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The Gondolier is published 10 months of the year. The paper newsletter will be delivered at the end of the month to Deb Cinco's home during the summer. Vol-unteers are needed to distribute them in the park. If you are interested in being a courier, contact the Activities Comm- vpeact@gmail.com

John & JoEllen Wuerzburger, Louise Novak handle the VPE website: www.VPEonline.com
The Electronic newsletter can be viewed on this website through the Gondolier link at the beginning of the month. Remember, July/Aug issue is combined.

If you wish to have the paper Gondolier sent to your northern address, please contact Activities at vpeact@gmail.com. You will be given further instructions regarding postage, etc.

CORNHOLE

Cornhole equipment is available to all residents and their guests to use anytime they wish.



The boards and bags are stored in an all weather container located behind the club-house on the back patio area.

The Cornhole "court" area is located just outside the pool fence on the east side of the pool by the sidewalk. There are new concrete pads for tossing the bags. The boards are available to all. We just ask that the equipment be used in the designated area and not be taken to anyone's home.

GOLF ROUNDUP

by Jim Tomes



Another year of great golf was enjoyed by the members of VPE. Thirteen golfers: Mike Anderson, Gary Convrey and his guest Bryan, Larry Dunn, Al Genestra, Allen Largent, Alan Nelson, Louise Novak, Jack Ormiston, JimTomes, Betty Turnbull, Jim Tilton, and Jim Wood got together to play golf at the Village Green Golf Course. For the scramble windup the Tilton team came away with the best score for the day while Mike Anderson and Al Genestra won the honor of hitting the ball closest to the hole - great shots by both of them! Alan Nelson had the best score this year of 33 for 9 holes. That's just 4 over par. Well done Alan! Jim Wood was the most improved golfer moving down from his 44 average score in 2020 to 41 this year. That may not sound like a lot but most of the other golfers are getting higher average scores as they age. 🤔 Thanks Everyone for coming out, great camaraderie and fun while golfing. I look forward to starting up our league next year. The VPE golf league will start on the second Tuesday in January (Jan 9, 2024) and everyone interested in playing golf is welcome. Until then enjoy summer golf and may all your drives be straight.



Alan Nelson: best score this year of 33 for 9 holes.



Jim Wood: most improved golfer in 2023



RECIPE OF THE MONTH



by Cheryl Smith

These potatoes have trended all over social media but this version is my favorite. They have a golden crunchy crust and a cheesy garlicky flavor. A bonus is they are super easy to make.

Parmesan Crusted Potatoes

- 5 – 6 medium potatoes
- 3 T. extra virgin olive oil
- 2 large garlic cloves, finely minced
- 1 small handful parsley leaves, finely chopped
- 1 ½ C. freshly grated Parmigiana Reggiano
- Pinch red pepper flakes
- Sea salt



Into a small bowl add the olive oil, garlic, parsley, salt, red pepper flakes and half of the cheese. Mix together well. This is the marinade and will be a thick paste.

Slice the potatoes in half, then score them by making slits on the inside pieces, without cutting all the way through. Then make slits the other way, crossing over the first slits. Put the potatoes into the marinade and coat them on both sides. Now dip the cut side of the potatoes into the remaining Parmesan cheese to make a crispy crust. Coat the bottom of a baking dish with olive oil and put the potatoes cut-side down in a single layer. Brush on any leftover marinade. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 – 50 minutes.

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE



by Deb Cinco

April is here along with your new committee members. Our Coffee hour on the 8th hosted 60 participants. It is great to see so many so late in the season. Along with that we hosted 69 people at our Easter dinner.

There were 35 people that returned the survey for activities. We would like to thank you for your input. The top 5 responses were #1 coffee hour, #2 Guest entertainment, #3 Welcome back party, #4 Themed evening, #5 Strawberry Social, picnic, food/ice cream truck. We will try to incorporate as many of these activities as possible.

We have the Kentucky Derby on May 6th. This event will be chaired by Irv Rubin. Ladies, remember to make sure you wear your best-dressed hat, and everyone else come and enjoy pizza and ice cream. The coffee on May 13th will feature a speaker from Town Square Sarasota Senior Day Care. The next meeting of the Activities Committee is Oct 11, 2023

The 2023-24 planning season has begun. It's not too late to make your ideas known. The committee has a new communication tool; it's own email. Feel free to contact them at: VPEACT@GMAIL.COM

You can volunteer to chair events, bring new ideas and be involved.

Winter Season will be here before you know it...the committee welcomes all suggestions for entertainment/fun/food events.



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seated from left: Deb Cinco, Bobbi Clay, Jan Coble, Cathy Censki



BINGO!!



by Bonni Andrews

No new news with Bingo. We are having nice crowds and even some new players. But let me talk about the best part of Bingo. We have some wonderful ladies who know how to please our hungry tribe. Every week many of the players walk in with some delicious platters for us to munch on. Anyway, once more, I'm putting this out there. We need someone to step up and take over Bingo. We are done for the season on May 16th. If no one steps up..we will have no Bingo next season. I will be around to help anyone interested in learning. My phone number is 609-304-3431. Bonni and committee.



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GETTING TO KNOW YOU



by CD for Amy Newman

Several weeks ago Ray & I spent a delightful few hours with Linda and Ken Boughton, residents of Ca D Oro Dr for 26 years. They purchased their winter home here in 1997, after many visits to her parents, Bill and Margaret

Peters. I first heard from them that Sarasota was a little bit of paradise.

Both were born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada where they attended Elmwood High School and are still Legacy Fund members. Ken was Linda's high school basketball /volleyball coach. Ken was invited to the AHL Cleveland Barons hockey training camp. Sadly, an injury kept him from pursuing a hockey career. Ken attended the University of Manitoba receiving a degree in labor management. He was employed in Parks and Recreation at the city of Winnipeg, retiring in 1994 after 33 years of service in operations, personnel and as safety officer. Linda was an educator, teaching all grades K-12, first as a physical education teacher and ending her career as a first grade teacher.

Ken and Linda began dating after high school, have been married for 58 years. They have 3 children and 5 grandchildren aged 14-24. They livestream their grandkids hockey and volleyball games and watch from Sarasota.

They are very generous with their time and talents... Ken coached hockey, served as president of the Winnipeg Recreation Community Club, and was founding member and president of the Whiteshell

Snowmobile Club. While Linda served as president of the P.E.O.(Philanthropic Educational Organization) at the local and provincial levels. She was also active with Ken in the Community Club and served as founding member and chair of the Legacy Fund at Elmwood High School.

They spend 6 months in FL and 6 months at their beloved lake in Manitoba. Always active, they enjoy boating, fishing, water sports. Linda makes beautiful gardens in both locations. Every winter she plants the tops of pineapples and grows new plants which yield fruit. Ken uses his snowmobile in the winter, Linda does cross country skiing but prefers to be in her southern paradise at that time. For many years, Ken would return home in the winter months to join in the fun.

One of their favorite stories includes being part of the Tuesday happy hour at the pool. Ken and neighbor Jake Jacobsen started this impromptu event 7 or 8 years ago. Some of the women, who were on the opposite side of the pool decided to start one for themselves. A tradition was born. Their sentiment concerning Sarasota; "we're so blessed to live here. We have paradise here and paradise there (in Canada)."



Linda and Ken Boughton



2023-2024 VPE BOARD



From top left: Paul Censki, Jeff Edelmann, Mike Anderson, Tracy Clay, John Wuerzburger
Seated from left: Irv Rubin, Louise Novak, Pat McGee, Jay Andrews

Gondola Dr. Sarasota. email: lgreymond@yahoo.com

He was recently hospitalized and is home now and improving. The Reymond's send a big thank you for everyone who helped while Gary was in the hospital. Neighbors and friends delivered meals, shopped, and stayed with Linda and helped when Gary came home.

"Thank goodness we live in VPE!"...from Linda and Gary

Gloria Lemon is home now following her recovery after a fall. She has enjoyed the cards and phone calls from well wishers. Her daughter Penny thanks all for their prayers.



Stop in for a visit at their home 2236 Gondola Dr. Phone: Penny 941-822-2003 Gloria 941-451-9802.

It is with great sadness that we learn of the death of Pat Ojala on 4/19/23, daughter Danielle at her side. She died from complications of cancer. She was well loved by all who knew her. Pat and her husband Ray, who passed suddenly several years ago, always had smiles for everyone. She volunteered at many events here, serving on the activities committee, and playing Mrs. Claus at our parties Pat's courage and determination to live her best life despite her diagnosis has been an inspiration to all. We send loving care, our prayers and comfort to her beloved daughter.

Danielle is requesting privacy at this time; no food or visits. Cards may be sent to their address: 2221 Piazza Dr. Sarasota, FL 34238.



Manny and Donna Lejuene accepting a gift card from the people of VPE in appreciation for everything he has done for us. His latest contribution, painting the clubhouse interior. Thank you Manny and all volunteers who assisted with this task.

Jeff Paumbo expressed it best:

Heartbroken over the passing of a dear friend who became like a sister to me. But relieved in knowing that she is in the glory of God's love, and that the suffering is over.

I'll never forget your kindness and love, my friend 🌹❤️ Prayers for peace and strength to Danielle, her amazing daughter. 🙏❤️



Pat and her dear friend Jeff



SUNSHINE NEWS

by Cassie Dionne

Sending sunshine to Gary Reymond who was recently in the hospital. He is home now. Cards and well wishes: 2249

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- 4 Kendall Saillor
- 5 Josette Largent
- 6 Natalie Fortin
- 10 Ken Allen
- 11 Jim Woods
Julie Weiss
Mike Ballenger
- 12 Tonda Eastman
- 14 Lynn Kannapinn
- 15 Gary Eastman
- 22 Judy Weber
- 30 Sue Schwan
- 31 Kenny Deer



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Robyn Hogan
- 4 Denise Achin
- 5 Naomi Roberts-Stumpf
- 7 Dennis Banash
Louise Novak
- 14 Irv Rubin
- 16 Allen Alexander
- 22 Jackie Walker
- 29 Cindy Kirby



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Ivan and Joan Lemke



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Mike and Carol Anderson
Chuck and Sue Loolen
- 4 Richard and Cindy Kirby
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- 9 Ron and Betty Trumball
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The results of our painting class: Pictured top left to right: Joyce Morgan, teacher, Denise Achin, Bonnie Ryan, Lee Kohlmeier, Cheryl Smith. Bottom left to right: Fran Patterson, Terry Deer, Sue Schwan, MaryJo Zajeski, Della Merritt, and Linda Boughton. Not pictured, Gina Miller. Many thanks to Joyce for a fun class!



Thank you to all those who participated in the ALS Walk in supporting Team JOAN and the fight to defeat ALS. The walk was held April 15 at Payne Park.

GRANDMA'S APRON

Author unknown submitted by Gina Miller
 Something I found in my mom's papers.



The principle use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a holder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears and on occasion was even used for cleaning out little ears. From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids. And when the weather was cold, Grandma wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood oven.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields for dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "old time apron" that served so many purposes.

BAD DAD JOKES

- Q. Why do fish live in salt water?
- A. Because pepper would make them sneeze!

- Q. Which letter of the alphabet is the coolest?
- A. Iced T

- Q. What do you get when you combine an elephant with a fish?
- A. Swimming trunks

- Q. Why do fish like to eat worms?
- A. Because they get hooked on them.





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May Crossword

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- 6. Stinging insects
- 10. Cubes
- 14. Saltwater
- 15. Wash
- 16. Frosts, as a cake
- 17. Lightning units
- 18. You bake with it
- 19. Flippers
- 20. They taste like sugar
- 22. Celebration
- 23. Scarlet
- 24. Utilizers
- 26. Gasoline
- 30. Beau
- 32. Impressive display
- 33. Revolutionary War figures
- 37. Legal claim
- 38. Bodily cavity
- 39. Adopted son of Claudius
- 40. Young trees
- 42. Group of eight
- 43. Desert watering holes
- 44. Lubricant
- 45. Explosive devices
- 47. Purge
- 48. French for "End"
- 49. Companion
- 56. Nile bird
- 57. Colored part of the eye
- 58. French for "Red"
- 59. Blackthorn
- 60. Dispatched
- 61. Made a mistake
- 62. Be inclined
- 63. Swine
- 64. Feints

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DOWN

- 1. Declines
- 2. Type of black bird
- 3. Floor covering
- 4. Initial wager
- 5. Demolish
- 6. Light-colored hair
- 7. Roof overhang
- 8. Always
- 9. Erotic
- 10. Divergence
- 11. More aloof
- 12. Pennies
- 13. Being
- 21. Snake-like fish
- 25. Band performance
- 26. Friends
- 27. A Great Lake
- 28. Tall woody plant
- 29. Arranged in random order
- 30. Birds have them
- 31. Duty
- 33. Not yours
- 34. Of higher order
- 35. Ages
- 36. Connecting point
- 38. Effeminate
- 41. Chemist's workplace
- 42. Commanded
- 44. Image format
- 45. Christian holy book
- 46. An aromatic flavorful vegetable
- 47. Pauses
- 48. Closed hand
- 50. Black-and-white cookie
- 51. Sovereign
- 52. Old stories
- 53. Wait in the shadows
- 54. Curved molding
- 55. Marries



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7	8 9:30am Water Aerobics 1:00pm All in Holdem 6:30pm Aggravation/ pegs & jokers 7:00pm Euchre	9 9 am Low Impact Aerobics 6:30pm Bingo	10 9:30am Water Aerobics	11 9 am Low Impact aerobics 5pm Hold-em	12 9:30am Water Aerobics 1:00pm Hold-em 6:30pm Hand & Foot	13 9:30am Coffee. Speaker from Town Sq. Senior Day Care
14 <i>Mother's Day</i>	15 9:30am Water Aerobics 1:00pm All in Holdem 6:30pm Aggravation/ pegs & jokers 7:00pm Euchre	16 6:30pm Bingo	17 9:30am Water Aerobics	18 5pm Hold-em <i>Ascension Day</i>	19 9:30am Water Aerobics 1:00pm Hold-em 6:30pm Hand & Foot	20
21	22 9:30am Water Aerobics 1:00pm All in Holdem 6:30pm Aggravation/ pegs & jokers 7:00pm Euchre	23	24 9:30am Water Aerobics	25 5pm Hold-em	26 9:30am Water Aerobics 1:00pm Hold-em 6:30pm Hand & Foot	27
28	29 9:30am Water Aerobics 1:00pm All in Holdem 6:30pm Aggravation/ pegs & jokers 7:00pm Euchre <i>Memorial Day</i>	30	31 9:30am Water Aerobics			
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