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Memorial Day Ceremony

By Howard Burdick

Photos by Ed Hollender and Janet Silvester

LtoR: Bob Peterson, Carol Smith, Marc Cantu, Pat Kluever. Todd Kirby, Randy McDonald

The NoteAbles and Karen Sturtevant

The May 27 Memorial Day program in Johnson Hall was preceded by the annual photographic loop of residents in their uniforms of old.

Residents' Council President Bob Peterson began the program by welcoming the full house of residents, families, and guests. He noted our long-honored tradition of warmth of community in honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and their families, who have woven a legacy of courage, resiliency, and patriotism. He introduced Master of Ceremonies, resident Randy McDonald, who in turn introduced Chaplain Todd Kirby of the 125th Fighter Wing. Kirby amplified Peterson's remarks and bestowed God's blessing on all.

McDonald then introduced the speaker, Campus Operations Senior Director Marc Cantu, who recently retired as Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station

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FLiCRA Holds Annual Meeting

By Enith Vardaman

Karen Farell and Bennett Napier

Karen Farrell, president of the Fleet Landing chapter of the Florida Life Care Residents Association (FLiCRA), presided over the chapter's Annual Meeting on May 10 in Johnson Hall. Representatives from FLiCRA chapters at Cypress Village, Westminster St. Augustine, Vicar's Landing, and Westminster Woods on Julington Creek attended. A serious traffic delay prevented the representative from Penney Retirement Community from attending. Farrell recognized retiring board members Bob Armacost, Pat Kluever, and Ann Butler as well as continuing board members Ernie Bio, Louise Lones, Laurie Page, Carol Smith, and David Miron. She announced that a committee made up of Pat Murray, Carol Shiel, and Chet Davis had nominated Mike Shannon, Judy Solano, and Peggy Steck to serve three-year terms on the board and had nominated her to serve a two-year term. The slate of candidates was elected unanimously.

Farrell then introduced Bennett Napier, FLiCRA's Executive Director. A Certified Association Executive, he has over 30 years of experience working with nonprofits. Because Fleet Landing has so many new residents who may not be familiar with FLiCRA, Napier's comprehensive presentation on the organization and the environment in which it operates was especially timely.

FLiCRA's state board of directors has 13 members, all of whom are residents. It also has a contract with the association management company, Partners in Association Management, headed by Napier. This company serves as headquarters for FLiCRA and manages its day-to-day operations. Membership dues account for 98 percent of revenue.

Napier pointed out that FLiCRA was the voice for continuing care retirement community (CCRC) residents with state government. He spoke of types of lobbying. Formal lobbying involves an individual or organization

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May Residents' Council Meeting

By Howard Burdick

The May 21 Residents' Council meeting was convened by the new council President, Bob Peterson. He introduced the 2024-2025 council members, noting their areas of responsibility. He described the vote counting process for the recent council elections and thanked the vote counters. He also reported Fleet Landing's first-place finish in the 2023 Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign, adding that resident coordinators Kathy and Walter Kraslawsky are already gearing up for the 2024 campaign. (See article on page 4.)

Management Perspective. Chief Operating Officer Brian Weiss reported on a lengthy list of projects, including ongoing renovations to the Coleman Center as well as pending upgrades to apartment buildings, The Nancy House, and the grounds. The original apartments will get new elevators, the signage project is progressing, and completion of LakeView is still on track for the end of summer. The new pollinator garden was created at no cost to Fleet Landing, thanks to the generous donation by some of our business partners.

Council Reports.

Vice President Carol Smith reviewed an ambitious schedule of events for Memorial Day.

Treasurer's Report. Lynette Beitz reported on continuing positive financial performance as of April 30. She walked us though a Traditional Residency Contract providing "0" refund after 52½ months. Additionally, an example of the amortization process for recognizing revenue over the actuarial life expectancy of residents was shared.

Marketing and Human Resources. Ernie Bio announced that the May Campus Leader was North Point Manager Brittany Clark, who has formed very close relationships with residents and their families. April Staff Member of the Month was Lucas Wallace of Maintenance, a former painter, who has returned. Leader of the Quarter was Director of Nursing Bernadeth Palompo, who has a dynamic personality to match her experience. There were 28 new employees in April. The total employee count is 496, with staffing at 93 percent. Lobster Tales submitted in April numbered 210. Marketing reported some $4.8 million for 13 sales to date in 2024. All categories of residency are at or near full capacity, with 687 residents in independent living, 88 in assisted living, and 22 in memory care.

Wellness and Transportation. Reporting for Ken Hollinga, Bio cited events scheduled through mid-June. We have 15 Wii bowling teams which are part of a nationwide league. Twenty Fleet Landing residents are members of the 300 club! Transportation has three new drivers.

Healthcare and Safety and Security. Judy Solano noted that May was a special month for recognition of mental health, physical fitness, older Americans (gasp), and heat awareness with the onset of summer. She said that Safety and Security had a staff of fifteen, with three on duty at all times. There is one vacancy, and one employee is out on sick leave. She reminded residents to fill out the Resident Absence Form when they will be away. Apartment building fire drills were underway, and the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue has been on campus for them. Reminders: residents should observe the 15 mph speed limit, use the crosswalks, and should not tailgate when entering at the Welcome Center.

Dining and Housekeeping. Ann Bell welcomed Chef Raphael Deguzman to Currents and congratulated Server Josiah Tisby for earning a basketball scholarship to the University of San Diego. Housekeeping is in the process of acquiring new lightweight, more efficient vacuum cleaners.

Facilities. Stephen Dick reviewed the organizational chart of Facilities management staff, his responsibilities as liaison with Facilities, the responsibilities of building and zone representatives, and the building and zone inspection schedule.

Communications. Secretary Julia Pet-Armacost reviewed the myriad duties of Communications Manager Megan Clemensen. She provided an overview of the process for handling resident suggestions, including how to submit them and some recent examples of how suggestions can make a difference. There have been 297 resident suggestions submitted since 2022! She reported on four recent suggestions and responses. They are too detailed for this report, but can be read in the minutes of this meeting, which are posted on bulletin boards around the campus, in the Dinda Library, and on Fleet Link under "Residents' Council."

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Meet Raphael Deguzman, Chef de Cuisine, Mainstreet

By Chet Davis

Raphael Deguzman has recently joined the Fleet Landing culinary staff as the Chef de Cuisine for Currents Marketplace.

Deguzman's father was a Navy Master Chief and his mother a Hospitalman. With both parents in the Navy, Deguzman was primarily raised by his grandparents in the Philippines and Hawaii. He migrated to the Jacksonville area in the late '90s. He attended middle and high school in Jacksonville before attending the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY, where he received an associate's degree. He subsequently received a bachelor's degree in hospitality management from Lynn University in Boca Raton, FL.

Before coming to Fleet Landing, Deguzman was the Executive Chef at Salumeria 104 in Atlantic Beach. Prior experience includes banquet chef at TPC Sawgrass, at Sawgrass, and at Vic's on the River in Savannah.

Deguzman has been pleased with his acceptance by both staff and residents and looks forward to enhancing the dining experience in Currents.

FleetHearts Serves

By Judy Poppell

LtoR: Carolyn Paradise, Jackie Smith, Mary Kay Ormsby

Fleet Landing's newest service club, FleetHearts, is busy making a difference in our community while serving the needs of the community at large. FleetHearts members Mary Kay Ormsby, Carolyn Paradise, and Jackie Smith recently went to the Jacksonville National Cemetery (JNC) to assist in preparing flags for the Memorial Day holiday. The flags will be used to mark the graves of veterans who are buried there. The group was tasked with unbundling the flags and checking to be sure that they were still serviceable. Our Fleet Landing members joined other volunteers who have been regularly working with the cemetery since it opened in 2009. Their goal is to be sure that no veteran will be buried alone and forgotten at the JNC.

Resident Pat Gillis heads up our partnership with neighboring Anchor Academy, a Duval County public elementary school serving students who reside in Navy housing at the Mayport Naval Station. Gillis delivered notes of thanks to Anchor Academy faculty and staff on Teacher Appreciation Day. Fleet Landing resident Jean Cox generously donated picnic tables with umbrellas to the school for student and teacher use.

Led by resident Julie Rochelle, members also contributed items for the yard sale for The Arc Jacksonville Village, an independent living community designed to maximize community inclusion for adults with intellectual and developmental differences.

FleetHearts has committees working on coming events as well. Ormsby and her committee are working on table decorations for Fleet Landing healthcare facilities for the Fourth of July. Members will also participate in July in filling back-to-school backpacks for distribution to the children of Fleet Landing employees as they prepare for the new school year.

If you would like to join FleetHearts and make a difference here on campus or in our surrounding Beaches community, contact Judy Poppell. FleetHearts meets in The Retreat on the first Thursday of each month at 12 noon. We welcome new members.

Springtime Sight

Resident Dick Fuller captured these photos of a family of geese.

Bluebird Nest Box Project

By Paul Mocko; photos by Janet Silvester

Bluebirds who found a box to be just the right size

Nestlings

Have you noticed? There are three new houses at Fleet Landing, and they are hosting new occupants. They're pretty small, but just the right size for their intended residents. Three bluebird nest boxes are up and have welcomed nesting bluebirds.

After approval by Fleet Landing senior staff, the project was possible because of the generosity of many residents who provided funds. Additionally, Bob Peterson built the boxes, the outdoor maintenance staff "planted" the poles, and Ken Hollinga and Paul Mocko installed the boxes. Eastern bluebirds, the bluebird species in Florida, have claimed two boxes for their nests, and are raising young.

There is a monitoring group that checks the nest boxes every week. Please be respectful of the birds' nesting season by staying at least 30 feet from the boxes starting in January through September. And please watch as the birds build nests, feed young, and fledge juveniles.

Bluebirds have already raised three young from the nest box near the North Point pond, and currently are raising another brood. The box near Currents has another pair raising young.

News of the bluebirds is posted on the Birdwatching Club's site on Fleet Link.

Salvation Army Honors Fleet Landing

By Kathy and Walter Kraslawsky

At the May 16 Salvation Army Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Fleet Landing was one of the many volunteer organizations and individuals recognized for contributions to its 2023 campaign.

In the Red Kettle category, Fleet Landing received the award as the "Top Bell Ringing Group With Most Hours and Dollars Raised 2023." During four weeks with 160 time slots, 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday, our 123 volunteers served 269 hours in fun-loving singles, pairs, and triplets, collecting over $16,000—more than three times the second-place organization's Red Kettle collection. The cheers and standing ovation for Fleet Landing when this was announced was well-deserved by all of you for your wonderful efforts in 2023.

The award has been placed in the display case in Windward Commons.

Beginning on October 1, we will be reaching out to you for the 2024 campaign that will run from November 29, the day after Thanksgiving, through December 24. Please begin blocking out bell-ringing space on your calendar. Because Thanksgiving is later this year, we will be collecting for 18 days instead of 20. We hope that people will be so generous that we do not come up short of last year's total.

Fleet Landing Golf Classic

By Enith Vardaman; photos by Mary Faria

Left: Executive Director Josh Ashby addresses the participants.
Right: Gabe Grass, who scored a hole in one, and Lory Doolittle.

Some of the Fleet Landing golfers

Resident volunteers selling tickets for the gift basket drawing

Unlike what happened in 2023, no weather problems caused a delay of the 2024 Fleet Landing Golf Classic scheduled for May 20 at the Atlantic Beach Country Club. The tournament, which is the primary fundraiser for staff scholarships, was organized by Charitable Gift Planning Director Kathy DeSiena with the support of the entire Fleet Landing leadership team. Residents Miles Nogelo and Ray Rigney organized the resident volunteers who helped with the registration, the sale of drawing tickets, and the tournament. Those who sponsored holes or made other donations, and of course, the golfers, rounded out the collective effort contributing to the success of the event.

Resident golfers were joined by local and out-of-state vendors on the golf course. This year, for the first time in this reporter's memory, there was a hole in one. That honor went to Gabe Grass, a member of a team sponsored by resident Lory Doolittle.

Participants enjoyed a grab-and-go breakfast and a barbecue buffet luncheon. The latter was held outside Pete's Turn, a building located at the golf course's 10th tee box. The winning tickets in the drawing for gift baskets were announced at the luncheon.

DeSiena is appreciative of everyone who played a role in the success of the Golf Classic. At this writing, proceeds were still being tabulated, but it is hoped that they will match last year's total.

This was not your only opportunity to support staff scholarships. The Endowment Fund receives donations year round.

Armadillo Family

Ann Bell, who always has her camera at the ready, spotted these foraging armadillos.

All It Takes Is One Song …

By Nancy Lundgren

… To awaken so many memories. And, on May 30, resident musician Guy Van Syckle filled Johnson Hall with songs about remembering the beauty of life's small moments. Seated at the piano, wearing his signature fedora, Van Syckle welcomed arriving residents with a beautiful song, "I Will Remember," that set the theme for his concert. It was perfect for folks of a certain age who revel in shared memories.

Van Syckle transitioned to guitar, opening with John Sebastian's "Do You Believe in Magic" about the magic of rock and roll. Moving on to Jimmy Buffet's "Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes," Van Syckle sang about "Nothing stays the same … If we couldn't laugh, we would all go insane."

He shared music that connects with people he loves: "Crazy Beautiful" by Luke Combs was a sentimental tribute to his wife, Karen Keegan. "Teach Your Children Well," a song about generations teaching and learning from one another, was touching, especially when Van Syckle said he sang this for his daughter at her wedding. "If I Had a Boat" is his grandson's favorite song. Then there was his father's favorite, "The Marvelous Toy" with sound effects for audience participation. "It went "zip" when it moved, and "bop" when it stopped, and "whirr" when it stood still."

Of course, Peter, Paul and Mary songs had us all singing "If I Had a Hammer" and "Puff the Magic Dragon." James Taylor's song "Carolina in My Mind"and John Denver's "Take Me Home, Country Roads" brought smiles from many of us who remember "when."

Funny how a melody sounds like a memory.

Memorial Day Flag Raising

Photos by Ann Bell and Janet Silvester

Residents gathered on the Flag Plaza under brilliant blue skies for the May 27 Memorial Day flag raising ceremony. There was a tempting array of treats plus the now traditional performance by the Kazoo Band. In honor of those who gave their lives for this country, the Fleet Landing and Florida flags were flown at half staff, and the US flag was raised and then lowered to half staff. At midday, all three were raised fully.

Duo Arpeggione Concert

By Maureen Miller

On the warm afternoon of May 7, Fleet Landing residents were treated to an hour of delightful music by Dr. Catherine Lan on piano and Claudio Jaffe on cello. No strangers to us, as both have performed at Fleet Landing previously, it was a first for them here as Duo Arpeggione.

The name of the duo comes from the first piece they played: Sonata in A minor for Arpeggione and Piano by Franz Schubert. An arpeggione is a six-stringed instrument popular for about a decade after its invention around 1823.

Formed in 2017, the duo has had time to build a strong sense of collaboration, which they lightheartedly incorporate into their performance to visually enhance their masterful playing.

Jaffe provided a short introduction to each selection, giving us an impression of the composer, his probable mindset, and his status in musical history.

Three Pieces for Cello and Piano, Op. 1 by Arthur Foote ranges from calm, lullaby-like melodies to rambunctious measures. Lan and Jaffe's interpretation was awe-inspiring. While the cello spoke and the piano responded—or vice versa—the duo skillfully illustrated the depth of this composition.

Sonata in A minor for Cello and Piano, Op. 36 by Edvard Grieg is the story of two tremendously talented brothers, one a pianist, the other cellist. They were very close—until they had a falling out. During this passionate piece, one easily imagined the relationship as Lam and Jaffe got into a "fight," with not only their instruments, but also their facial expressions. It was difficult to know which artist to watch, as Jaffe bowed, plucked, and even strummed the cello's strings, while Lan's hands flew blithely up and down the keys.

Hungarian Rhapsody Op. 68, by David Popper is a reflection on the rivalry between cellist Popper and his pianist wife. The two were furiously competitive in terms of audience approval. It was apparently the arguments which ensued following their concert unveiling of a previously unpublished piece by Franz Liszt under this same title that led to the couple's uncoupling.

As the final musical notes resonated within Johnson Hall, the audience stood in rousing applause, breathless and in hopes that Duo Arpeggione would soon return.

May WELL*Inspired* Learning Series

By Victoria Freeman

On May 15, Doctor of Physical Therapy Nick November headlined a highly interesting program on bone health entitled "How Dense Are You?"

Bone density, or bone mineral density (BMD), refers to the amount of mineral content in bone tissue. BMD can determine the presence of osteopenia (density lower than normal) or osteoporosis (density low enough to make bones vulnerable to fracture).

November displayed a vivid slide of an unhealthy bone with holes resembling Swiss cheese. Factors that affect bone density are age, gender, genetics, hormones, nutrition, physical activity, lifestyle, and medical conditions. The three BMD measurement techniques are DEXA scan, quantitative ultrasound, and CT scan, with the widely available DEXA scan being the gold standard.

Bone fractures are one of the most frightening possible results of low BMD. November stated that in addition to pain, hip fractures, which could limit mobility and independence dramatically, were correlated with increased mortality rates.

So how can individuals strengthen their bones? Strength training, which includes free weights, Flexx classes, bands, and impact exercises, is essential. Weight-bearing exercises such as walking, pickleball, yoga, dance, and tai chi as well as biking and swimming are good for health, but they are not forms of strength-training exercise.

Other recommendations included eating a healthy diet and avoiding smoking and excessive alcohol consumption. There are medications to promote bone health, but other medications pose a risk to it. Consulting one's doctor about this risk was suggested.

In Memoriam

Marcia Peck	**Jack Stevens**
1941-2024	**1930-2024**

Plants Walking Tour in Pictures

Photos by Ann Bell

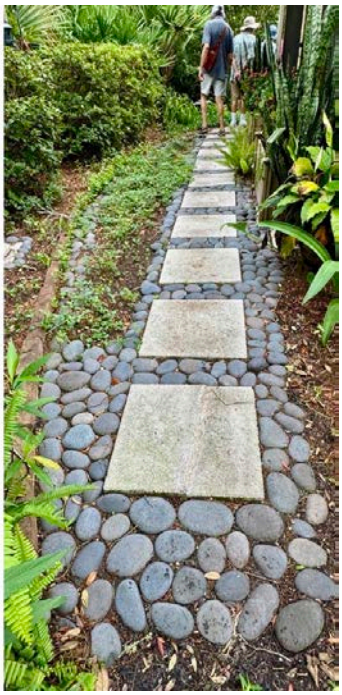
Left: Jay Jernigan. Right: Holly.

Left: partial view of the pollinator garden.
Right: Flowering plant within the garden.

Loropetalum hedge

Signs of an irrigation problem

The tour in progress



Left: Tree that survived a lightning strike.
Right: A "secret garden" path.

Kay Miefert at work in her garden

Plants Walking Tour

By Carolyn Stoner

Jay Jernigan, Maintenance Manager (Exterior), led the way for about 30 residents who gathered at the Annex for his second Plants Walking Tour. On May 17, we were gifted with an umbrella of overcast skies, the opposite of what happened the previous week, when this originally scheduled walk was cut short by wind and rain. The storm swept through and blew small branches and debris onto our lush campus. Jernigan's team of 13 was up to the task and had it back to its pristine condition in a matter of three hours. Great team work.

Jernigan explained the beautiful pollinator plants and flowers around the Annex, which were attracting many butterflies and bees. The colorful beds of flowers make for a nice respite on the new garden bench or the Annex porch. Fleet Landing uses a soil mixture, Mix #3, purchased through a local vendor, Mulch Masters, to produce these healthy plants. This mixture requires three years to decompose and combines environmentally friendly waste from restaurants, grocers, fish markets, and the like with ground up pine bark and top soil. This product is available to the public for purchase. You may pay a bit more, but the end product is spectacular. This pollinator garden is the sole responsibility of Carlos Gusman, who daily cleans it and picks up debris.

We walked by the heavily used dog park. Jernigan praised the residents who clean up after their dogs as well as the staff who weekly do a detailed cleanup. Jernigan pointed out a hedge of Loropetalum, which was once popular for its colorful blooms and red leaves, but now seems to have a chronic disease. It may be replaced with the heartier holly plants, which will be a theme throughout the campus once the Coleman Center renovation is complete. Other problematic plants were identified as Knock Out Roses and the Photinia "red tip" plants.

Two chronic problems were highlighted: irrigation, also known as "irritation," and drainage. Seventy percent of what is funded for irrigation is subject to damage by vendors, staff, guests, and residents. Wherever we walk or drive on the grass, there is irrigation equipment, and the result is broken sprinkler heads and lines. Tip of the day: stay off the grass, please!! Carlos Bracho is the designated irrigation expert, dealing with it on a daily basis. Drainage is an ongoing problem, with a once-used "flex pipe" no longer used around oak trees. The oak always wins, with roots growing in and around the pipes.

Jernigan explained that most of the pests and diseases that reach us come through the port of Miami on pallets. Chinch bugs, which came from Argentina through an illegal shipment of St. Augustine grass, are now the biggest pest problem for landscaping in the Southeast.

We toured through yards that had been damaged by hurricanes, but Mother Nature always prevails, and lush growth continues in spite of damaging winds and rain. The favorite part of our tour was walking through the "secret gardens" of our residents' backyards, which are lush with both indigenous and nursery-acquired plants. Each resident displayed expertise with creative, well-designed gardens. One surprised resident was actually gardening when we trooped through. Kay Miefert graciously let us observe her gardening skills. Spring song birds loved her garden, their music sweet to our ears.

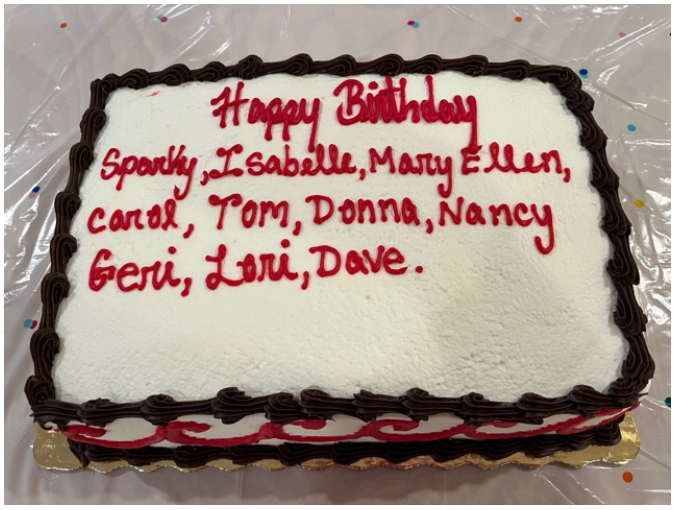
Jernigan is available for planning and planting by appointment. He is always considerate with appointment times and willing to listen to a resident's ideas. Even though his answer may be "no," there is always a valid reason as well as a suggestion for an alternative plant or flower more suited for our soil and climate.

Jernigan lived all over the US in a military family, but is basically a Live Oak, FL, native. His love for the earth, environment, and plants developed when he visited his grandmother during the summer, helping with the crops on her cattle farm. After spending over 30 years with Fleet Landing's former landscaping vendor, he loves his position here and working personally with residents and employees.

Look for another walking tour in the upcoming months.

Lots of Birthdays

Photo by Dottie Mann



The May issue of *FLEET BEAT* had an article about a birthday party for the six residents of the 4000 Building who had an April birthday (page 13). Now that number of birthdays in a single month has been topped by the ten May birthdays of 1000 Building residents.

A belated "Happy Birthday" to Sparky Dinwiddie, Isabelle Spence, Mary Ellen Reed, Carol Bowser, Tom Bramble, Donna Forsyth, Nancy Russell, Geri Bramble, Lory Doolittle, and Dave Rasmussen.

Memorial Day Ceremony

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Jacksonville. (He was featured on page 3 of the April issue of *FLEET BEAT*.) Cantu noted the commitment of Fleet Landing to military heritage as testament to those honored this day as well as the reasons and principles for doing so. After a brief litany of major campaigns in which so many were lost, he reminded us of the inherent danger in peacetime operations as well. He closed by referring to the poem "Hallowed Ground" by Thomas Campbell, who reminded us that "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

After McDonald reviewed how the famous poem, "In Flanders Fields," came to be penned in combat in WWI by Canadian Colonel John McCrae, he read it with appropriate solemnity. Peterson and Residents' Council Vice President Carol Smith read the names of 45 residents who had passed away since Memorial Day of last year, and resident Pat Kluever tolled the bell for each of them.

Our talented choral group, The NoteAbles, conducted with spirit by resident Ron Myers, graced us with several patriotic songs—accompanied by resident Karen Sturtevant at the piano—interspersed throughout the program.

The ceremony concluded with videos: "Old Glory" and "Taps."

Lubben Brothers Concert

By Mary Durkin

LtoR: Michael, Joshua, and Tom

Making their 3rd visit to Fleet Landing on May 31, The Lubben Brothers brought their blend of bluegrass, folk, and country music to Johnson Hall for a rip-roaring hour and a half of music. The triplets, Michael, Tom, and Joshua, spent their childhood in Iowa and some teen years in the wilderness of Northern Minnesota, and are from a family of six children—all boys. Joshua said that their parents put them in one bedroom and told them to survive or kill each other. They decided to survive, which was evident in the ribbing banter that went back and forth among them all.

Accompanied by Jorge Sebastian on drums, the brothers sang 14 songs, with all but three being original compositions. Some that stood out were "Progress Express," with Michael opening the show; "Far from Home," about their love of the wilderness; "This Morning," with Tom singing; "Love is the Cause," an old Welsh tune written for the violin; and "Charleston Massacre," a haunting song about nine people killed while in church, and their families forgiving the murderer.

All three brothers switched back and forth among instruments, but Tom did this the most, as he played violin, banjo, bass, harmonica, mandolin, and accordion over the course of the evening. Michael said he could not tell the brothers apart in childhood photos, and teachers just used last names in calling on them. Now they are easily identified, as Michael is short hair and faint beard, Tom is longer hair and a mustache, and Joshua is the hairiest. Joshua is also identified as the brother who dances on his toes when playing and singing.

The group was given a standing ovation and were so appreciative that they asked if the audience wanted an encore. There was a resounding "YES." Joshua said they grew up surrounded by music, and their father's favorite band was The Beatles. Their encore was "Blackbird" by Lennon/McCartney, after which the group was approached by many Fleet Landers for conversations about Iowa, Minnesota, and music.

The Coca-Cola Millionaires

By Chet Davis

In a May 29 lecture in Johnson Hall, local historian Scott Grant gave an interesting talk about the Coca-Cola millionaires who lived in Florida and other states. Grant discussed the inventor of the beverage, Georgia native John S. Pemberton, who was trying to relieve chronic pain from an injury suffered during the Civil War. The original version, called Pemberton's French Wine Coca, contained both alcohol and coca leaves. The alcohol was removed when Fulton County, GA, passed prohibition legislation, and the coca leaves were removed later.

An interesting side note was that Ulysses S. Grant drank Pemberton's French Wine Coca to alleviate the pain of his terminal throat cancer while writing *The Personal Memoirs of U. S. Grant*.

The Coca-Cola millionaires included the famous base-

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The Coca-Cola Millionaires

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ball player Ty Cobb, who endorsed Coca-Cola, and with the profits, set up the Ty Cobb Educational Foundation that operates to this day.

Perhaps the most interesting of the Coca-Cola millionaires were residents of Quincy, FL, a small city just west of Tallahassee. The Quincy State Bank became known as the Coke bank because Pat Munroe, the banker, would double the amount of a requested loan, but stipulate that half be invested in Coca-Cola stock. At one point it was surmised that Quincy had the most millionaires of any city in the country, all thanks to Coca-Cola stock holdings.

The value of Coca-Cola stock is amazing. Warren Buffet holds 400 million shares and realizes $1,455 a minute or $704 million a year in dividends. A $40 share purchased in 1919 and held, reinvesting dividends, would have been worth $8.7 million in 2009.

Grant is known to Fleet Landing residents for his informative talks, and they look forward to his next presentation.

A Jazz Celebration of the Beatles

By Mary Durkin

Photos by Mary Durkin, Ed Hollender, and Janet Silvester

Freidline & Friends kicked off the Memorial Day weekend on May 24 with a rousing concert before a packed Johnson Hall audience. The "Friends" in past visits of Freidline & Friends have not always been the same instrumentalists, but the concerts have always been something to look forward to. The program this time was a "Jazz Celebration of the Beatles." Freidline, in his signature black fedora with rolled-up brim on keyboard and vocals, was joined by vocalist Maria Howell, his frequent collaborator. The instrumentalists were Justin Varnes on drums, Ernie Ealum on guitar and bass, and Dr. Bill Prince on tenor sax.

Opening the evening was "Get You Into My Life," sung by Howell. Freidline then introduced each song with an anecdote about its history, composer, and where it stood in the prolific Beatles' portfolio. "Come Together," from the *Abbey Road* album, was sung by Howell. Freidline followed with keyboard solos of "In My Life" and "Eleanor Rigby," plus vocals "Lady Madonna," which the Beatles wrote as a tribute to Fats Domino, and "With a Little Help from My Friends."

Howell rejoined the group to sing "Drive My Car" from the *Rubber Soul* album, and then a George Harrison composition "Norwegian Wood." She followed those with "Ticket to Ride" and "And I Love Her," from the Beatles movies *Help* and *Hard Day's Night*. She also gave an update on Freidline & Friends recent concerts and said that she had a role in an upcoming theater release, *Summer Camp*, starring Diane Keaton and Kathy Bates.

Freidline next sang a Paul McCarney/Wings song "Let Him In" and a very jazzy version of Harrison's "Here, There and Everywhere." Howell accompanied Freidline on "Yesterday," which is the most recorded song ever in music history. The group wrapped up their 14-song evening with "Can't Buy Me Love" from the *Hard Day's Night* movie.

Freidline is very tall and lanky with long legs that he crossed with seemingly little difficulty under his keyboard while he pounded away at it. Also highlighted on a few songs was Prince, who taught all three of the other instrumentalists at the University of North Florida way back when. Their familiarity with each other was very evident in their musicality and fellowship. The audience enjoyed every minute of the evening and gave the group a standing ovation at the end of the concert.

Chips & Putts

By Bob Neal

The May 9 Fleet Landing Golf Tournament had twenty-one residents and three Atlantic Club members competing at Jax Beach Golf Club. The hot weather and 15 mph winds did not deter Team 5 with Julie Rochelle as Captain and including Bob Peterson, John Rietveld, and Al Halperin (Atlantic Club), who won with a score of 66 and 6 birdies. In second place was Team 1 with Paul

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Donohue, Captain, and John Rogerson, Bunky Johnson, and Bob Hunter with a score of 68 and 4 birdies. Winning third place honors, following a scorecard playoff, was Team 2 with Rick Rochelle, Captain, and Sharon Jenkins, Dave Smith, and Mike Marchetti with a score of 70 and 4 birdies.

Individual honors go to Julie Rochelle and Jim Wayrynen for Long Drive and Bobbie Fost and Al Halperin for Closest to the Pin on a par three. The Birdie Trophy was awarded to Julie Rochelle for leading her team to 12 one-putt greens and 6 birdies. She was also awarded the Sandbagger of the Month award.

Our next tournament will be on June 13 at Windsor Parke Golf Course.

Kentucky Derby Party

Photos by Janet Silvester

The fabulous 8000 Building Kentucky Derby Party on May 4 featured socializing, food, games, and a Derby Hat Contest. Hats off to the organizing committee.

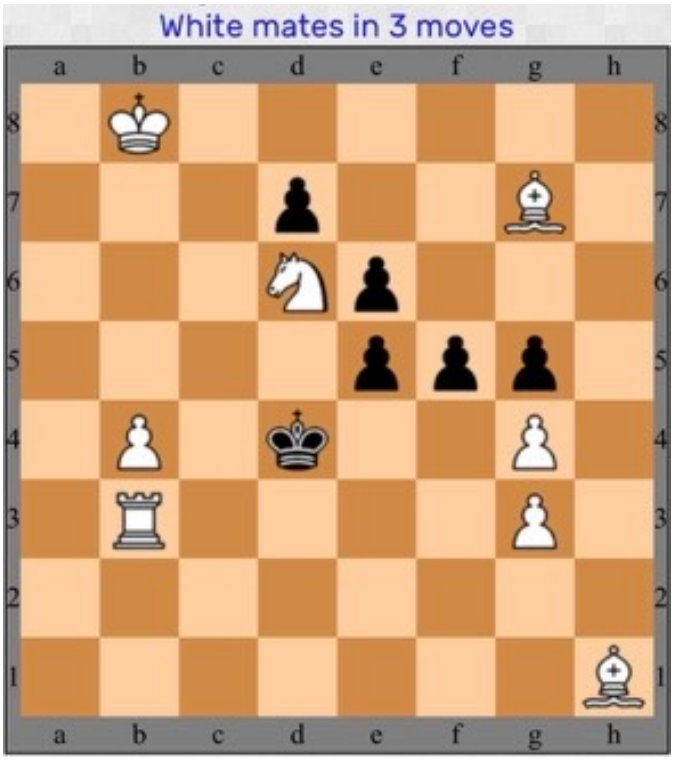
Janet Silvester, winner of the Derby Hat Contest, with her husband, Terry

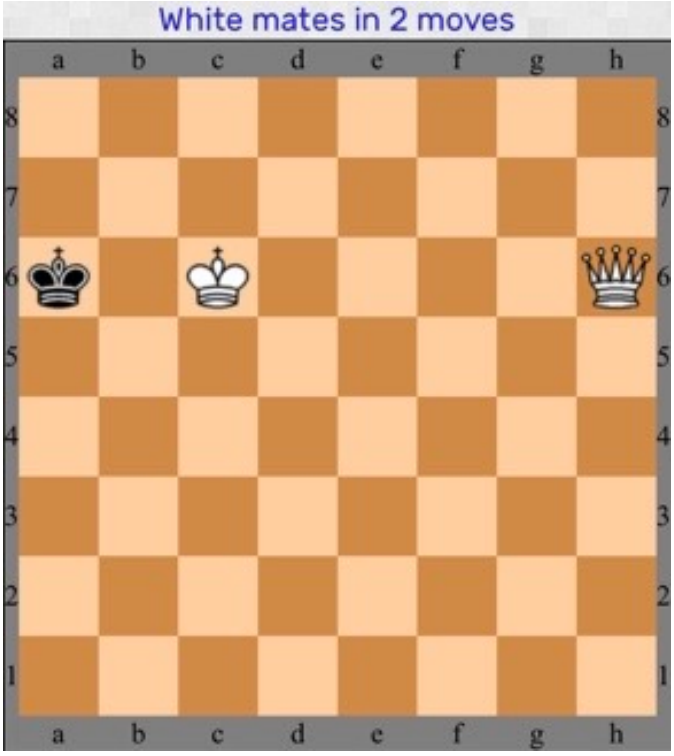
Chess Club News

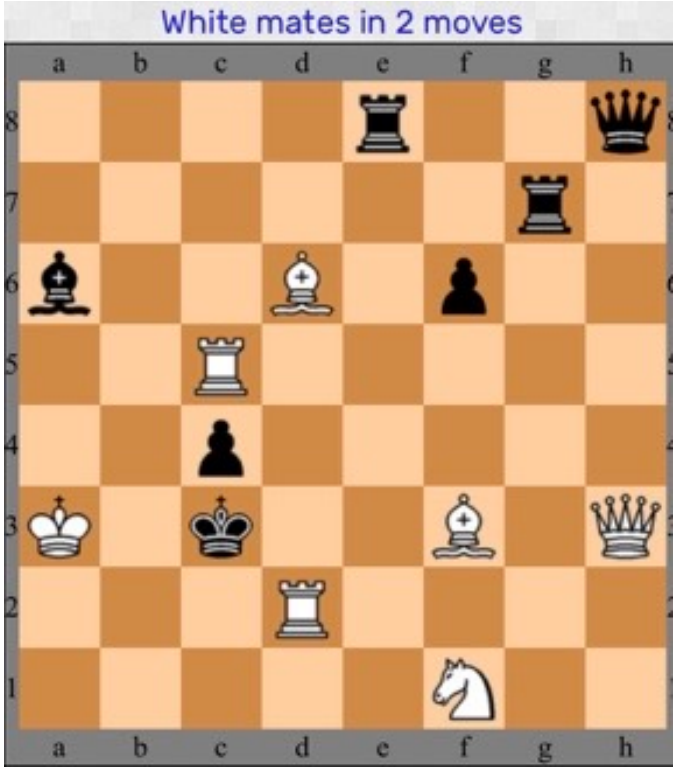
By Richard Wong

Here are three challenging chess problems. Good luck and enjoy.

The Chess Club meets every Tuesday, at 1-3 pm in the Windward Commons Lobby. Hope to see you.







El Ocho de Mayo

Text and photos By Pete Wait

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The *grande occasion* on May 8 came off with the precision and splendor of a well planned launch (unlike some rockets), with 25 in attendance. It included Jim and Ann Freeman, who are relocating to assisted living soon, and Buffy Wells, who arrived at Fleet Landing the previous day. Her husband, Bob, was too exhausted to attend (or perhaps he couldn't find something to wear—he can explain more fully at the next event).

Bill Beitz led off with thanksgiving for the food, fellowship, and festivities.

The menu included four kinds of meat (prepared by Mike Stortz), at least nine toppings, several salsas, beans (fried and refried), Mexican rice, Modelo Negra, Dos Equis, Corona, various diet sodas, water, and wines too numerous to mention.

The grand finale of this culinary extravaganza at the Annex included two large pans of flan and two pies!

Blessed to be a blessing,

Investment Club News

By Howard Burdick

With a few recent new members, we're holding our own with very good quality stocks, which we have held for a few years. More recently, we have been looking at stock sectors, examining the inner workings and mechanisms of several comparable stocks. We're also looking to see if artificial intelligence can help us in selecting stocks any better than our tried-and-true stock selection guide process (or throwing darts at the stock pages). Our original brokerage firm of TD Ameritrade has been transferred over to Charles Schwab (Schwab!), with which we now do our trading. Meetings have been moved to daytime, currently at 3 pm on the second Tuesday of each month, in the Annex. Tire kickers and dart throwers welcome.

Library Notes

By Enith Vardaman; photos by Rae Donnelly

The Library Committee thanks its recent donors: Judy Blocker, Marion and Ray Boyd, Dave Boyer, Don Husmann, Ann Linn, Dean Veremakis, Bea Walterman, and Bill Weimer.

There have been two recent additions to the Fleet Landing Authors shelf. Bill Spicer donated his four-volume work, *Sea Stories of a U.S. Marine,* and Mike Purinton donated his book, titled *Purely Fun: The Joke Book*. Purinton donated a second copy for the Humor section of the library.

During the pandemic, the Library Committee was not able to hold book sales, resulting in far too many books in storage for the sale held when that finally became possible again. Resident Rae Donnelly found out that the Schneider Eye and Wellness Center was collecting books for donation to the Florida Department

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of Corrections, which has limited library funding. She spearheaded the effort to offer to the Center this excess of donations acquired during the pandemic. Rae, her husband, Frank, and resident Beverly Norman packed 24 boxes of books, which the Donnellys loaded into the trunk and back seat of their SUV and delivered on May 10. (The weight of the books reduced the miles per gallon from 40 to 31!) Rae reported that Dr. Timothy L. Schneider and his nurse, Tina, helped unload the boxes, and Dr. Schneider could not stop thanking the Donnellys.

Reminders: Please do not donate large format books. They are too difficult to handle either in the library or to store for a book sale. Do not re-shelve books yourself. If a book is re-shelved incorrectly, other library users will not be able to find it. Place returns and donations on the book cart located between the Library Office and the library.

Pottery Show

Photos by Kristin Perry

Resident Veronika Jenke had a pottery show for friends and neighbors on May 11. Below are scenes from the show.

Veronika Jenke and guests

An amusing display of pottery COVID-19 masks spread out on Jenke's lawn

Live Well. Learn Forever.

By Nancy Lundgren

That's the motto for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of North Florida (UNF). The organization describes itself as "self-organized member volunteers working together to create and deliver educational, cultural, and social opportunities for lifelong learners aged 50 and better." Fleet Landing has been an OLLI sponsor since 2006, which includes permanent memberships for each resident. The latest OLLI course catalog can be found on Fleet Link. Go to "OLLI Catalog" under "Publications."

Jeanette Toohey, OLLI Director, visited campus on May 22 to reacquaint us with the current OLLI program. She also announced that Fleet Landing would host an eight-week course, Great Decisions, beginning June 13 and ending on August 8. The course is open to Fleet Landing residents and to anyone 55 and better in the outside community. Registration can be done online (unf.edu/ce/olli) or by calling the OLLI office (904-620-4200). The cost for this course is $60.00.

OLLI instructor Dennis Egan will facilitate the discussion class. This year's topics include Mideast realignment, climate technology and competition, science across borders, US-China trade rivalry, NATO's future, understanding Indonesia, high seas treaty, and pandemic preparedness. At each session participants view a video offered by an expert in international relations and foreign policy and then engage in a highly participatory collegial discussion. Weekly preparation involves advance reading of ten to twelve pages from the course booklet and supplemental reading materials provided by your course facilitator.

Dennis Egan is a retired naval officer with a B.A. in biological science and a minor in chemistry as well as a master's in information technology. After a naval career and a stint in the private sector, he realized a long-held desire to teach. Egan taught high school chemistry for eight years in Duval County Public Schools at all levels, from general to honors and advanced placement. Egan is active with OLLI both as a student and instructor. He facilitates "Great Decisions" and teaches a well-received Civil War course, a subject that has been a lifelong interest along with golf and the New York Yankees.

Toohey ended her presentation with a question and answer session that reflected a definite interest from the audience in getting involved in the OLLI program here and at the Adam Herbert Center on the UNF campus.

FLiCRA Holds Annual Meeting

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taking a position and actively attempting to defend or change laws or decisions to benefit affected individuals. In Florida, professional lobbyists must register with the state. FLiCRA has three registered lobbyists. In any given year, the over 2,000 lobbyists outnumber the 160 legislators. Napier also discussed grassroots advocacy, which involves individuals or organization members taking independent action with elected officials and/or staffers on issues of interest. Being a reliable information source is a way to build a relationship with legislators and the credibility of an organization.

Napier then enumerated the policy areas in which FLiCRA monitors proposed legislation: CCRCs, nursing homes and assisted living, health care services, taxes, insurer insolvency, and insurance. He also outlined FLiCRA's process for taking a position on legislation: Does the legislation restrict or enhance resident's rights? Does it increase or decrease costs to residents? Do other groups publicly support or oppose the legislation? Are only certain parts of it controversial?

Napier cited other organizations and agencies that are stakeholders in areas of interest to FLiCRA. While the Florida Health Care Association, the largest advocacy organization for long-term care providers, represents mostly for-profit free-standing nursing homes, a number of CCRC nursing homes belong to the organization. Members of LeadingAge Southeast (formerly LeadingAge Florida) provide services to seniors in Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. A number of CCRC assisted living facilities belong to the Florida Assisted Living Association, the oldest assisted living association in Florida, and to Florida Argentum, which represents professionally managed senior living communities offering independent and assisted living and memory care. Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration regulates skilled nursing, assisted living, home health, and hospice services, while oversight of CCRCs is based in Florida's Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR).

Noting that legislators need accurate data and facts in order to make informed decisions about how legislation affects their constituents, Napier said that information relating to CCRCs could come from the state office of FLiCRA as well as from the regional and local level. He encouraged FLiCRA chapters to have contacts with elected and appointed officials through such means as inviting them to speak or testifying at local delegation meetings.

Napier addressed the situation at Unisen Senior Living. This CCRC, previously known as University Village, went through bankruptcy after being run by unscrupulous management. With significant debt and occupancy down to 21 percent, the current owner/operator, Tampa Life Plan Village, has filed for bankruptcy and is closing the community down. Some funds will be given to assist residents, who will have to relocate. Eight CCRCs in the Tampa area have presented options for displaced residents to move to their communities. FLiCRA has provided assistance to Unisen residents by answering questions and providing guidance on a variety of topics. It had also met with OIR to discuss ways that agency could support Unisen residents. This is an extremely rare situation. There have been CCRC bankruptcies over the years, but usually a new owner/operator has been found. It has been over 40 years since a bankruptcy resulted in residents having to move because the community shut down.

Napier ended his presentation by emphasizing the importance of FLiCRA membership. Legislators listen because they know that CCRC residents vote.

For more information about FLiCRA, go to the website flicra.com. You can sign up there for FLiCRA's e-newsletter that is issued weekly during the Florida legislative session. Attendees at the Annual Meeting received an handout with an updated listing of savings to CCRC residents achieved by FLiCRA through legislation. The original document can be found on the website under the "Legislation" tab.

Following the Annual Meeting, Napier, the invited guests from other FLiCRA chapters, and representatives of the Fleet Landing chapter had a luncheon meeting in The Retreat. The lively session included questions and a sharing of chapter practices.

A meeting of the new FLiCRA board to elect officers and choose responsibilities rounded out the gatherings for the day. Officers and responsibilities are as follows: President, Karen Farrell; Vice President and Events, Laurie Page; Secretary, Louise Lones; Treasurer, Ernie Bio; Membership, David Miron; and Legislative, Mike Shannon. Pat Kluever and Enith Vardaman, who are not elected board members, will continue to provide support. Vardaman will continue to serve as presidential advisor. Kluever, whose term on the board has just expired, will continue as data manager, and newly elected board member Judy Solano will become acquainted with that responsibility.

Gathering of Dog Park Regulars

Resident Barbara Trevaskis captured this photo of Dog Park regulars (human and canine) relaxing outside Meridian.

Welcome Aboard

5505 Cynthia and Bruce Fulton (December '23)

The paths of Cynthia and Bruce crossed at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, where they both went to college. They married when Cynthia graduated. Cynthia grew up around the world in a US Air Force family, while Bruce lived in Natick, MA, before his parents moved to Cape Cod after he graduated from high school.

Cynthia has a B.S. in art education, with an English minor, and a postgraduate paralegal degree. She worked in law firms in probate, taxes, trusts, trademarks, and family law before leaving to trade stocks and options at home, which led to early retirement. Bruce has a M.S. in hotel and restaurant management, with a business minor, and an M.S. in health service administration. His career was with food management corporations, providing meals to health care facilities (including CCRCs), corporations, universities, and stadiums. Because of his career, they moved to various locations, arriving in Atlantic Beach in 1991. After 20 years here, they moved to a retirement community in Tennessee, but have returned for the continuing care services at Fleet Landing.

Bruce is a member of the 900 Club, having hiked all the trails of the Smoky Mountains. He still enjoys long walks and plays pickleball. Cynthia is interested in ceramics, jigsaw puzzles, gardening, and mah-jongg. The Fultons are avid card and game players (excluding bridge) and are putting out a call for new friends to play. This includes hoping to find people who play sheepshead, a Wisconsin card game.

—Kristin Perry

2201 Linda and Tom Holloman (April)

Tom and Linda believe they have had a wonderful life together, full of travel and adventure. They met at Auburn University in Auburn, AL. After they graduated, Tom was immediately commissioned as an ensign in the US Navy. His first duty assignment was on the USS *Ault* (DD-698) in Mayport. The couple arrived as newlyweds in 1966. Tom spent seven years in the Navy and the Navy Reserve. He graduated from law school and spent 21 years in the US Army Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps, serving on posts throughout the US and Japan. He concluded his career as colonel with three tours at the Pentagon, working in the Office of Litigation.

As an involved officer's wife, Linda did volunteer work, managed their many moves, and raised two children. Their son is now a United Airlines pilot, and their daughter is a retired attorney in Vermont. They have two grandchildren.

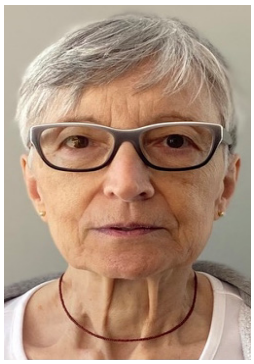
Following retirement, the Hollomans put their possessions into storage and took to the road full-time in a 25-foot Airstream trailer for eight years. They visited every state, except Nevada, and traveled across Canada, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland. When their RV travels ended, they spent 15 years in a Del Webb community in Mt. Juliet, TN, and two years in Carlyle Place, a retirement community in Macon, GA. After visiting about five CCRCs, Tom and Linda moved to Fleet Landing to be closer to their family in Orlando.

Tom enjoys painting in watercolor, sketching, writing, reading, golf, and ballroom and line dancing. Both are walkers and have joined a yoga class. They are looking forward to many years of enjoying activities and new friends here.

—Kristin Perry

2202 Nancy Van Kirk (March)

One of Nancy Van Kirk's top two criteria for finding the right continuing care retirement community (CCRC) was to be within walking distance of a beach. Now she walks there frequently, and she has walked south on the beach to Beaches Town Center.



Nancy grew up in Columbus, OH, and received a B.A. in English from The Ohio State University. She went on to use her English degree in textbook publishing in Ohio and Cambridge, MA, and later, as a proofreader in Tallahassee, FL. She returned to college at Florida State University as a part-time student and received a B.S. in psychology with a minor in statistics.

She returned to Ohio and worked for the State of Ohio in the Bureau of Child Support; the Bureau of State Hearings, reviewing benefit appeals; and the Office of Legal Services, where she filed rules with the state legislature. She retired in 2011 and started thinking about retiring to Florida.

Her second criterion for finding a CCRC was having a good skilled nursing facility. Since Fleet Landing met her requirements, she joined the waiting list, and after three years, found an apartment. She was shown through the apartment by staff via FaceTime, and as soon as she saw the large bank of windows overlooking the wetlands, she accepted the offer.

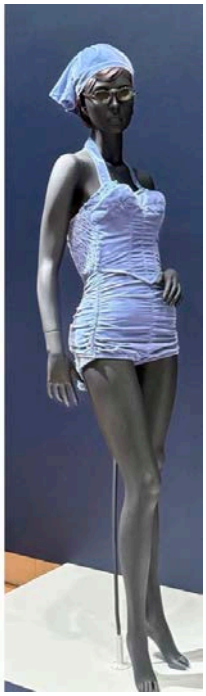
When she got here, she was amazed at how nice everything was. She sends photos to her family in Ohio and Houston, TX. Nancy follows the Cleveland Guardians, walks, does stretching and strengthening exercises, wants to begin using the Fitness Center, does New York Times crossword puzzles, reads, and goes to dinner with new friends.

—Kristin Perry

Sporting Fashion

By Carole Watson

Left: "Portrait of a Lady" circa 1592.
Right: Slim, columnar, empire-waist dresses circa 1810.



Left: Touring outfit circa 1920's.
Center: Motorcycling outfit circa 1930's.
Right: Bathing suit circa 1950's.

If you've ever characterized museums as "stuffy and dull," then you could not have been with the Fleet Landing tour of "Sporting Fashion: Outdoor Girls 1800-1960" at the Cummer Museum on May 3. Led by our own Lory Doolittle, a Cummer docent and supporter, participants on the tour were introduced to clothing as a force of cultural and social change.

Lory Doolittle

The group was first introduced to "Portrait of a Lady" from Ninah Cummer's personal collection, which portrayed a woman in the whalebone-stayed, restrictive, and enveloping clothing typical of Elizabethan times. In contrast, next we viewed the changes in dresses that occurred after the French Revolution. Slim, columnar, empire-waisted dresses of soft, non-restrictive fabrics like cotton and muslim replaced the heavy velvets and stiff silk brocades. An example depicted was Jacques-Louis David's sketch of Marie Antoinette in a simple chemise on her way to the guillotine. After the Napoleonic years (1799-1815) came to an end, dress for women returned to the previous, more formal, style.

Kevin Jones, Curator from the FIDM Museum at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles, CA, and his staff spent 12 years scouring attics, storage facilities, antique shops and auctions, to acquire the authentic clothing and accessories that make up the 160 years of sporting history, 64 ensembles (worn on mannequins with artist paper coiffures), and 40 activities that make up the display.

"Sporting Fashion: Outdoor Girls 1800-1960" is arranged by activity with timelines for the sports' feminization. Sporting for women began as emulations of men's sporting pursuits. The earliest for women emerged with horseback riding in the 1600's. It was not until 1910 that the riding costume converted from skirt to apron skirt to baggy trousers, i.e., jodhpurs. By the 1800's, walking, touring, and bicycling were acceptable pastimes for women, each with its representative costume, still with concealing coverage, and with hats and gloves required. Style breakthroughs came when women discarded traditional fabrics to wear camouflage for shooting, and in mountaineering, when in 1890, a British woman invented the divided skirt.

The 1900's popularized bathing and seaside resorts and activities. In 1900, a woman's bathing costume required twenty yards of fabric, but by 1920, bathing apparel had become swimwear, and took only seven yards. The swimwear manufacturer, Jantzen, used the slogan: "The suit that changed bathing to swimming." The use of rubber in shoes and bathing caps helped to further popularize athletic attire.

By 1960, sportswear to fit all women's sporting activities had been designed into modern iterations. Since then, modifications have been in textiles, e.g., the use of color, stretch, insulation, and, on the cutting edge, fabrics that monitor body responses.

Perhaps, in the future, we'll be treated to an exhibit of Sporting Fashion: 1960-????.

Yacht Club News

By Howard Burdick

At our annual meeting, conducted on May 12 in the Annex, revised by-laws were approved, and the following officers were elected for the coming year: Commodore, Randy McDonald; Vice-Commodore, Chuck Bentley; Secretary, Dale Bitter; Treasurer, Vicki

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Yacht Club News

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Reed (continuing to serve in that post); and reverting to Rear Commodore, your scribe. Officers for our Radio-Controlled (RC) Fleet were previously elected: Captain, John Stephens; and Co-Captain, Hugh Christian.

Our meeting, with appropriate grog and grub, was catered by Coleman Center Dining Services, and we were entertained by Nancy Ruppert, a guitar-playing, sea-chanty-singing friend of Randy and Libby McDonald.

RC activities and races will continue to be conducted on Saturday mornings and Tuesday afternoons, while activities of the larger American sloops will continue on Saturday and/or Sunday afternoons. Recent activities included a sail training classroom session, and cleaning of the boats.

Anyone interested in joining us may contact any of our officers, or join us at the docks.

New Resident Mix and Mingle

By Enith Vardaman

Left: Refreshments table.
Right: Sue Dukes (l) and April Morin.

At the May 28 New Resident Mix and Mingle, residents gathered to welcome their newest neighbors. Refreshments were tasty, and conversation flowed.

Games are a feature of these periodic gatherings, and this time the game was electronic. Sales and Marketing Senior Director April Morin, assisted by Wellness Services Director Sue Dukes, presided over the game. Everyone who had a cell phone was invited to participate in two rounds of trivia questions found on Kahoot! websites and projected on the Johnson Hall screens. Bob Peterson emerged the winner in the round with questions relating to Fleet Landing, and Dale Bitter triumphed in the round with general trivia questions. Both winners were awarded a bottle of wine.

Crosby Sanctuary Hike

Photos by Janet Silvester

On May 8, a group of Fleet Landing residents traveled to Orange Park, FL, for a guided hike of Crosby Sanctuary. Owned by Duval Audubon Society, Crosby encompasses 510 acres of swamp and woodlands. Flora (including bald cypress, black gum, Carolina ash, American elm, swamp laurel oak, live oak, and red maple) and fauna (including river otter, white tailed deer, raccoon, red fox, bobcat, a variety of birds, and even North American beaver) can be found there.

The FleetLanders

By Chet Davis

Fleet Landing residents were treated to another concert by The FleetLanders on May 16 in Johnson Hall. The talents of Bob Armacost, Julia Pet-Armacost, Guy Van

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The FleetLanders

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Syckle, Jim Katsikas, Karen Sturtevant, and De An Winton were on display. The concert included pop, folk, and jazz favorites, with the various numbers highlighting the skills of the individual musicians. Guest artist Julie McLaughlin performed "I Will Wait for You." Several tunes were designated as sing-alongs, but, if you listened carefully, you could hear that there were other times when the audience was accompanying the performers.

Julie McLaughlin

This was another enjoyable FleetLanders concert, and the songs resonated with the audience. Be sure to check the monthly calendar for more opportunities to see and hear Fleet Landing's many talented performers in the weeks and months ahead.

Memorial Day Parade

Photos by Ann Bell, Ed Hollender, and Janet Silvester

The May 27 Memorial Day parade featured the usual assortment of means of transportation: bikes, a scooter (with a cat aboard), roller skates, golf carts (some with dog passengers), and even a wearable "golf cart." Participants and spectators alike were attired in red, white, and blue. As always, a Safety and Security staff member was on hand to keep everyone safe.