charged with a mission of education, relief of poverty, and other charitable objects beneficial to society and the community as a whole. The organization reports a worldwide membership of over 1.5 million soldiers, officers and members known as *Salvationists*. The current world leader is General Andre Cox.

"Our Bell Ringers brought in over \$300,000 in just North Pinellas County last year," says Capt. Bell. "That is our goal again for 2015. People do not know the thousands of local families that we help here just in Pinellas County." If you have time to ring the bell for Christmas, call the local Salvation Army at 725-9777 and ask for Gerry.



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THINK GREEN DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Who doesn't like to receive presents, decorate trees and homes and deck the halls during the holidays? While traditions help keep the season merry, the gift wrap, garland and holiday trees often end up taking up space at the Solid Waste facility once the season is over.

Pinellas County challenges holiday revelers to begin another tradition: "reduce, reuse and recycle" to trim holiday waste. Some simple holiday tips can help keep this season green:

- Give an eco-friendly present such as a gift card, zoo pass, event ticket or fishing license instead of items that will ultimately be thrown away.
- Consider buying items with less packaging.
- Buy rechargeable instead of disposable, batteries, for electronic holiday gifts.
- Give the gift of time, such as a lunch invitation or a picnic at the beach.
- Bring a reusable bag, or skip the bag when shopping for the holidays.
- Look for recycled content when buying items such as greeting cards.
- Make room for new items by collecting clothes, toys or household items to donate to charities.
- Cancel any unneeded mail order catalogs by calling the company's customer service office.
- Buy wrapping paper made of only paper. Foil paper or paper with glitter can not be recycled.
- Reuse holiday gift bags, tissue paper, ribbons and bows.
- Reuse packing materials including boxes and plastic peanuts or take the peanuts to a shipping store for reuse (some stores take bubble wrap too).
- Have a recycling bin for cans and bottles at your holiday party.
- Entertain with reusable dishes, silverware and cloth napkins instead of disposable items.
- Replace Christmas lights with energy-efficient LED lights.
- Recycle flattened cardboard boxes
- Recycle holiday papers such as used gift wrap (foil paper or paper with glitter goes into the trash), tissue paper or greeting cards.
- Clearwater's grease recycling program is free. just put your leftover cooking greases, oils, meat drippings, and bacon fats in a non-recyclable container and bring it to the recycling drop-off center at 1701 N. Hercules Ave. It is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Recycle Christmas trees at your curbside.

BELLEAIR GARDEN CLUB

The club features a monthly tea & general meeting on the first Wednesday of the month 1:00 pm, as well as horticulture programs on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am at the Belleair Garden Club at 903 Ponce de Leon Blvd., in the Town of Belleair.

Wednesday November 18, 10:30am at the Pinellas County Extension Services, 12520 Ulmerton Rd, Largo. The program topic is Herbal and Tropical Fruit Garden Tour. It is followed by lunch at Noon at Guppy's, 1701 Gulf Blvd, Indian Rocks Beach (self-pay).

Wednesday December 16, 11:30am is the Holiday Party and Holiday Gardening with lunch at the Belleair Country Club (prepayment required).

Club membership is \$50 per year, couples, \$55 and seasonal members, \$25. Guests are welcome. Contact President, Laura Katz, 581-4153 Gbycwm@Yahoo.com.

ELIANE HANSELMAN
25 Years at the IRB Library

For Eliane Hanselman, the library was her life. Eliane (pronounced el-e-anna) loved living in Indian Rocks Beach and loved volunteering at the IRB Library even more. When she began volunteering, there was no hired librarian. She was one of many who unlocked the doors each morning and locked it up at night. Her fellow volunteers said she worked five days a week--with no pay.



She was born in France in 1925. Eliane served in the French Army during WW II. She met her husband George, while in France and they eventually moved to Michigan. A homemaker who raised two sons, she loved playing tennis and reading, especially biographies.

"Eliane did not speak any English at first," says her younger son, George Jr. "But she did learn to read English and then to speak it.

The family moved to Indian Rocks Beach in 1977 and bought a house on 10th Avenue. She went to the library to check out books for her husband to read and one day asked the volunteers there if they needed any help. She became a volunteer at the Library about 1979 and was a founding member of the Friends of the Library, the group of volunteers who ran the Library.

"I thought she was fantastic. She had a heavy French accent. She primarily worked in the back room where they organized everything and ordered new books. She was always cataloging. She had no college degree, she but knew how to do everything. She worked at the library for at least 25 years until they hired Jane Mitchell a full time paid librarian. The IRB Library was her life. It was her second home," remembers Phyllis Montgomery, Volunteer

"Her husband's sister was a librarian in Michigan and that probably influenced her to get involved down here," says George Jr.

"When I started volunteering, Eliane was already there. She was a very diligent worker. But she always wanted to do things herself. She seldom wanted to delegate. She was always there, 4 to 5 days a week, especially after her husband George died in 1991," says Bets Driscoll a long time Friend of the Library volunteer.

George Sr. died in February of 1991. Eliane passed away August 29th, She was 89.

GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN

Pinellas County Schools will hold their annual Great American Teach-In Wednesday, Nov 18. Members of the community are invited into the schools for an hour, a few class periods or the whole day. Participants may tell students about a career, hobby or personal experience; organize an activity; read a story; or teach a class. Teach-In participants will see Pinellas County public schools and students firsthand. Contact the school where you would like to volunteer for information or call the district's Office of Strategic Partnerships at 727-588-6405.

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