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MEETINGS

The next Board meeting is Nov. 19 @ 9:30 AM The next Activity Meeting is Nov 12 @ 6:00 PM

From left seated: Amy DeBruin, Katie 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.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline for December submissions is **November 16.**

Please submit as a Word document to Gina.
Email: gmgondolier@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.

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COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Activity Committee has announced that we will have openings for new members for the 2026/2027 term. We are seeking a Treasurer and two General Members (Trustees). If you would like to learn more about what these roles involve or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to any current committee member. We are happy to share more information!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

by Amy Newman

George & Olga Sitton purchased their coach at 8807 Chez Vous in January of this year from the Fortins. They wintered for 13 seasons next door at Royal Palm, first with a motorhome and then owning a home there. They live in Chatsworth, in northern Georgia, in the off season yet



spend much of the summer traveling.

George was born and raised in northern Georgia along with a sister. His career was in the Air Force working in aircraft maintenance and then in a supervisory position. The military took him from coast to coast in America and to Spain, Vietnam, Thailand, Korea, and fortuitously, to England, where he met Olga. After retiring from the Air Force, George was a bank VP for a time and drove school bus for six years.

Olga was born in London and her family evacuated to Cambridgeshire in 1945. She is the third child of ten born to her Czechoslovakian Jewish father and English mother. Her father suffered the loss of many family members at the hand of the Nazis including his mother and brother. He and his family were forced to live in a ghetto in

Czechoslovakia. Somehow, he escaped, of which the family never heard how, as her father would never speak about the horror yet he carried the constant reminder with his prison numbers stamped on his arm. He sought refuge in London where he met and married Olga's mother. To this day Olga has a passion for those who suffer as aliens and refugees fleeing for their lives.

Olga is a retired professional nanny, having worked in England and America for several families, including one family for 18 years, effectively raising a child from birth to college. She has a deep love for children and has four sons of her own from a previous marriage.

The couple have a rainy day love story as while driving in the rain off base in England in 1987, George came upon two ladies hitchhiking in the downpour as the bus they were waiting for never arrived. Olga recalled how it was very safe to hitchhike near the base. Knowing this, George picked the ladies up, sisters he learned, and, as the front seat passenger, Olga got acquainted with George. The Sittons were subsequently married in 1989 and settled in the home they still own in Georgia.

As mentioned, the couple spends much of the off season traveling, with Olga's family in England being top on the visit list followed by other European countries. In the States they have visited every state except for Alaska and Hawaii. When not traveling, the Sittons have perfected the thrill-of-the-hunt hobby of yard saling. With George's mechanical aptitude he updated their coach in short order earlier this year, can fix most things, and enjoys tinkering at his work bench. Olga likes to read and also cook as evidenced by the apple pie she made for their visiting son.

With gratitude to George for his career service to America and Olga's familial strength and refugee resiliency, we welcome the Sittons to VPE.



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LIBRARY SUB COMMITTEE

Nancy Garrett has kicked off her 1st Month of the Book Club. She will communicate the November follow-up date in the future for the club to review the book details.

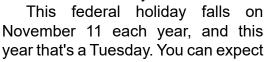
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COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR, NOV. 22, 2025

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VETERANS DAY CELEBRATIONNOVEMBER 11th at 1pm at the Club House

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banks, government offices, the post office, and schools and businesses to be closed in observation of the day. This Veterans Day and every day, honor the servicemen and women in your life and community by letting them know just how much you appreciate them by attending our **Veterans Day Celebration at the VPE Club House at 1pm.** Each Veteran will receive a Thank you gift and cake will be served after the ceremony.

BIBLE STUDY:

Bible Study meeting will continue in the Clubhouse every Thursday at 8 AM. Everyone is invited to join.



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. If you're a resident 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.

GONDOLIER STAFF POSITION HAS BEEN FILLED!

On behalf of the Activity Committee, many thanks go out to Gina Miller for volunteering to take on this role. The Committee feels that she will be a great addition to one of our Sub Committees. She has a wealth of experience including Hosting Coffee Hours, Events and submissions to the Gondolier for all our Birthday and Anniversary Dates. You can submit articles or information to Gina directly at GMgondolier@gmail.com. Welcome Aboard!!

BINGO SUBCOMMITTEE

Bingo has resumed and is seeking your participation and support every Tuesday in the Clubhouse. If you are new to the Community, come on down and join in on the fun. Feel free to bring a snack and your drink of choice to enjoy and the spirit of competition and camaraderie. Games begin at 7pm and are typically over by 9pm

SEEKING A VOLUNTEER:

The Activity Committee is seeking a volunteer to host the Thanksgiving Dinner Event.

Please, reach out to a committee member if you are interested. Typically, other resident volunteers will help once they see there is a Leader.



ABC SALE: DONATIONS

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.

Brenda Park -Activities Committee Chair ABC Sale Volunteer

In December, we will be taking **DONATIONS ONLY** on December 29, 2025.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

by Brenda Park

Diet Soda Cake

1 can diet soda 1 box cake mix



- · Spice Cake: diet orange, lemon lime
- · Angel Food Cake: diet orange
- · Banana Cake: diet root beer
- · Pineapple Cake: diet Squirt
- Lemon Cake: diet 7-Up, ginger ale, lemon lime, tangerine diet Rite
- Chocolate Cake: diet Coke, Cherry Coke, root beer
- · Orange Cake: diet Mountain Dew
- Yellow Cake: diet Orange
- · Cherry Chip Cake: diet A&W Cream
- Marble Cake: diet cream soda
- White Cake: diet cream soda
- · Devil's Food Cake: diet Vanilla Coke
- Red Velvet Cake: diet Cherry Vanilla Dr. Pepper
- 1. Mix soda and Cake mix together and pour into a 9 X 13 inch pan.
- Bake according to directions on cake package.



OCTOBER'S COFFEE HOUR:

We had a great response to Sunshield Insurance Agency sponsoring our coffee hour on October 11. Both representatives, Chris Murray and Doug Carney were able to provide our residents



with the upcoming changes to Medicare for 2026.

This was just in time for the enrollment period opening and allowed residents to speak with them one on one. We look forward to having them back in January with some potential external speakers on other topics that may impact you.







NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Gina Miller
- 5 Glenna Absher
- 8 Dennis Shumacher Pam Seitz
- 16 Beverly Schumacher
- 18 Kim Carpenter Sharon Davis
- 20 Emily Snuttjer
- 21 John Sanson
- 22 Doris DeWitt
- 23 Jack Ormiston Judy Shatner
- 24 Joanne Hawthorne Jan McCoubrey
- 26 Chuck Loolen
 Jerry Ralston



BAD DAD JOKES:

- What kind of key doesn't open a door? A turkey.
- How many cooks do you need to stuff a turkey?
 Just one, but sometimes they don't fit.
- What do you get when you drop a pumpkin? Squash.
- What's a scarecrow's favorite fruit?
 Straw-berries.
- What happens when winter arrives early? Autumn leaves.
- What did one pumpkin pie say to the other? You're gourd-ous.
- Why do birds fly south after Thanksgiving?
 Because it's too far to walk.



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 17 John and JoEllen Wuerzburger
- 18 Jerry and Shelia Bacon
- 26 Paul and Gina Miller 1994
- 28 Glenn and Amy Newman 1981

If you would like your birthday or anniversary published in the

Gondolier, contact Gina Miller. I have a new dedicated email for

Gondolier business; contact me at GMgondolier@gmail.com.



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

This recipe is pretty much self-explanatory by looking at the picture. It is easy and so cute to serve at your Thanksgiving dinner. The cheeses and meat can be changed up and the cheeseball can be bought at your grocery store if you don't want to make one. Below is how I made mine.

Turkey Cheese Board

- Approximately 50 pieces pepperoni
- · Approximately 60 pieces cheddar cheese
- Approximately 60 pieces Monterey Jack cheese

For the turkey face and feet, I used broken pretzels for the feet; red and yellow peppers for the beak and wattle; cream cheese with dots of black olives for the eyes; and a ritz cracker for the face.

Place the cheeseball on a white platter. Add the ingredients to make the head and feet.
Arrange the meat and cheese to look like feathers. Serve with a basket of crackers.



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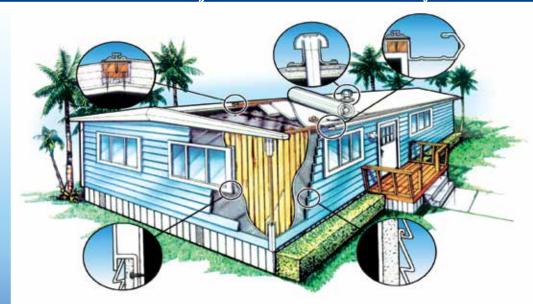
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Note: Of the 12 committees advising the Board, only three (3) have been given authority by the Board since 2014 to make decisions prior to a Board Meeting because of the nature of the work being considered. The Board then renders an "official" vote "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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		Brenda Park	Chair	937-726-4658
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		Pedro Morales	Resident	864-616-9266
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		VACANT	Resident	
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(includes Pool / Clubhouse)		Jim Wood	Director	586-484-1408
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		Pedro Morales	Resident	864-616-9266
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		Irv Rubin	Vice President	941-350-5493
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No Board Members)		Pat Moralaes	Resident	941-451-8680
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	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
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	Board Liaison	John Wuerzburger	Secretary	309-373-2040
Welcome (New Residents)**		Brenda Park	Chair	937-726-4658
	Board Liaison	Irv Rubin	Vice President	941-350-5493
		Amy Newman	Resident	419-346-8710
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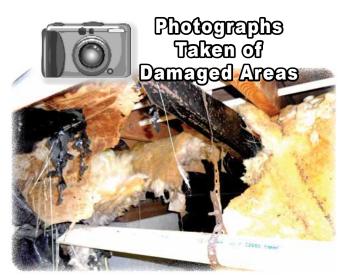
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