



# THE ISLANDER

Harbor Isles Community Newspaper

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## HARBOR ISLES

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#### ORGANIZATION (HIHO)

#### SOCIAL BOARD

#### Board Meeting

meets 1st Wednesday every month

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

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#### Meeting

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## HARBOR ISLES

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#### Board Meetings

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## AMERICAN FLAG

The American flag for the month of April 2024 is being flown in memory of Robert R. Holloway. Bob enlisted in the Army in 1959. After being assigned to the Army Corp of Engineers, he spent much of his active duty in Greenland within the Arctic Circle, where the

Army was constructing a nuclear base under the polar icecap. This project became known as Camp Century and was featured as a major article in the 1962 issue of National Geographic magazine. After discharge he returned to Indiana and spent 30 years working for the publishing company, RR Donnelley. In retirement, Bob and his wife, Esther, spent 20 years as snowbirds in Harbor Isles. Bob was an antique car enthusiast and restored many cars during his lifetime. He enjoyed many activities in Harbor Isles, participating in Bocce, Carvers Club, Boat Club, and the Veterans Club. Bob passed away in March 2021, preceded by his wife, Esther in 2015. His son, Steven, currently lives in Harbor Isles.

The American Flag at the front entrance is proudly maintained by the Harbor Isles Vet's Club. All resident Veterans are urged to join our club and be part of the activities that we enjoy. Many of our residents fly their own flags and we Veterans encourage that they be lit at night or be taken down. If anyone has a flag that is worn or tattered please contact Rick Micoli for its disposal. 941-483-6737@466 Sharks Point.

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## Letter From The Editor

I write this a day after returning from a cruise vacation my husband and I took with our friends and neighbors from Harbor Isles. What a great trip (see the article on page 19)! We had perfect weather, saw some beautiful islands, ate a lot of good food, and enjoyed wonderful entertainment. Now it's back to reality.

The 'season' is starting to wind down with some people heading back to northern states. But for those of us still here, there are many events to continue keeping us busy. We can still play outdoor sports, go dancing and singing at karaoke, have dinner with friends, along with a lot of other activities. Have a wonderful April.

*Donna Lovstad, Editor*  
612-298-3600  
lovslj@gmail.com

## *An Enchanted Evening* **Commodores Annual Party**

**WHEN:** Sunday, April 7th  
**WHERE:** Harbor Isles Clubhouse  
Doors open at 6:00 pm  
Buffet Dinner at 6:30 pm  
Dancing 7:00 - 10:00 pm  
**TICKETS:** \$20.00 Boat Club Members;  
\$25.00 Non-Members

Tickets are on sale at Saturday Coffee or contact Pat Miedlar  
810-569-5014

## Big Red Bus

The BIG RED BUS will be rolling into Harbor Isles on SATURDAY, APRIL 13th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. All donors will receive:

- \$20.00 eGift Card
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SIGN UP AT THE HARBOR ISLES CLUBHOUSE.

*Ann Nodzak*

## April is UNDIES Saturdays Month



The Grandmothers Club will be collecting emergency UNDIES for school children Kindergarten thru High School. Please look for the



donation container in the Clubhouse during Coffee every Saturday in April. Or if preferred, please drop items off at 351 Mariner, Kathy or 548 Amberjack, Pat Muise. Thank you for your continued generous support of our community!

*Kathy El-Gohary*



## Klubhouse Karaoke

The March karaoke event didn't go so well due to some outside influences, so here's hoping this last event of the season will see the great karaoke fans "rally round" and make it the best ever.

The date is Saturday, April 27, with the doors opening at 6:00 pm and singing starting at 6:30 pm. Tickets are on sale at Coffee once again, and for those that choose not to attend Coffee, you can call 941-426-7030 for your tickets.

While our KJ Rob is in the Caribbean on extended vacation, we are fortunate to have Jeff and Gigi to play for us. Lemme tell ya about Jeff and Gigi... they are one of the most popular KJ teams around. They have great sound with the most up to date equipment, and lots of personality. And it's still only the measly five bucks for a ticket.

So, sing or don't sing, dance or don't dance, just enjoy the night with your buds and the music.

See you there or be square.

*Mike Barro*

## House Tour

The long-awaited Harbor Isles House Tour took place on Sunday, March 10, which just happened to be Mission Sunday! It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon and about 200 people took to their golf carts, cars, bicycles, cars, and feet, to tour six lovely homes in Harbor Isles! Their admission fee to each home was a non-perishable item for the Trinity UMC Food Pantry. Almost 1,000 items were collected. My car was filled, so, my neighbors, Sally & Mike Nelson, offered their car to hold the remaining items. They also helped me to deliver all the food to the church on the following day. It was indeed heartwarming as we unloaded our cars and loaded up the shelves of the food pantry.

I would like to thank these people for opening up their homes:

Ann & Carl Everett  
Alice & Joe Ferraro  
Shirley McAlpine  
Mona Pettit  
Sally & Bob Nelson  
Bev Smedburg & Randy Spain

From all reports, everyone enjoyed seeing the "new home," and all the other homes which have been so lovingly decorated and restored. I would like to do another tour in the fall or spring. I think more people will be completing their homes and have offered to participate. If you would like to be included, please let me know. My home is completed now and I would be glad to show it to you. Thanks again and God bless!

*Pauline Morris*  
281 Harbor Isles Drive



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## Thank you to Harbor Isles Residents!!!!

The Grandmothers Club of the Harbor Isles Community sponsored a fundraising event on Sunday, February 18 from 2 to 4 PM called Garments and Games to provide clothing for the North Port Children's Clothes Closet. Community members were asked to bring an article of children's clothing as an entrance fee for an afternoon of Carnival games and events. There was a fishpond with exciting prizes such as lip gloss/candy/trinkets. Poker, bingo, card bingo, Rummikub, scat, pinochle, euchre, and Mahjong were some of the games that people enjoyed. There were opportunities to win prizes by playing corn hole or putt putt golf. Many lucky people won beautiful, decorated cakes at the cakewalk. Snacks, drinks, and desserts were provided with the entrance fee of a child's garment. At the end of a very successful fun day – over 500 articles were collected for the Clothes Closet. It is estimated that approximately \$3000 worth of clothing was collected.

The Clothes Closet is available through the Social Service Department. Eligible families can visit the Clothes Closet every other month to choose for each child three outfits of clothing. Some of the families are so appreciative of this service that they are donating back to the Clothing Closet the clothing that their children have outgrown.

A big thank you to the Harbor Isles residents who generously donated all the children's clothing, cakes, desserts, and money to this event! Those volunteers that helped with the event were: Gail Comstock, Kevin Smith, Betsy Hubbard, Geri Girgenti, Marcia Bouwman, Diane Barber, Kim Smith, Bev Locke, Sally Nelson, Hollis Resnik, Jill Locke, June Painter, Shelia McMurtrey, Lori Huffman, Kathy & Terry Seeman, Kathy Johnson, Marian Wright, and Debbie Winters.



*Joyce Lee, Joyce Simones, & Kathy El Gohary*



## A Final Note from the Director

Hopefully, by the time you are reading this article, HICT's two performances of "Mama Won't Fly" will be a pleasant, fading memory for our entire cast, crew, and audience. But since I'm writing this while it's still only mid-March, I can't know with absolute certainty how well the show will play out or how well it will be received.

What I am certain of, is that everyone associated with this production worked their buns off to make it a huge success. And for all their time, God-given talent, effort, and hard work, I feel truly blessed, privileged, and grateful to have been their director. They are too numerous to mention individually by name in this article, but I hope to single them out and give them the just recognition they so aptly deserve at our upcoming production party on April 3rd.

And I am equally grateful to you, Harbor Isles, for providing us with two sold-out audiences of 160 patrons each night. Thank you for all your encouragement and support. I hope we didn't disappoint you.

*Gloria Martin*

## HIHO Membership, Event Sign, Phone books

By now, most people have purchased their HIHO MEMBERSHIPS and received their phone books. I have been selling these since October and have almost reached 700 members. I will not be sitting at the table at Coffee Hour until October again but I will continue to sell them to new residents as they move in. I really enjoy doing this because I get a chance to meet so many people and welcome them to our community. Please call me or stop by if you need to get your membership card.

If you are new or your telephone information is incorrect in the phone book, please go to the office and fill out the form. I know there were many mistakes in the book. Let's hope that next year's book will be more accurate.

I continue to put requested events on our signboard, so please let me know if you would like me to do that. We will be getting an electronic signboard soon and I think it will be a huge improvement. Our old one is in bad shape and is ready for retirement!

*Pauline Morris*

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—Dave Barry, Author, *Lessons from Lucy*

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## Time To Plant

This is a good time to plant a tree. Alice White, North Port's "Tree Lady" who spoke at our recent AMC meeting, enumerated the many benefits of trees.

She will offer the annual Tree Fair on April 27, 9-1 p.m. at the City Center. Florida native trees will be \$15 and \$30. For more information go to [www.peoplefortrees.com](http://www.peoplefortrees.com).

Plant a tree to make your yard and Harbor Isles more beautiful.

*Marion Pierce*

## Calendar Girl



Starting in April, I am taking over responsibility for booking events on the HICA website events calendar.

As in everything in life, there is a pecking order for booking events; first are HICA events including facility cleanings and meetings. Next are HIHO meetings and events that are considered to be "in stone," for example, Follies/The Play, Vets's Spaghetti dinner, dances, HIHO dinners. These occur at the same time every month or year and take precedence.

After that there are the regularly scheduled weekly events for example line dancing, yoga, various card and board games. Occasionally, these are disrupted by "in stone" events. After that we try to fit in the Club events for example, Grandmothers Club and Boat Club events, state days. Lastly are private celebrations for birthdays, anniversaries etc.

I will do my best to make things run smoothly but there are a lot of demands and limited space.

To request your booking or ask a question please email [hihocalendar@gmail.com](mailto:hihocalendar@gmail.com) or until April 22 text me at 941-267-1353.

Next month I will publish my text # in Canada for the May 1-October 26 period but you can always reach me by email at [hihocalendar@gmail.com](mailto:hihocalendar@gmail.com). Please do not call unless your event is occurring in the current week.

*Pat Muise*

## HIHO Dance Party

The HIHO Dance Party will be April 13. Rock & roll, slow dance and line dance. It will be a fun night for all. Three hours of non-stop music - The best of the 60s, 70s, 80s, and beyond!!

Doors open at 6:30 pm  
Dance 7:00 to 10:00 pm  
Tickets - no charge



Music by DJ, send Jerry any special song request.

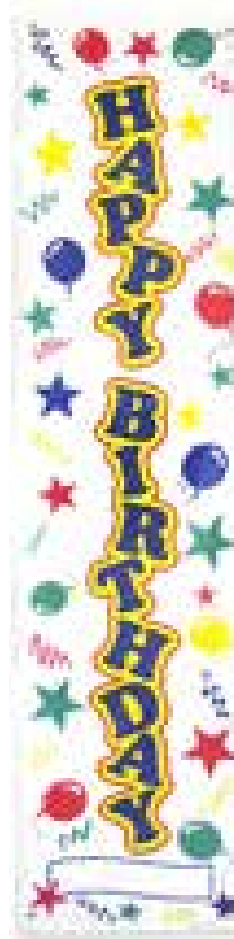
*Jerry Chilson*

## April Birthdays & Anniversaries

If you see an error in the birthday/anniversary list or would like your name(s) entered, please contact Donna Lovstad at [lovsdlij@gmail.com](mailto:lovsdlij@gmail.com).

### BIRTHDAYS

- 3 ..... Paul Vernick
- 4 ..... Carl Everett
- 4 ..... Shirley A. Wren
- 5 ..... Gayle Bettinger
- 6 ..... Sandie Bennett
- 6 ..... Christine Jones
- 6 ..... Bill Shattuck
- 6 ..... Bob Wheeler
- 7 ..... Janet Bremke
- 7 ..... Diane Orav
- 8 ..... Dorothy Castronova
- 8 ..... Janie Lander
- 8 ..... Anne Marie Moulin
- 10 ..... Sharon Brueshaber
- 10 ..... Rex Chase
- 12 ..... Connie Paulson
- 13 ..... Fred Cluley
- 13 ..... Arthur Ullmann
- 14 ..... Vicki Boldon
- 14 ..... Alice Pane
- 15 ..... Pam Grover
- 16 ..... Richard Urbanowski
- 17 ..... Jeff Bauman
- 17 ..... Maggie Wolf
- 18 ..... Sally Nelson
- 20 ..... Gail Dahlke
- 20 ..... Ed Meier
- 22 ..... Jerry Chilson
- 22 ..... Cheryl Burford
- 22 ..... Anna Twaits
- 28 ..... Marna South
- 29 ..... Ellen Garneau
- 29 ..... Sharyn Morgan
- 30 ..... Jerry Nichols



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 04, 1982 ..... Tom & Toni Horton
- 12, 1975 ..... Mike & Sandy Brayton
- 16, 2011 ..... Paul & Sharyn Morgan
- 19, 1975 ..... Clem & Marianne Dierenfield
- 24, 1971 ..... Linda & Nick Bianchi
- 24, 2015 ..... Maggie & Sue Wolf
- 25, 1980 ..... Terry & Vicki Boldon
- 28, 2006 ..... Joanne & Jon Baumann
- 28, 1979 ..... Dale & Linda Schiff





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## March Dinner Recap

Thank you, Betsey Hubbard, for Chairing a great March HIHO dinner.

The dinner was Italian meatballs, chicken, 3 pastas and 2 salads with cookies for dessert. They served over 200 people. Dinner was followed with special music entertainment by Matt Porter. Thank you, Matt.

Thank you all for the great turnout.

*Jerry Chilson*

## HIHO April Dinner

The April HIHO dinner and entertainment will be on April 4th. This will be a special BBQ dinner by Dubz's BBQ. For a detailed menu see the poster on the Clubhouse bulletin board.

Ticket price will remain at \$10 for this special dinner. Tickets are on sale at Saturday Coffee .

Where else can you get a special dinner, dessert and entertainment for only \$10 and a chance to win a prize. Hope to see you there.

Dinner doors open at 4:30 pm

Dinner served at 5:30 pm

Entertainment starts at 6:30 pm

*Jerry Chilson*

## Chairpersons Needed

Event Chairpersons are required for the following events. If we do not have volunteers before the end of April the events will be canceled. If we want to continue to have these events we must have volunteers to chair the events. It is not hard to Chair an event as we have written step by step guidelines and we will help guide you through the steps. Also there are many in the community that will help.

Dances:

- Oct 26 2024 dance
- Nov 16 2024 dance
- Dec 31 2024 NYE

Summer Holiday picnics:

- May 27 2024 Memorial Day
- July 4 2024 Independence Day
- Sept 2 2024 Labor Day

HIHO dinners:

- Oct 2024
- Nov 2024

If you are interested in chairing an event call Jerry Chilson.

## Grandmothers Club

I hope you enjoyed the HIHO dinner chaired by Betsey Hubbard and her wonderful team of Grandmothers. Meatballs to die for!

Free ice cream floats at Music by the Pool were served to thank our community for their generous donations to our charities. Thank you to Boojie and the servers for that treat.

The Grandmothers Club awarded a \$1000 bursary to graduating student from North Port High, Alyssa Martin, to help in furthering her education. This money was raised from our "Pot of Gold" campaign.

Unfortunately, I have to submit this article before our Pot of Gold drawing on March 16 so the lucky winner's name will be posted in the May Islander. The tickets sold out very quickly thanks to Jean Compan and to Bev Locke for assisting.

The Grandmothers Club Board Members are elected for a 2 year term with half the Board being elected every year. This year the position of President will be filled by Joyce Lee, Vice President Joyce Simones, Historian Janie Landers, Kitchen Manager Director Boojie Bussard and Backpack Angels Director Hollis Resnik.

Remaining for the second year of their terms are Corresponding Secretary Jean Compan, Treasurer Linda Bracken, School and Recreation Director Sally Nelon and Social Services and Foster Children Director Kathy El Gohary. Since recording secretary Joyce Simones has moved to Vice President before her term as Secretary was complete, Deb Clay has been appointed to finish the second year of this position. Thank you to all these marvelous women who dedicate so much time and energy to the Grandmothers Club.

I want to thank members of the Club and the community for supporting me in my 2 years as President. It has been an honor to serve you. I will be continuing in a supportive role as we continue to grow and thrive. And I will be moving on to new adventures with the Boat Club and as "Calendar Girl".

*Pat Muise, Past President*



## Daily Activities

### MONDAY

8:00 AM Aqua Aerobics-Pool  
 8:00 AM Soft Play Pickleball  
 8:30 AM Tennis  
 8:30 AM Line Dancing (Beginners)  
 9:00 AM Pool Exercise  
 9:00 AM Ceramics-RH  
 9:00 AM Fun Shuffleboard  
 9:15 AM Line Dancing (Experienced)  
 1:00 PM Rummikub - RH  
 5:30 PM Billiards-RH  
 6:00 PM Men's Poker - RH  
 6:30 PM Pinochle - RH  
 7:00 PM Hand & Foot Cards CH

### TUESDAY

8:00 AM Aqua Aerobics-Pool  
 8:00 AM Experienced Play Pickleball  
 9:00 AM Pool Exercise  
 9:00 AM Fabric Painting RH  
 10:00 AM Kitchen Bridge RH  
 10:00 AM Cornhole  
 1:00 PM Knitters & Hookers-RH  
 3:00 PM Bible Study RH  
 6:00 PM Bingo - CH  
 6:30 PM Pitch - RH

### WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM Soft Play Pickleball  
 8:45 AM Ladies Fun Golf- The Cove  
 7:15 AM Aerobics - CH  
 8:30 AM Tennis  
 8:30 AM Line Dancing (Beginners)  
 9:00 AM Fun Shuffleboard  
 9:00 AM Pool Exercise  
 9:15 AM Line Dancing (Experienced)  
 9:30 AM Duplicate Bridge - RH  
 1:00 PM Army Rummy - RH  
 5:30 PM Billiards-RH  
 6:00 PM YOGA - CH  
 6:00 PM Men's Poker - RH  
 6:30 PM Bridge RH  
 6:30 PM Ladies Poker - RH

### THURSDAY

8:00 AM Aqua Aerobics-Pool  
 8:00 AM Experienced Play Pickleball  
 8:50 AM Pool Exercise  
 9:00 AM Fitness Exercise  
 10:00 AM Corn Hole  
 1:00 PM Mah Jong RH  
 1:00 PM Quilting RH

### FRIDAY

7:15 AM Aerobics - CH  
 8:00 AM Aqua Aerobics - Pool  
 8:00 AM Soft Play Pickleball  
 8:30 AM Tennis  
 9:00 AM Pool Exercise  
 9:00 AM Woodcarving-RH  
 1:00 PM Darts - RH  
 5:30 PM Billiards-RH  
 6:30 PM Euchre-CH  
 6:45 PM Cribbage-RH

### SATURDAY

8:00 AM Experienced Play Pickleball  
 8:00 AM Coffee Hour CH  
 After Coffee HICT (3rd Saturday)-RH  
 6:00 PM Fun Rummikub - RH

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### Food Bank

Drop off at Sharyn Morgan  
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[lovsdlj@gmail.com](mailto:lovsdlj@gmail.com) if there are any changes  
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**These listings may be inaccurate. Please contact me to update this listing.**



# April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 9:30 am HIHO BOD Mtg	4 4:30 pm HIHO Dinner	5	6
7 6:00 pm Commodores Party, CH	8	9	10 9:30 am HICA BOD Mtg	11 7:00 pm HIHO Member Mtg	12	13 9:00 am Big Red Bus 7:00 pm HIHO Dance Party, CH
14	15	16	17	18 7:00 pm Vets Club Mtg, CH	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 6:00 pm Klubhouse Karaoke
28	29	30				



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The 2025 Veterans Club annual cruise will be a 7 night cruise of the Eastern Caribbean from March 2–9, 2025. We will be cruising on the Celebrity Ascent out of Ft. Lauderdale.

Introducing their newest award-winning resort at sea, Celebrity Ascent<sup>SM</sup>, the fourth and most innovative ship in their highly awarded Edge<sup>®</sup> Series. THIS SHIP IS AN EXPERIENCED CRUISER'S ULTIMATE DREAM! Celebrity Ascent features a new concept—4 complimentary restaurants instead of one—each with a different featured cuisine—American, French, Italian and Greek—and they are all FREE! On other ships you would pay lots of additional money to take advantage of these dining options! Ascent includes all the best of our Edge Series ships, from the inviting multi-deck Sunset Bar to the open-air Rooftop Garden where two cantilevered floating pools offer breathtaking views six feet over the ship's edge. The theater features 3 new production shows including the Awaken and Bridges productions that are simply amazing! This cruise is suited for clients who are looking for top-notch service, entertainment, exemplary cuisine and inspiring destination experiences!

The Ascent accommodates 3,260 passengers so it is small enough to make your way around yet big enough that there are lots of places to explore! In addition to luxurious ambiance, superior food quality in a host of fine restaurants and almost unlimited places to just relax and enjoy Caribbean cruising, this cruise also offers excellent pricing and lots of "extras" to further enhance your cruising experience. Come join us!

The cruise will make stops in: **Dominican Republic, St. Thomas and St. Maarten.**

In addition to a wonderful 7 night cruise you will get all of these "extras" included:

- **Free bus service to and from the cruise** plus tips for drivers and porters (valued at over \$150 per person)! **The buses will pick up and drop off right here in H.I.!**
- **All taxes and port fees** (\$151 per person) are **pre-paid!** Others charge extra!
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- **TOTAL VALUE – Over \$1,050 per person!**

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- A \$25/person reduction in your cabin cost if you book an inside or oceanview cabin.
- A \$100/person reduction in your cabin cost if you book a balcony cabin.

For further information please check the cruise flyers that are posted on the Veterans Club bulletin board and in the Laundry Room by the pool or you can contact me at 574-773-3045. This is a new promotion so all cabin types are currently available but don't delay! **Once these are gone the pricing will be the current standard rates! ATTENTION – In order to take advantage of all the discounts and credits you must book this cruise before April 1st, 2024!!!**

*Dick Conrad 574-773-3045*



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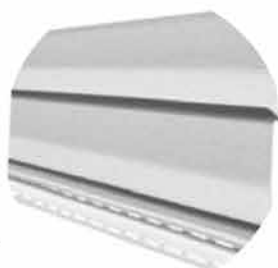


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Karen has created her own favorite joke and it goes like this. A woman says, "I can't get my husband to come in and get hearing aids."

Karen says, "No problem. I'll call and yell at him. I would talk to him but he isn't wearing hearing aids."

Every time she gets to say this she cracks up. I am more amused by her laughing at her own joke.

Getting husbands to come in for hearing aids is the one talent I haven't mastered.

Recently a couple came in. As they were completing the new paperwork the husband said to his wife, "why aren't you filling out forms? You need a hearing test as well." She looked at Karen, who was at the front desk, then said softly, "I have very sensitive hearing. I said that to trick him into coming in. He needs help but won't get it." He didn't hear a word.

Karen walked them into my office and said under her breath, "He thinks they are both getting tested. I told them we might only have time for one. He has a big loss, he didn't understand me twice. She has sensitive hearing."


After the test it was obvious he could be helped with hearing aids. I had even said, "You may not realize how hard it is for you to hear your wife's voice. Your loss shows me that you will struggle to hear her without hearing aids. You married her so listening to her and this should be your priority. Hearing aids will help with this."

As he was leaving he turned to Karen and asked, "How do I return demos?"


Karen mentioned to me later, he'll drop them off, he won't wear them. His wife tricked him to come in. He isn't ready to receive help.

I wasn't surprised when he walked in a couple of days later to return the demos and mentioned he didn't wear them much. I assured him, when he is ready we will be here to help. When you decide you want help, we are here for you.

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was to leave the ship and get back on our bus to go home. In addition to that, having a drink package and pre-paid tips included in the price means not having to wonder what your bill would be at the end of the week. Dick and Sue Conrad do an excellent job of organizing the group. If you've been thinking about going on a cruise, I would recommend going with the group from Harbor Isles next year.

*Donna Lovstad*



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