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From left seated: Amy DeBruin, Katy Strand, Anne Heller. From left standing: Barb Orebaugh, JoEllen Wuerzburger, Paula Neumeier, Brenda Park

Being part of this Activity Committee means that they are one of seven members that are considered the Engagement Team within VPE. These are not the only residents that are part of this committee. Every resident within VPE is part of this Activity committee and are able to Host Events, with support from this Engagement team. If you are interested in supporting this Engagement team, please reach out to any of them.

Please note – call Community Media – 941-375-3699 for **ALL ADS**, or e-mail darin@4communitymedia.com

MEETINGS

The next Board meeting is September 17, 9:30 AM

The next Activity meeting is September 10, 5 PM

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline for October submissions is September 17. Please submit as a Word document to Tony at the office. Email: vpe8885@gmail.com. For those not able to create a Word document, put the article in the body of the email to allow for copy and paste to the draft. Everyone is invited to send good quality photos to me of any event or activity that's of interest to our residents.

CORRECTION

To Terry Roux recipe that was printed in July/
August, Cold Veggie Pizza
Second Ingredient should have read, Whipped
Cream Cheese



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

By Amy Newman

Jack & Lori McPeak purchased their snowbird home at 2209 Ca'D'Oro in 2021. They heard about VPE from friends who own on SK. They have done a lot of work on their cute coach and just got a new roof this spring which was claimed by Milton. They enjoy flying in and out of Sarasota year-round to their VPE home, not just in the winter. The couple lives in Centerburg, Ohio, aptly named for being in the center of the state. Native Ohioans, the McPeak's both have Dayton roots.



Jack served in the army during the Vietnam War in Okinawa where he learned karate which has been his passion since he was a teenager. He is an instructor and they have a studio on their property back home called Martial Arts & Family Fitness Dojo, which means the place of training

Both Jack and Lori are black belt instructors. They belong to several karate organizations as well. Lori just retired this year from teaching elementary school. Still quite busy, Lori volunteers with two dog rescue organizations doing administrative work and home visits.

Lori grew up on a farm where the family raised Arabian horses. Looking for work after the war, Jack was employed by her father where fortuitously he met Lori who was still living at home. They were married in 1977 and have four children; three live in Ohio and one in North Carolina.

The McPeak's appreciate the friendliness of the residents at VPE. We return a VPE "kiai" to Jack & Lori!



WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER

Was held on July 4th in the Clubhouse, hosted by Brenda Park and several volunteers. The main Entrée was Fried Chicken along with baked beans and Cole slaw that was enjoyed by 48 residents/guests. A twist on deserts was supplied for this event by having a selection of sugar cookies, mini cream puffs and eclairs. A 50/50 Raffle was held and raised \$80, which was split between the winner, Ruby Ralston and the Activity Committee. The tension was very fierce as there were (3) Games being played by very competitive residents. These exciting games were led by Nancy Garrett. The Top Winner of each of these games received a Gift Card from Walmart. A Big Thank You goes out to Barb/Glenn Orebaugh and Bonnie Ryan for helping set up/clean-up of the Clubhouse and contributing to making this Event a Success



LIBRARY SUB COMMITTEE

Housekeeping continues within the library located in the Clubhouse. Nancy Garrett continues to shop at our local library to replenish new books for our shelves. More information will be shared in the future pertaining to the new Book Club and the kickoff.



VENETIAN PARK ESTATES CABLE TV INTERNET NEWS

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With the March board meeting, the decision was made to switch from Comcast to Fibernow with the upcoming expiring bulk contract. The Fibernow bulk contract has been reviewed by both party's attorneys and executed successfully.

March 31, 2026 at midnight, Venetian Park Estates will officially switch from Comcast to Fibernow. With Fibernow, VPE will have HD TV, DVR services and INTERNET.

With this being said, please prepare **your personal contracts** with Comcast or other providers accordingly. VPE highly suggests reviewing your services and current additional services and strive to change to a non-contract which you can terminate at any time. Ideally, you will want to end your personal additional services on or by **March 31, 2026**. If you are a new resident, please keep this in mind when signing up for additional services with either Comcast or another provider and avoid entering into a long-term contract.

As the work and project progresses over the next year, Venetian Park Estates will publish additional news articles such as this one.

'Only thing constant in life is change'

BINGO SUB COMMITTEE

Bingo will resume on September 9 and as a reminder, the prices have slightly increased for your papers due to supply costs. Good News, both the progressive and cookie jar will remain at just \$1.00. You may continue to bring your snacks but going forward they will only be enjoyed at your table due to the break being eliminated to allow a prompt dismissal by 9pm.

ABC SALE

Thus far, our new Bi-monthly Sales have raised \$369.50 from our April/June dates. This does not reflect any sales from August, simply due to the sale date vs. publishing time of "Gondolier". Donations from residents have continued to trickle in, allowing us to build up our inventory of items. The committee will continue to provide this opportunity for residents to be able to donate items throughout the year. If you have items to donate and are not available during the published dates, please reach out to make other arrangements to evaluate your items. Paula and I are willing to work with residents to establish a schedule that works for all involved. Please keep in mind, this is a Volunteered Role that Paula and I are providing each of you. Your understanding during this process is extremely valuable. Reminder of the next dates: Donations 10/27 & Sales 10/28

Brenda Park -Activities Committee Chair – ABC Sale Volunteer

ABC SALE DONATIONS:

Headed up North, Vacating or Selling your house?

Contact Brenda Park (937-726-4658) or Paula Neumeier (941-599-3691) to evaluate potential donations within your home.

Seeking residents interested in earning extra cash for cleaning the homes, reach out to Brenda or Paula to provide your contact information to homeowners.

Currently on file, we have a couple of contacts that we would be able to provide to the homeowners that could be used for house cleaning.



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THE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

Is seeking a volunteer to take over the responsibilities of the "Gondolier". This would include gaining the information/photos submitted from residents and committee members from past and future Events. You then submit this information to our publisher to allow them to create the Gondolier. You would be responsible for proofreading this information prior to the actual publication. If you have any interest, please reach out to Activity Committee Chair, Brenda Park.



DAD JOKES

What do you call seagulls that live by the bay?
Bagels!

Why don't skeletons fight in summer?
Because they don't have the guts!

What's brown, hairy, and wears sunglasses?
A coconut on vacation!

Why did the sun go to school?
To get a little brighter!

What's the best way to watch a fly-fishing tournament?
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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

By Cheryl Smith

This recipe for Reuben Bake tastes just like a classic Reuben sandwich but is much easier to make for feeding a group. It is easy and quick. There is no way you can go wrong with this recipe.

Reuben Bake

- 1 can refrigerated crescent roll dough (8 oz)
- ½ # sliced corn beef or pastrami
- ½ # sliced Swiss cheese
- 1 cup sauerkraut, drained and squeezed dry
- ½ cup Russian or thousand island dressing
- 2 T. Dijon mustard
- 1 T. butter, melted
- 1 t. caraway seeds
- Parsley for garnish



1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees and lightly grease a 9x13 baking dish.
2. Press half of the can of dough evenly into the bottom of the baking dish.
3. Spread the Dijon mustard over the dough.
4. Then, evenly layer the corned beef or pastrami on top of the mustard.
5. Next, cover the meat with slices of cheese. The cheese will melt and bind the layers together.
6. Now evenly spread the dry sauerkraut over the cheese.
7. Drizzle the dressing over the top. Unroll the remaining half of the dough and place it over the entire casserole.
8. Press the edges together to seal. Brush the entire top with melted butter and sprinkle with caraway seeds.
9. Bake for 20-25 min. (You can make this in 2 layers if you prefer.)

If you have a favorite recipe that you'd like to share with your friends at VPE, please send it to our office email: vpe8885@gmail.com.

POT LUCK DINNER

By Cathy Censki



We had a great turn out for the Summer Pot Luck Dinner. I want to thank my volunteers; Bonnie Ryan, Dorrene Moser, Jeff Edelmann and Diane McElhaney for all their help in set up and clean up duties. This would not have gone so smoothly without their help.

I also want to thank Lenny Pagano for leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Greg Ryan for giving the blessing.

The White Elephant exchange was a hit, thanks to Phyllis Buechner's suggestion for the game. Everyone who participated was happy with the items they received; fun was had by all. (note from the Editor: Cathy thought of this, organized it, and supplied a pulled pork dinner for approximately 40 people at her expense with residents bringing their favorite dishes.).



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Constance Mileski
- 6 Roberta (Birdie) Hanna
- 7 Mary-Jane Abraham
- 8 Ron Trumbull
- 10 Paul Censki
- 21 Peter Marathas
- 22 Deanna Thibeault
- 23 Paula Neumeier
- 24 David Novak
- 25 Ruth Beck
- Betty Trumbull
- 28 Paul Miller



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Paul & Cathy Censki | Sep. 13, 1975 |
| Kim Carpenter & Debbie Phillips | Sep. 18 |
| John & Sharon Sanson | Sep. 23 |

HAPPY
Anniversary!

SUNSHINE NEWS

By Cassie Dionne



Happy to be back in Sarasota after a summer 'up north'. I'm writing this even as the first hurricane of the season slowly approaches the Caribbean.

Bill Chafer has had a knee replacement in June. He's very pleased with the result. It's good to see him out walking. Condolences to the Chafers. Their dog China went to heaven recently and they miss her. Cards to Bill & Alice; 2183 Ca D Oro Drive, Sarasota, FL 34238. 941-650-6149.

JoEllen wrote to me that both she and John are recovering from surgeries they had when they went home. John is doing well after knee surgery in April. JoEllen is recovering from rotator cuff surgery in June. Their contact info: John & JoEllen Wuerzburger.

JoEllen 309-235-5398. Email-wrzbgrger@gmail.com

On July 14, Lewis, our maintenance man, lost his Dad, Lewis Bose. Our sympathy to him and his family. The link to his obituary where you may leave a sympathy message is:

www.echovita.com Use the prompts, type in Mr Bose's name and Sarasota as the city. This will open the obituary. Leave a message at the bottom of the article.

Ruth Beck, a long-time resident of VPE, former office manager and head librarian, will be leaving us to live close to her daughter Laurie & son-in-law Jeff. Ruth will be moving to Cedar Creek Memory Care Community in Edmonds, Washington (15 miles north of Seattle). Her mailing address is Ruth Beck, c/o Laurie Richardson, 13802 Ash Way, Everett, WA 98204

Our long-time resident and friend Lenny Pagano will be moving into assisted living. His mailing address is; 3435 Fox Run Road, Apt. 296 ALF, Sarasota, FL 34231. His home phone number is the same (941-966-4481). The best time to reach him is Monday-Friday after 6:30 PM and in the afternoon and evenings on the weekend. He would love to hear from his friends and neighbors.



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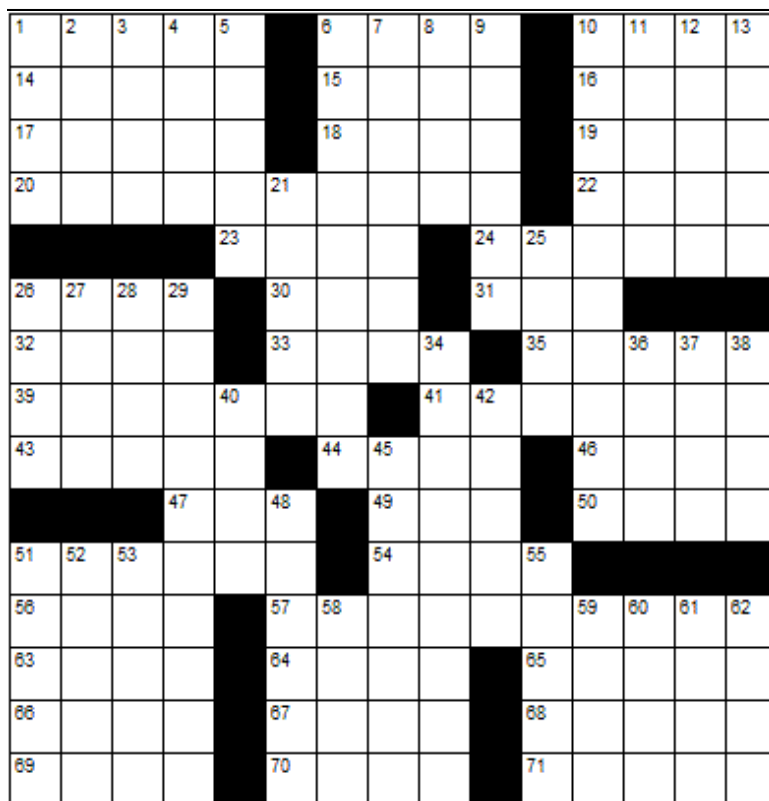
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September Crossword

ACROSS

1. Cognizant
6. Beige
10. Clutter
14. Not earlier
15. Blackball
16. Broadcast
17. Moan
18. Writing styluses
19. Nil
20. Value
22. Greasy
23. Coin opening
24. Granny Smiths and Red delicious
26. Ballet attire
30. Half of two
31. Anagram of "Eat"
32. Any minute
33. Voting district
35. Scrutinize
39. Coating of gold
41. Annoying
43. Not liquid
44. Being
46. European mountains
47. Observe
49. S
50. In order that not
51. Mixologist
54. Female deer (plural)
56. Fertilizer component
57. Teasingly
63. Between black and white
64. Whale
65. Red Sea peninsula
66. Wash
67. Bearing
68. Economic down time
69. Got a good look at
70. Strong fiber
71. Affirmatives



DOWN

1. Seaweed
2. Distort
3. At the peak of
4. Backside
5. Anagram of "Sneer"
6. Spying
7. Deceiver
8. Litter member
9. Oust
10. Relating to menopause
11. Electronic letter
12. Move furtively
13. Doesn't go
21. Buffoon
25. Summit
26. Anagram of "Stag"
27. Freshwater mussel
28. Fee
29. Undaunted
34. Disharmonious
36. Handout
37. Little devils
38. Exam
40. Bright thought
42. Adjust again
45. Lures
48. Bury
51. Army brass instrument
52. Impressive display
53. Female ruff
55. Pantywaist
58. Diva's solo
59. Egyptian river
60. Wildebeests
61. Hardly believable
62. Puppy sounds



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VENETIAN PARK ESTATES, Inc. - "STANDING" ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Presently, the Board of Directors at Venetian Park Estates, Inc. (VPE) is supported in their decision-making process by twelve (12) "Standing" Advisory Committees. An advisory committee is a collection of Cooperative Members who voluntarily contribute their knowledge/skills in areas which augment the knowledge and skills of the VPE BOD. Committee members offer insights and recommendations for action to the board when called upon. The advisory committee does not have formal authority to govern the organization, that is, the advisory committee cannot issue directives which must be followed. Rather, the advisory committee serves to make recommendations and/or provide key information and materials to the BODs. The advisory committee plays an important public relations role as well as fresh perspective on programmatic issues. A properly composed and structured advisory committee can be a tremendous complement to the effectiveness of the BODs as it works to carry out a specific initiative. The Chairperson of each is asked to provide a committee report at each of the regular Board meetings. Advisory committees need a sufficient range of expertise to accomplish the Board's mission.

Note: Of the 12 committees advising the Board, only three (3) have been given authority by the Board since 2014 to make decisions prior to a Board Meeting because of the nature of the work being considered. The Board then renders an "official" vote "retroactively" at the next regularly scheduled meeting to modify or confirm and approve the decisions made by these committees "for the record".

1. Architectural Review Committee (ARC): While the Board reserves the right to officially 'approve' an Owner's request to 'remove an existing home and install a new one', it gives authority to this committee to 'oversee' the "Application Process" for the removal and installation of new manufactured homes and structures on a Unit. This process often involves making decisions about the 'process' guiding both Builder and Unit Owner to comply with HUD, State, County and VPE Association's building codes. All actions taken by this committee are then presented to the Board at their next regular meeting.

2. Building & Grounds Committee: While the Board reserves the right to make all decisions regarding maintenance of VPE's buildings and grounds, it has given authority to this committee to make decisions between Board meetings in cases where emergencies arise involving broken water pipes, air conditioning, damage to our Treatment Plant, the Pool area or a Member's Home, which may put the well being of the Members or the Park at risk. All actions taken by this committee are then presented to the Board at their next regular meeting.

3. New Resident Committee: While the Board reserves the right to officially 'approve' any person or persons requesting an "Assignment of Lease" or a "Membership Certificate" prior to purchasing or residing in a home on VPE property, it extends this same authority to this committee between Board meetings. The Committee may approve a request for a Lease and Membership within the Cooperative between Board meetings ONLY when all criteria have been strictly met, including a successful interview and background check. This is done to allow for the legal Closings to take place. If Membership criteria is NOT MET in a satisfactory manner, the committee will immediately advise the Board to take action according to Article 10.6 of our Rules and Regulations.

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			Resident		
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		Jim Wood	Director		586-484-1408
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		JoEllen Wuerzbarger	Resident		309-235-5398
		Irv Rubin	Vice President		941-350-5493
Fine Review (No Board Members)		Phyllis Buechner	Chair - Resident		941-966-1149
		Pat Moralaes	Resident		941-451-8680
	Alternate	Jerry Ralston	Resident		941-780-7419
Health & Safety		Bonnie Ryan	Chair - Resident		860-798-8887
	Board Liaison	Paul Censki	Director		860-508-9282
New Residents	Board Liaison	Irv Rubin	Vice President		941-350-5493
		Jerry & Ruby Ralston	Residents		941-780-7419
Sewer / Waste Water Tx Plant		Dennis Callan	Chair - Director		325-207-6196
	Board Liaison	John Wuerzbarger	Secretary		309-373-2040
Welcome (New Residents)**		Brenda Park	Chair - Resident		937-726-4658
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**** Office Manager will contact the Chair when new resident(s) registers at the Clubhouse**

Each Advisory Committee has a descriptive CHARTER registered at the Clubhouse and on the VPE Website

September Word Search



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
	1 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Texas Hold'em 1:00 PM Aggravation, Pegs & Jokers 6:30 PM Euchre 6:30 PM Labor Day	2	3 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Mexican Dominoes 6:30 PM	4 Hold'em 4:45 PM	5 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Texas Hold'em 1:00 PM	6 Coffee		
7	8 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Texas Hold'em 1:00 PM Aggravation, Pegs & Jokers 6:30 PM Euchre 6:30 PM	9 Bingo 7:00 PM	10 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Activity Meeting @5pm Mexican Dominoes 6:30 PM	11 Hold'em 4:45 PM Patriot Day	12 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Texas Hold'em 1:00 PM	13		
14	15 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Texas Hold'em 1:00 PM Aggravation, Pegs & Jokers 6:30 PM Euchre 6:30 PM	16 Bingo 7:00 PM	17 Board of Directors mtg. at 9:30am Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Mexican Dominoes 6:30 PM	18 Hold'em 4:45 PM	19 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Texas Hold'em 1:00 PM	20 Coffee -only scheduled, if we have a Sponsor		
21	22 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Texas Hold'em 1:00 PM Aggravation, Pegs & Jokers 6:30 PM Euchre 6:30 PM First Day of Autumn	23 Bingo 7:00 PM	24 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Mexican Dominoes 6:30 PM	25 Hold'em 4:45 PM	26 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Texas Hold'em 1:00 PM	27		
28	29 Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Texas Hold'em 1:00 PM Aggravation, Pegs & Jokers 6:30 PM Euchre 6:30 PM	30 Bingo 7:00 PM	Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Mexican Dominoes 6:30 PM					

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