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#### From the Editors

#### **Rice Creek RV Resort Newsletter**

Also available in color on-line at www.ontracnewsletters.net Thank you to all the people who have contributed to this edition, as well as our managers, activities directors, and coordinators.

Please submit your ideas or articles in writing or by email with your name, address, and phone number.

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#### **Manager's Corner**

**Bill & Lois Brimmer** 

By: Bill Brimmer

The time of year has come when all the fledglings have flown the nest. The woods are quiet for there is no joy in the songbirds. But in no time at all we will be singing our song of joy! In a short while the snowbirds will be returning. In the meantime, we will be busy cleaning up the nesting areas and making improvements; hopefully bringing joy to your hearts.

Until you return may you have safe journeys and a pleasant summer!



#### **Activities Directors**

**Prudy and Dave Hodsdon** 

By: Prudy Hodsdon (603) 312-1461

Another season is finishing...time sure flies! Seems like just a couple of weeks ago I was wondering when the 'Snowbirds' were going to return. Now it's almost time for them to return to their summer homes.

April 9th there will be Easter dinner in the hall @ 2 p.m. Signup sheet will be in the back of the hall for hosting a table. Guests bring a dish to pass. Please remember to bring your own table setting.

I would like to thank all the helpers, volunteers, and coordinators. Without you there would be no activities. Rice Creek is a place where people are friendly and so generous. So, rest up this summer and get ready for another season of Fun In The Sun in Riverview, Florida!

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#### **EDITORIAL**

By: Robin Vaughan

I always feel a little melancholy this time of year. Reflecting on the season, I feel like there wasn't enough time to get everything done that I wanted to do. There are folks I wasn't able to spend as much time with as I wanted. There were events I couldn't attend and wish I had. But then, I think about all the fun I did have. I think this was one of the best seasons ever! Our Rice Creek community is full of characters! Witty, charming, comical, musical, arty, and kind. The diversity of backgrounds and experiences of folks in the park makes each and every one of us interesting and unique in our contributions to our community. I feel blessed to live

in Rice Creek and for the many friends I have made!

Doug and I would like to say thank you to everyone for your kind words about our efforts to produce Up the Creek. We are always bouncing ideas off one another to try to come up with articles we hope you find interesting. As always, we are happy to hear any suggestions or comments you may have. Prudy has told us that she is considering doubling our compensation next year! Now if that's not incentive, I don't know what is!

Have a safe journey home. We can't wait for next year! Remember, tans will fade, but memories last forever!

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#### **BINGO**

By: Paul Albert

Every Thursday nickel bingo begins at 6 p.m. 25 nickels, 5 dimes and 6 quarters is all you need for this entertaining night. If you want, add a dollar for each 'jug' ticket. The 'jug' prize is becoming quite significant!



### **Driveway Sales**Are permitted the first Saturday of

Are permitted the first Saturday of every month. This month's will be on Saturday, April 1. (No really, we aren't fooling!)



There are informal jam sessions at the pavilion on Tuesdays and Thursdays around 7 p.m. If you play an instrument, sing, or just enjoy listening to music, please stop by.

#### **BULLETIN BOARD**

At the back of the hall. Post notes on 3"x5" cards. Write date posted on card. This board will be checked and kept neat. The cards will be removed every two months. For more information see Prudy.

#### **Friday Morning Meeting**

Coffee and donuts at 7:45 a.m. Information meeting at 8:30 a.m. This is the place to find out what is happening in the park and any changes to scheduled events. All are encouraged to attend.



#### RICE CREEK STITCHERS

By: Linda Seese (480) 516-7333

This Group has just been so much fun! We've laughed, cried, created, celebrated, played games, shared meals and treats, learned from each other, and encouraged each other! It has been so much more than just stitching and crafting, while still doing just that!! As some of our members are packing their bags to return home, we Full Timers will continue to meet and socialize and create. Bon Voyage to those of you leaving, and I surely hope to see all of you, and many new faces, as we get into full swing next fall.







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#### **CHAPEL**

By: Chapel Elder Vincent Donnell, Pastor "APRIL BLESSINGS"

(2 Corinthians 9:8)

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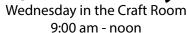
Be present
Let the day flow with grace
Expect joy, be positive
Serve with compassion
Speak only kindness
Impart only love
Never forget you're not alone
Give thanks for everything
See goodness in others

Embrace this month with a grateful heart, cheerful spirit and a soul that worships the Lord. May you receive blessings from God's love as you grow in His grace. Claim and receive His promises and know that with Him all things are possible. May the Lord keep you and His grace shine upon you until we all come together again.



Join us in the hall for **Chapel Service every Sunday at 9:00am**. Followed by fellowship coffee hour. *Last Chapel Service for the season will be April 23, 2023.* 

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#### **CARDS**

If you like to play cards (or would like to learn), the following are options you might consider:

**Euchre** on Monday nights at 6:30pm in the craft room. **Hand, Foot and Elbow** on Monday nights at 6:30pm in the Hall

**Pinochle** on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 6:30pm in the craft room.

#### **GOLF**

Monday and Wednesday mornings, there's a sign-up sheet in the hall.
All golfers are welcome!

#### **LINE DANCING**

Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 4 p.m. This is such a fun way to get a little exercise! It's not just country, but all kinds of

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#### **Pool Tournament**

There is a pool tournament every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m...and it's open to all.



# Bowling

By: Nancy & Ron Ferdinandsen (586) 871-5333
Until Next Season, Have a Safe, Fun Summer!
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#### **Yard Games**

Bocce ball, ladder ball and corn hole games are available for your use and are located in the library.



#### **Shuffleboard**

Come join us on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9 a.m. for a morning of shuffling!

#### **ROMEO and JULIET**

**ROMEO** (Real Old Men Eating Out) breakfasts and **JULIET** (Just Us Ladies Intelligently Eating Together) brunches continue to be well attended.



ROMEO breakfasts are held every Monday morning at 8 a.m. at Fred's Market on US 301 in Riverview. JULIET brunches are held every Monday morning at 11 a.m. at the Village Inn on Big Bend.



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## SPRING FLING

Thanks to Cheryl Butler, Nanette Michele, Nancy Putman and Gail Ruckle for the pictures!



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#### **APRIL**

By: Robin Vaughan

April has finally sprung! At least that's what they say. Hopefully those of you who had to head back to your homes up north, are finding warmer weather, the grass growing green, and the daffodils, tulips and crocuses poking up. The month of April comes from the Latin work aperio meaning "to open [bud]".

"The coming of April heralds the time to plant seeds of magic and fill the Heart and home with the joy of light and life." – Lotuswulf Satyrhorn

Significant dates in April:

April 1 – April Fools' Day

April 2 – Palm Sunday

April 5 - Passover

April 7 – Good Friday

April 9 – Easter Sunday

Some not so significant dates in April:

April 3 – Sweet Potato Day

April 7 – National No Housework Day (Yes!)

April 17 – Blah, Blah, Blah Day (?)

April 29 – National Sense of Smell Day

(who thinks of these things?)

Important dates in April:

April 6 – New Beer's Eve

April 7 - National Beer Day

April 9 – National Gin and Tonic Day

April 18 – Tax Day this year (in the U.S.). (My theory is that we need those national drinking days while we prepare our tax returns!)

Be on the lookout for the Pink Moon! It rises on April 5 and is the first full moon of the spring season. Unfortunately, the moon itself isn't pink. April's full moon corresponds with early springtime blooms of wildflowers native to eastern North America, and because of this association, the April full moon came to be called the "Pink" moon.

## Some Local And Not So Local Happenings

**4/1 to 4/2 PINELLAS PEPPER FEST – Pinellas Park** https://www.sikpromotions.com/applicants/spring/pinellas-pepper-fest

**4/1 DUNEDIN HIGHLAND GAMES & FESTIVAL – Dunedin** https://www.dunedinscottisharts.com/highland-games/

**4/7 to 4/23 SUGAR SAND FESTIVAL – Clearwater Beach** https://www.sugarsandfestival.com/

#### 4/12 to 4/15 TAMPA BAY WINE AND FOOD FESTIVAL – Tampa

https://tampabaywff.com/

**4/14 to 4/16 TAMPA BAY BLUES FESTIVAL – St. Petersburg** https://www.tampabaybluesfest.com/

#### 4/15 DE SOTO LANDING EVENT AT DE SOTO NATIONAL MEMORIAL – Bradenton

Recreation of the landing of Hernando de Soto in Tampa Bay. Along the shores of the memorial living historians will talk about the impact the De Soto expedition had on the indigenous people and the history of the United States. Landing times are at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

https://www.nps.gov/deso/index.htm

**4/22 to 4/23 MAINSAIL ART FESTIVAL – St. Petersburg** https://www.mainsailart.org/

**4/29 to 4/30 GASPARILLA MUSIC FESTIVAL – Tampa** https://gasparillamusic.com/



#### **BRADENTON**

By: Doug Vaughan

Less than an hour from our park is De Soto National Memorial, a little-known park created in 1948 to commemorate the 1539 expedition of the Spanish Conquistador Hernando de Soto and his impact on the American Indian societies of the Southeast. The park is free, is open year-round and offers many seasonal activities. January thru April, the highlight of the park's activities includes a living history program and demonstration at Camp Uzita, a recreation of a 16th Century native village. Live programs are scheduled Thursdays thru Sundays at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. During the summer the park operates guided kayak tours in the surrounding water and bays.

#### https://www.nps.gov/deso/index.htm

Make it a day trip and visit Holmes Beach just 15 minutes away, and perhaps have a snack right on the beach at Anna Maria Island Beach Café. They serve breakfast, lunch and dinner indoors and outdoors, in addition to beach cocktails at the Beach Bar. Chairs and umbrellas are also available to rent for the beach.

#### **COMEDY CORNER**

Recommended reading by:
Betty Sue Robie



Be Prepared by Justin Case

I, Robot by Cy Borg and Anne Droid

*In the Red* by Owen A. Lott

Flowers in Your Garden by Kris Ann Thimum

Nothing New Under the Sun by Ben There and Don That

Little Trees by Brock Al Lee

The Know-It-All by Samar T. Pants

High Explosives by Dinah Mite

Don't Fence Me by Barb Dweyer

Hitting the Wall by Isadore There

#### TRIVIA CORNER

- 1. What is the most visited tourist attraction in the world?
  - A. Eiffel Tower
  - B. Statue of Liberty
  - C. Great Wall of China
  - D. Colosseum
- 2. What 1990s boy band member bought Myspace in 2011?
  - A. Nick Lachey
  - B. Justin Timberlake
  - C. Shawn Stockman
  - D. AJ McLean
- 3. What is the heaviest organ in the body?
  - A. Brain
  - B. Liver
  - C. Skin
  - D. Heart

- 4. What type of food holds the record for being the most stolen around the globe?
  - A. Wagyu beef
  - B. Cheese
  - C. Coffee
  - D. Chocolate
- 5. What is the highest grossing Broadway show of all time?
  - A. The Lion King
  - B. Wicked
  - C. Les Misérables
  - D. Hamilton

(ANSWERS ON PAGE 14)

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#### RECIPES



What's in season in April? April is all about spring vegetables! Asparagus, artichokes, and peas for sure, but also spring garlic, onions, leeks and carrots. (Did you know that the baby carrots sold in packages are really just regular carrots cut and shaped into bite-sized pieces?)

My recipe for April is Chicken Pot Pie. I'm sure everyone has their own recipe, but this one is a little different and incorporates vegetables plentiful in the spring.

#### **Chicken Pot Pie**

#### Ingredients:

4-6 boneless skinless chicken thighs

1 T olive oil

4 slices thick cut bacon, roughly diced

2 leeks, cleaned thoroughly\* and sliced

3 T plain flour

1 c chicken stock

½ c dry white wine (or extra chicken stock)

1 c sour cream (or crème fraiche if you can find it)

½ c peas (fresh or frozen)

1 ½ T Dijon mustard

34 tsp tarragon

Salt and pepper

1 egg beaten

1 sheet puff pastry, thawed

#### Method:

- 1. Season chicken thighs with salt and pepper. Heat oil in a heavy saucepan and fry the chicken for 3-4 minutes on each side until lightly golden, then transfer to a plate. Add the bacon to the pan and fry for 5 minutes until golden. Add the leeks and fry for another 5 minutes.
- 2. Sprinkle the flour over the leeks and bacon, stir until combined. Add the wine, if using, and let it bubble for a few minutes. Add the stock and stir well. Slice the chicken and return it to the pan don't worry if its not fully cooked at this point, it will finish cooking in the oven. Be mindful of work surface and utensil contamination from undercooked chicken!
- 3. Add the peas, 1 T of the mustard, and tarragon, combine well, then let it bubble a few minutes. Remove from heat and add the sour cream (or crème fraiche). Season with salt and pepper to taste. If the mixture seems too thick add more stock or water. Whisk the remaining ½ T mustard and the egg in a bowl.
- 4. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Spoon filling into a pie dish with a lip. Brush the edges of the pie dish with a little of the egg mixture. Roll puff pastry gently to the size of the pie dish. Unroll puff pastry over the mixture and crimp the edges against the sides, cut away any excess with a knife.

5. Brush the remaining egg mixture over the top of the puff pastry and cut a small hole in the middle to vent the steam. Bake 30 – 40 minutes until the puff pastry is golden brown and all puffed up. Cool for 10 minutes before serving. Note: If you aren't fond of puff pastry, you could use a short crust. You can substitute a small, chopped onion for the leeks. If peas aren't your thing – swap out for your favorite

veggies! If tarragon isn't your favorite, thyme, marjoram,

rosemary, basil or oregano can be substituted.

\* Don't be intimidated by leeks! They are delicious! Because of the way they're grown they are almost always dirty. Choose leeks that are about 1 inch thick, and have long white shafts. The pale parts are the most useable. Rinse the whole leek well under water to get rid of the visible dirt or sand. Cut off the root and slice the leeks lengthwise. Then cut off the green tops to just where it they start to turn dark green. Then I run the leek halves under water cut side up gently pulling apart the layers but keeping the leek intact. I then put the cleaned halves cut side down on paper towel to drain. Just slice the leek about a quarter of an inch thick.

#### **Spring Sangria**

I think this is delicious with the Chicken Pot Pie:

12 ounces light, dry white wine 7.5 ounces berry flavored vodka 3 ounces lemon juice 1.5 ounces simple syrup 2 cups sliced strawberries Mint sprigs for garnish

Combine all the liquid ingredients in a large container, stirring well. Add the strawberries. Cover and let rest in the fridge overnight. To serve, ladle into ice filled glasses or wine glasses (make sure to get some of the strawberry slices) and garnish with a sprig of mint. Enjoy!!!



### **APRIL SUDOKU PUZZLE**

Sudoku Puzzle #N657HU Presented by Puzzle Baron

Rated: Medium

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#### **TRIVIA ANSWERS**

Trivia Answers:

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2.B

3.B

**4.**B

5.A

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