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## CALENDAR

- Mar. 17 12:00 to 1:00 pm Homemade Irish Stew. Donation \$1.00. Bring your bowl and spoon.  
1:30 pm - Drawing - One Hundred Dollar Drawing
- Mar. 19 Annual Election - Polls open 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Election of '83-'84 Council. VOTE - VOTE Sample ballot posted on Rec.-Hall Bulletin Board.
- Mar. 20 1:00 pm March Dinner. Remember your tip for the Meals-on-Wheels basket on your table.
- Mar. 23 6:00 pm Shuffle League Banquet at Gasparilla Mobile Estates. See Brownie for tickets - \$8.00 per person
- Mar. 24-25 Thurs. & Fri. 10:00 am - 12:00 noon. Make your reservations for Easter Ham Dinner.
- Mar. 26 12:30 pm Surprise Luncheon - \$1.50 Barbecued Beef Ribs  
Potato Salad  
Coffee  
(Remember your table service)
- Mar. 27 7:00 pm Annual General Meeting of the Association. All residents urged to attend. The agenda includes the annual reports and matters of business to come before the general membership including a proposed amendment to Article 4 of the Articles of Governance. (See proposal and write-up elsewhere in this issue.)
- Apr. 3 1:00 pm Easter Ham Dinner

Tip Baskets will be on the tables at the March 20th dinner with all donations going to Meals-on-Wheels from Gulf to Bay Residents. Please be sure the basket is passed around.

Many thanks to Jack and Mary May who spawned the suggestion and created the reality of the March 5th Hobby Fair. Their "trial balloon" was hailed as a success by all who attended, and hopes have been expressed on all fronts that we can do it again next year. Thanks for a great show with a delightful May flair. A.H.B.

The bulletin board has a new location - just inside the Bayo St. door - real handy. Now we're hoping someone will donate a good sized mirror for the north wall. Wouldn't that be nice!

Remember the Annual General Meeting on Sunday evening, March 27 at 7:00 pm. The March Committee will provide a coffee bar with a little finger goodie following the meeting.

Nine new members have joined FMO in the last month. How about you?

EXTRA - EXTRA \* \* JACK MAY - FIRST RUNNER UP - PM MAGAZINE "GREAT WESTERN CHILI" BAKE OFF!!!

There were 1200 entries and from that number 12 finalists were chosen. These 12 finalists competed at the E. Lake Mall, Tampa before a live audience with Linda Scott and Dave Saint hosting the TV show. Jack is richer by \$200.00 cash and other gifts. The show was televised Monday, March 14th. For all you Chili lovers ask Jack about his recipe for "The 106th U.S. Cavalry Chili". It's smoking red - O Lord it's Good!!!

AURA STREET

by Marge Stocum

Chet and Vivian gone again. The way they like the beach the weather man must be a friend of theirs. They always take off when the weather is not beach weather.

The Darlings have had company from Indiana to Maine. Donna's sister visited for one week and Indiana folks, the Lewises for a few days.

Anne and Arthur Cady from Waterbury, Conn. very happy to be new residents at 103 Aura. Welcome to our Park.

Anna and George Galat are happy working around and waiting for more sun to come. More than that they are happy at having their friends in the Park, Val and Mary Zamphir of 501 Estada.

Ethel Cross' niece and two children were here from Trenton, N.J. and considering the weather they still enjoyed the beach and the Park.

Millie Cohoon's daughter Ardith (Arty) Bennett was here for a week. She flew in from Redford, Mich. and went back home with her brother Elwood who drove down earlier. They made a new path between Edna and Peanuts and Millie's.

It's good seeing Russell Quinn wandering the Park. He has been having lots of company, Henry and Evelyn Williams; also Lloyd and Helen Harris from Frankfort, Ky.

Our sympathy goes out to Betty Baker on the death of her brother Robert Colburn. Bob had been a resident in the Park for some time. He will be missed.

Made a good showing toward the 2000 mark at the Methodist Pancake breakfast. Ethel, Lu, Ann, Marge from Aura St., Cora and Bernice also went together.

Tillie Denhard and Bertha Johnson keeping each other company watching TV evenings. Doing a lot of gabbing. I don't know about the TV watching!

Marge's niece Lisa and friend from Corning, N.Y. staying with Aunt Eleanor and Uncle Ray. Ray took them clamming (Sat.) morning and they almost froze.

Good to have Mae and Wally Dearborn back on the block. I haven't been able to catch them home for news. Got to see them on the beach. They are both looking good.

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Child's answer on Death and Dying - Only good people go to Heaven; the other people go where it's hot all the time - like in Florida!

You know you're growing old when, everything hurts - and what doesn't hurt doesn't work!

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GOLFO STREET NEWS

by Dortha Swickard

Col. Nicholas Marshall and wife, Betty of Winthrop, Mass. are here on Golfo St. to stay until May. Col. Marshall has retired from the Air Force.

Audrey and George Jacobson entertained at dinner friends from Port Charlotte. Ken Elsner left for his home in Dayton Friday.

Norma and Jean Croteau of Chicopee, Mass. are back with us until the last of April. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Desrochers of Chicopee, Mass. are arriving Sunday for a two week visit with Norma and Jean.

Gene and Mahlon Hallett visited friends in Venice.

Virginia and Raymond DeMoss of Tiffin, Ohio are visiting with the Hulls, Nighswanders and Swickards.

Nowadays, most baby sitters want at least \$2.00 an hour plus Fridge benefits!

The toughest thing about raising kids is convincing them that you have seniority.

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Did you hear about the Pelican who switched from sardines to herring? The smaller fish just didn't fill the bill!

Sign at a boat showroom (Out to Launch)  
Sign above a light switch (Turn off Please, Thanks a Watt!)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF GOVERNANCE

TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE GENERAL MEETING

Article 4 of the Articles of Governance (formerly By-Laws) provides free tickets to each of the monthly dinners for five persons in addition to the dinner committee. The Article stipulates and limits the workers:- two Bingo operators; the ticket seller; shuffleboard chairman and the Flag chairman.

Over the past two to three years additional activities have been added and individuals have assumed leadership roles on a regular basis, some daily, some weekly or bi-weekly. Responsibility for Bingo is now shared, adding another caller. The Shuffle Frolic chairperson is responsible for two full afternoons per week. Our newspaper, The Listening Post, came into being;- has anyone a clue as to how much work this project entails - or the number of people involved? (Ask the Editor of typist.)

To continue, we have a daily Exercise Group with a faithful leader. There's Game Night and Bridge Club, Bible Study and Friday Morning Show and Tell - all with leaders. Only the Poker Club seems to function automatically - a unique bunch of self-starters.

As you can readily see, this creates an inequitable situation where services are rendered by some without token recognition while others receive monthly dinner tickets. The Council recognizes that something must be done to correct the inequity. Only an amendment can change the rules.

Clearly, additional free tickets would raise the donation needed to cover costs. Then comes the dilemma of where to draw the line; which jobs warrant compensation - and if everyone who works is entitled to a free ride, what about the Council? The whole spirit of pitching in and doing a good job for the community and for ourselves would be lost.

The Council proposes the following amendment to the Articles of Governance to be presented at our General Meeting on March 27, 1983 to be voted on by the assembly.

Article 4 to be amended to read:-

Each Council member shall serve as monthly chairperson for all social events of the entire month and shall select his own committee not to exceed ten persons including the chairperson. Free dinners are to be provided for the dinner committee.

If this amendment is ratified by vote of the General Meeting to go into effect with the '83-'84 season, free dinners will only be provided for the dinner committee. No other service to the Association will be rewarded or recognized with the distribution of free dinner tickets.

The Council recommends the approval of this amendment. Attend and vote.

Respectfully,

Allison H. Brown, President

We saved a dollar forty-five  
Today by clever shopping  
We drove all over town to do  
Our grocery bargain-hopping  
We saved a nickle here and there  
And thought that we were thrifty  
Until we added up the gas  
And found it cost two-fifty.

FLASH! The Golden Tassel award  
will be presented the end of this  
month. Results in April issue.

ST PATRICK'S DAY - Ham Tener

St. Patrick's Day comes every Spring  
And we all wear the Shamrock's green.  
It's the dream of hope--that great thing-  
For future, not the life that's been.

So for one day in every land  
We hold that hope in our own hand;  
And thus it is, it's safe to say,  
We're Irish all, St. Patrick's Day.



"But I've already defrosted a chicken."

BAYO STREET NEWS

by Mabel Gaudette

The Weavers took a weekend trip to Ft. Lauderdale and Boca Raton to visit their families.

Mabel Gaudette enjoyed a visit from her neice, Claire Fati from Springfield, Mass. and brother-in-law Wm. Leduc and friend from Pompano Beach.

The Arnholts are enjoying a visit from their daughter, Pat Field and son Christopher this week.

Florence and George Finette visited their cousins Mr. and Mrs. Tinnin in St. Petersburg for a few days. While there, they enjoyed trips to Jai-Lai and Derby Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond DeMoss from Tiffin Ohio are enjoying our Park. Fishing is picking up they said. They enjoyed the trout he caught in the Bay.

Alice Flebotte entertained Mr. and Mrs. Bissonette from Ludlow, Mass; also Mr. and Mrs. LaBranche from St. Petersburg and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Boulrice from Enfield, Conn. We are all happy to see Doris and Al Boulrice from Indian Orchard, Mass. Needless to say so is Alice.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Victor Billinski from Muskegan, Mich. are here for the month. They are friends of the Knapps. Welcome to our Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stevenson from Durand, Mich. are here enjoying a visit with his brother, Bill on Cielo St.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Turk enjoyed a visit from friends from Greenwich, Conn. The Roger Weeks. Florence now has her brother Eric Gustafson here for company.

Rose Ouimette had Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Turcotte from Springfield, Mass. for a few days.

Sophie Szopski had her brother-in-law Gus Schultz from Chicago, Ill. as a guest for a month.

Grace Henning enjoyed a visit from her grandson, wife and little daughter from Ft. Myers.

Fran and Marie Wadlegger entertained his brother Harold and wife Dolores from New York City.

Bernice Theiss had Mr. and Mrs. Ward Wetzal from Akron, Ohio for a visit.

Isabelle and Al Ward were happy to welcome their daughter and husband from Grass-Isle, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Knapp had guests, the Richard Lindgrens from Muskegon, Mich. Their daughter, Mrs. Merri Lee Munson, also from Muskegon are visiting.

Ralph Holman's brother and wife, Dick and Margaret and Marj and Leo Frey from Belle, Fla. were guests for a few days.

The Bovees entertained friends from Labrador, Canada, Mae and Howard Mitchemore and Mildred and Leonard Pilgrim.

Terry and Vin Phaneuf had guests for a few days from Sebastian, Fla. Julian and Terry Ray. They also had old friends of theirs, Virginia and Kenneth Temple from Lead, So. Dak.

Welcome back home, Dot and Henny Henworth; you were gone a long time. Hope the Gulf warms up for you Dot.

The Mark Daugherty's are once again enjoying time with daughter, Noni, and son-in-law, Joe Muraco. They have traveled to Sanibel Island and had a marvelous time bird-watching at the Darling Sanctuary. They will be traveling to EPCOT on the 20th of March. Noni and Joe want to say "Thank you" to the many Park residents for their warm hospitality and kindness. Says Noni and Joe, "We think Gulf to Bay Park has some of the nicest people we've ever known. We will never forget all the happy times we have shared with you."

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Minister to Congregation: We will now repeat the 23rd Psalm, and will the woman who generally gets to the still waters while the rest of us are still in green pastures, kindly wait and go with the crowd.  
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Patient to Doctor: Jog? If I felt like jogging, I wouldn't be here.

CIELO STREET NEWS  
by Paul Stunzig

Norm and Millie Durst are going to Orlando March 17-18-19; their niece will be graduating from Naval Training Centre. On March 28 they'll be leaving for Cincinnati until next year.

Bill and Irene Stevenson arranged for brother Don and wife Marge to be with us for awhile over on Bayo St. Bill has his son and daughter-in-law and grandchildren coming down for Easter. Says he's very happy with his new room. They'll be leaving for their northern trek May 18th.

Barbara Richardson is adapting well and very happy in her new surroundings. Says Bob Knapp and LaVern Sumner have been giving greatly appreciated help settling her in. Friends Dick Hire and Shirley just bought Tillie's place on Aura St. They are neighbors from East Longmeadow, Mass. Barbara's a bridge fan. Say's anyone interested in Contract get in touch with her. There have been a lot of impromptu meets lately.

LaVern Sumner will have friends visiting March 20 for four days or so. - Chris and Carol Donahue from Muskegan checking out the area for future retirement.

Tom McElroy says sheepshead are finally biting on sand fleas and shrimp. They're coming into the Alley to spawn.

Charlie and Ruth Hicks will be leaving us about March 14 until next November. They'll stop along the way in Memphis and Nashville. Want to see Elvis Presley's place and maybe take in the Grand Ole Opry. Charlie says he's sorry to miss St. Patrick's day and the monthly dinner. Wants to make sure he gets his raffle tickets. We promised to mail him the \$100 bill if he wins.

Frank and Doris Finelli enjoyed company, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Keny and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gardina from Corning, N.Y. Also Frank's ex-Superintendent Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Eyre from Bradenton enjoyed a day with them.

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From Insurance Accident Reports - Coming home I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.

The indirect cause of the accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth.

The telephone pole was approaching fast. I was attempting to swerve out of its path when it struck my front end.

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DOTS AND DASHES FROM DIJE ST.  
by Ruth Salmon

We've all felt sadness with the loss of a very good friend and neighbor, John Miller. It just won't be the same street without John, and neither will Bingo. A long time and popular resident of our Park, the service at Lemon Bay Funeral Home was attended by more than half the people in the Park. Our sincere condolences to Therese.

Shirley Ryan is one of our busiest residents. I caught her as she and Grady were packing to leave for one of their many antique shows in Florida.

Jim Spear is still confined by illness. He is sorely missed at Bingo and on the shuffleboard courts. Mae does her best to win for him at Bingo in the hall and very often does.

Bea and Gene Hull are busily beautifying their yard as we all can see by those beautiful red geraniums.

403 Dije was humming with activity for ten days when my daughter Elaine and grandson, Richie were visiting from N. Y. State. Richie didn't miss a day of surfing in the cold Gulf water. Elaine fished off the docks at night but only caught a big spider crab. Ugh!

George and Joey Gallaher from Pittsburgh, Pa. were guests of Jennie and Jay Hubbard for ten days. Due to the weather, they couldn't go fishing or enjoy the beach but instead took trips to the Ringling Museums in Sarasota and to the Edison Home in Ft. Myers. Their visit was very enjoyable.

Harry and Mable Marsh entertained Harvey VanderLoan of Grand Rapids and his daughter Joy, from Ohio, for a week in February. They were also visited by

DIJE ST. (cont'd.)

Harry Marsh, his wife Elsa and mother Runa of New York and also Bessie Kennely of Bradenton; all cousins of Harry Marsh. Edith and Bob Barry, daughter and son-in-law of the Marshes have returned to their home in Grand Marais, Michigan after spending the winter here. We will all miss them and hope they will return to Gulf-to-Bay next Fall. The Marshes are not alone, however, as Clara Bessinger, a close friend, has moved in as their guest until the end of the winter season.

Hulda and Chan Robinson enjoyed having neighbors, the Applebys from Monticello, here for ten days. Fishing was poor but they joined the Thursday night Euchre group in the hall and going to church on Sunday with dinner out afterwards. They also drove to Punta Gorda to visit a friend and pick delicious fruit to take back home.

Now a bulletin from our Shuffleboard Team Captain, Clayton Brown. On behalf of the shuffle team and boosters who were entertained last Wednesday on their return from this season's final league match, Brownie wishes to thank Hulda Robinson and Clara Bessinger for their thoughtfulness & effort. Clara's homemade lemon pies were delicious and Hulda brews a super cup of coffee. "That's one time when scoring in the kitchen gets a big cheer from the Team", says Brownie.

Things have really been happening at 408 Dije St. since the Ides returned from their trip to Mass. From all that dirt and concrete blocks has emerged the beginnings of a beautiful new room. The cement floor was poured just in time for the arrival of relatives from Vermont and Canada.

The Masties have been busy entertaining guests with more due to arrive. Katey's sister Marge and hubby Ralph were here for a week. Friends Elsie and Ed Holda from Dearborn Heights, Mich. are in Venice for two months so are often here with Katey and Hank. Hank was running in circles for two days as his car wouldn't start. Thanks to lots of good advice from friends and especially to the expert help from Faye and Les Downing's son Bob, it's now in good working condition. Be prepared Abbey, here comes Hank for his morning donut and coffee!

Roxanne and Ralph had friends Ellis and Armand Paquin from So. Hadley, Mass. as visitors. They were staying at Johnson's Motel and liked this area so well that they bought a mobile home at Brook to Bay Park. That Roxanne is artistic - I caught her gluing beautiful shells around a mirror. It looks just like something from a Florida gift shop.

How do you like the Nighswander's new screened porch? They now have a gorgeous view of the Bay, the bridge, and the birds.

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African Safari Guide: "To keep from being attacked by wild animals at night, just carry a lighted torch." "Does it really work?" "Depends on how fast you carry it!"

A church sign in our community reads, "Your Maker reserves the right to recall any of his products at any time."

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About our Presidents:

Chester A. Arthur (1881-85) knew the way to a woman's heart. He gave his wife flowers every day of their marriage. Even after her death, he had flowers placed under her portrait every day until he died.

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The driver of a trailer truck stopped for lunch at a Truck Stop. He was small for such a job. As he was eating in came 3 motorcycle goons and hassled him. He got up and left. They said to the waitress, "He's not much of a man." She replied, "He's not much of a driver either; he just ran over 3 motorcycles."

They'll Do It Every Time



SECRETS FROM CIELO CT.

by Loretta Brandemill

Everyone on the court is now accounted for. Carl and Alice Jackson arrived this past week.

Matt and Lola Yakes have been busy once again entertaining much company. Roger and Phyllis Boyer, friends from Grand Rapids stopped over for a night. Matt's sister Theresa from Fremont, Mich. spent a few days, and now their son and wife, Eugene and Edna are with them, having come from doing missionary work in Haiti. And if that isn't enough - a great grandson, Brian Kraker from Allendale, Mich. will be flying here on the 17th (for his 13th birthday) to do some fishing with both grandpas. It will be a quiet place when everyone goes home the end of the month.

The Mays wish to recognize all those who made the Hobby Fair a success.

Exhibitors:

Chan Robinson, Rose Ouimett, Doris Slaybaugh, Marge Stocum, Loretta Brandemill, Ethel Cross, Bob Barry, Bernice Theiss, Cora Tyson, Gene Hallett.

Cafe:

Allison Brown, Betty Baker, Helen Bleck

Door Prize

Chances: Mahlon Hallett

Set Up and Clean Up:

Fred and Loretta Brandemill, Eleanor and Noble Paul, Chan and Hulda Robinson, Brownie and Allison Brown, Gene and Mahlon Hallett.

Their sincere thanks to one and all. Mary and Jack are all excited; their daughter Sherri will arrive March 19th.

Fred and Loretta Brandemill are very quiet since their daughter Janet and son-in-law Clarence left for home.

Cam and Cal Thatcher are having mixed emotions; the first of the month they will be leaving us and returning home to Finley, Ohio. Sorry to see you go Cam and Cal and hoping you will return in the fall.

ESTADA ETCHINGS

by Marguerite Oestreich

Mary and Val Zamphir are busily redoing their flower beds. They are trying to persuade George Galat that Euchre is a fun game and he should learn to play!

Virginia and John Smith entertained their daughter-in-law Pam Smith and grandchildren Kelly Jay and little Pam of Deltona, Fla. Kelly and John had fun fishing in spite of the fact that they only caught some small crabs, which Kelly took home for pets.

It's nice to see Marge and Dick Hamilton our walking hand in hand again. They are both doing fine after their hospital visits.

Mary Jane O'Connell is able to spend several days a week with her parents now that she is a full fledged nurse and on a five day schedule.

Fay and Les Downing were called back to Michigan for Les' brothers' funeral. Their son and his wife, Bob and Bonnie have been here for a visit. Their daughter Nancy and Husband Ed of San Francisco will be here over Easter.

Emma Graber bowls on two Englewood teams, which is probably part of the reason for that good figure. She and Gordon are so busy shopping and sightseeing that you seldom see them at home.

Helen Bleck is sorry to report that Marion Crowell has returned to her home in Conn. Helen has been enjoying visits with friends from Conn., Atlanta and Titusville recently.

Marguerite and Art are finally feeling more human after fighting the flu bug. Daughter-in-law Alice flew down from Bloomington. Son Skip will arrive on Thursday for a few days and both will return home on Sunday, March 20th.

Jeanette Blanchard has been having bouts with the dentist & doctor & is not feeling well. We miss seeing her out in her flower beds.