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the Villager

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The “Sound of Music” fading fast in the Village

Sing it like you used to

There's a sad sort of clanging
from the clock in the hall
and the bells in the steeple too
And up in the nursery an absurd
little bird
is popping out to say, "Cuckoo",
Cuckoo, cuckoo

Regretfully they tell us cuckoo,
cuckoo
But firmly they compel us To
say, "Goodbye" to you

So long, farewell, auf
wiedersehen, good night

I hate to go and leave this pretty
sight

So long, farewell, auf
wiedersehen, adieu
Adieu, adieu, to you and you
and you
So long, farewell, au revoir, auf
wiedersehen

I'd like to stay longer and taste
each day a fourth glass of wine
while we talk, laugh and dine
but its gotta be farewell, auf
wiedersehen, goodbye
I leave and heave a sigh and say
"Goodbye," goodbye

I'm glad to
go, I
cannot tell
a lie, I flit,
I float, I
fleetly
flee, I fly
The

winter season has gone to bed
and so must I
So long, farewell, auf
wiedersehen, goodbye
Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye



Tomorrow, tomorrow, next year that is, we'll greet you with a beer and some cheap wine
Each day in the Village we enjoy many folks then suddenly they're gone without song or a goodbye
We won't see you for many a months but we'll keep in mind we're a happy bunch

Have a healthy and happy year and to all of you Minnesota Gophers, stay cuckoo.

What in the Naples was going on 53 years ago?

In 1963 plans were presented to the City of Naples to build Village Green. The next year, the first Village Green apartment models were completed in what is now the Clark Center. They sold for \$7200 and \$8900 excluding the land, which was owned by the Naples Land Company. The land was eventually sold in October 1976 to the owners of Village Green but that's another story that we'll tell next year.

Lots of us remember 1964. Oh my gosh, yes, that was the year some guy named Goldwater was running for president. Lots of people thought he was some kind of nut and was going to blow up the world. Yes, sir, we've come a long way since 1964 to avoid getting a nut in the White House. Little detour there. Let's keep moving. During World War II, Naples was essentially a military base. It was part of a U.S. Air Force Gunnery Training Command that consisted of four Florida bases located in Venice, Arcadia, Naples, and Fort Myers. Over fifty thousand aircraft gunners were trained with the Command during the war.

Following the end of the war and the discharge of military personnel, the population of Naples declined to about 600 people. In 1946, Naples held less than 100 residential telephone listings. People were connected to each other's phone by Margaret Snoopy or some other local operator just like her. You and your closest neighbors were connected to the same line so you could listen to each other's conversations. Mom always said to never listen to someone else's telephone conversation. I never did. My sisters never missed an opportunity.

Fact is we've come a long ways since those days. We now have the latest in phone and TV technology. It's called Comcast. Now we have Comcast. Now we have Comcast. They are the best, man! People talk about this torture thing in Iraq. Lots of different thoughts on it but numerous national surveys show that almost everyone on planet earth would go along with it to get back at Comcast.

1949 marked the beginning of major post-war land and housing development in the United States. Naples was included in that growth in a big way. In that year, 294 acres of land were developed in what is now Aqualane shores, right next door to Village Green. The land was purchased for only \$30,000 (\$102 an acre). A year later, the first phase of Port Royal was completed; those houses initially sold for \$22,000 to \$25,000. Today, that wouldn't cover the cost of taking care of those folks' dog for a year.

September 1960 was a major turning point in the history of Naples. Hurricane Donna, named after my famous sister, hit Naples with high floodwater and devastating winds exceeding 170 miles per hour. The Naples pier was almost completely demolished as well as many buildings including the well-known Bayview Inn Hotel. It was located just to the east of what is now Village Green. Fortunately there was little development in Naples way back then.

In the 1962, the famous Naples Hotel built in 1889 was demolished. It was located at what is now Mrs. Tobin's large parking lot behind Tommy Bahamas. Due to extensive hurricane damage and subsequent demolition of many nearby landmarks, the area of what is now Village Green was ripe for re-development. This brings us up to 1963 which was the beginning of this article. Enough for now. The really big stuff will come next year when our new president takes over the universe. Stay tuned guys!

What a Year for VG bocce

January started with mother nature giving us a record rainfall for the month that often turned our bocce court into a swimming pool every five or six days. The old sump pump bailed out 1200 gallons of water every hour it rained. However, by the end of February all fourteen teams had played their six matches. The top six teams with the most points advanced to the season-ending tournament. The two teams advancing to the finals were also the regular season 1st. and 2nd place teams.



Bocce champions are (l to r) Joe & Claire Sheppeck, Susan & Gary Glitner. Joe and Claire were also on the winning team in 2014.



This year's Bocce runner-ups are (l to r) Jackie Finn & Bob Miles, & Paul & Carolyn Zietlow who made a valiant effort but fell short in the championship match.



Special awards were presented to three people:
Claire Sheppeck - most valuable woman player of the year;
Eric Svensson - most valuable male player of the year;
Carolyn Zietlow - most improved player the year



A recognition plaque was presented to Wayne & Terry Lloyd for eight years of managing all aspects of the bocce program.



Thanks for the hand crafted wood trophies Bob Mills (pictured left with Wayne Lloyd) made for the people given special awards.

Coming in 3rd place in league play were Janet & Peter Breloff, Mike Sonderby, & Pat McManus. 4th place belonged to Shirley & Bernie Kilgore, and Mary Lou & Ray McLevish.

We had some very good new players this year that included Tom & Susan Alessi, Steve & Dianne Campbell, Pierre & Maureen Arnold, and Bernie & Shirley Kilgore.

Wayne gave a big thanks to Mike Rice, Bob Mills, & Joe Sheppeck for refereeing and helping with court maintenance and to Vince for getting the necessary materials to keep the court in playing condition. Claire Sheppeck and Nancy Rice have volunteered to work with new players in 2017 to help improve their game. Be sure to give those gals a call.

Village Green Shuffleboard 2016 is now history

The 2016 Shuffleboard season was a great success despite some challenging rain and wind conditions. 32 teams battled to see who would emerge as this year's division champions.

Helen Division



When the dust settled, Gloria and Jim Pfaff won the championship trophy in the Helen Division



Second place in the Helen Division went to Ruth Ann and Mickey Morgan

Semi-finalists in the Helen Division were Dot Prizzia & Rose Carcione, and Ray & May Lou McLevish.

Martin Division



Martin Division champions were Terry and Wayne Lloyd. Being champs of shuffleboard raised the Lloyds to having the sole distinction of being the only team that has won the championship in both bocce and shuffleboard. In 2010, they were bocce champions. That team included themselves, Ralph & Margaret Andrea, and Eric Svensson.



Lee & John Ross won 2nd place in the championship match which went three games. They had a wonderful season and deserved to be in the finals.

Teams in the Martin Division semi-finals were Jim Arnott and John Tobin and Terri Muldoon and Al Markowski.

Congratulations to all of our playoff finishers and to the champions.

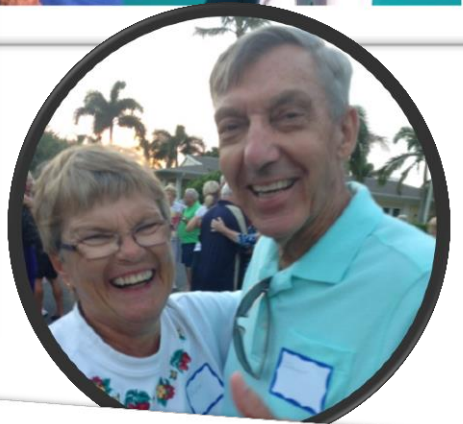
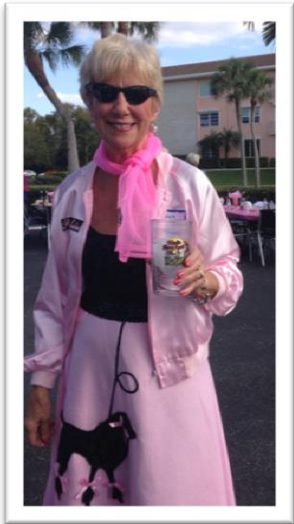
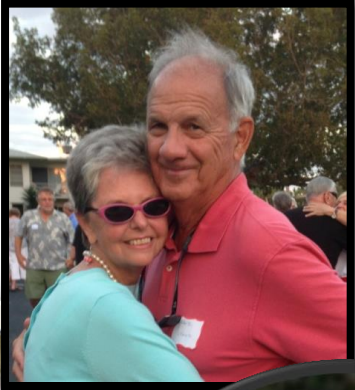
If you plan to play next year, please fill-out the signup sheet posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Goddard at 913-461-8507 or email him at dgoddard34@gmail.com.

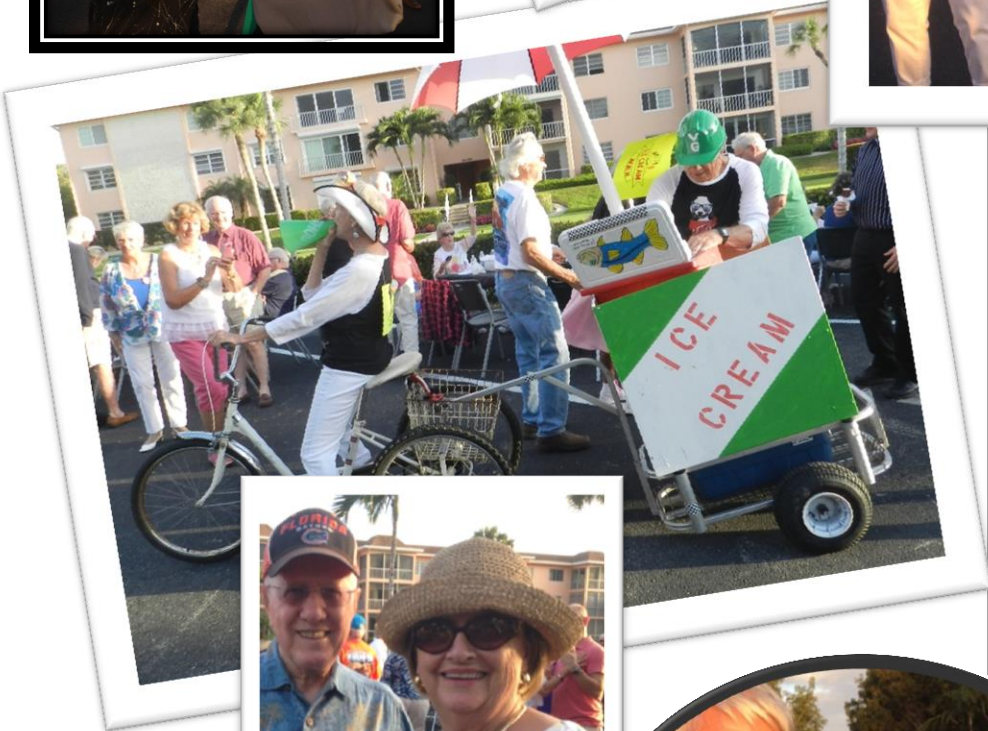
The Elephant Will Be Back in 2017

Start preparing for the largest White Elephant Sale in America. Before you head home in the next couple weeks, don't throw any of that good stuff away. Save it under the bed, in the closet, in your storage room for the 2017 Village Green sale. All profits go to help the needy and assist Village Green in covering some of its cost. If you have any questions, call Vince or Mary Ann Botti at 239 403 0185.

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End of Season Fun
Thanks to Mary Ann &
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team





Checklist When Heading Home

Turn off main water line to your unit and unplug hot water heater

Since you just tested your three smoke alarms, you're good. If your thermostat is digital, put a new battery in it. Remove batteries from clocks, etc.

Add one-half cup of bleach to toilet bowls; do not put any in the tank as bleach will damage the seals. Cover toilet bowls with saran wrap.

Put tape over all sinks, showers, bathtub drains, including your overflow opening in your bathtub. Use blue painter's tape because it doesn't leave a sticky residue. The bugs try to get in everywhere. Make sure no openings in wall behind stove, under sinks, around air conditioner, etc. where they can easily get in. If there are holes, put steel wool in them.

Clean refrigerator and discard all perishable food. You take a big risk leaving food in your freezer. If you turn your refrigerator off, prop the door open and put baking soda in fridge to absorb odors. Most refrigeration manufacturers say unplugging the power and having the door open does not lessen the effectiveness or expected life of the seal. If you let it run, there is the possibility of an electrical surge. Renters should ask the owner whether they want the refrigerator on or off.

Look to make sure all water is pumped out of the dishwasher. Some people leave dishwasher open, others put baking soda in it and close it.

Throw a couple tablespoons of cooking oil inside your garbage disposal drain. Then turn on your garbage disposal for just a couple seconds. This keeps the blades from rusting and the garbage disposal mechanism from locking up on you.

Set air conditioner and humidistat (if you have one) to proper settings. Most AC companies say to set the humidistat at 65 and thermostat at 75- 80 when you leave. It is more efficient and less costly to have a humidistat.

Either throw the circuit breakers for everything you don't want operating, or unplug everything from the wall, including stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, garbage disposal, etc. Unplug cable connection and power source as surges can go right through the cable connection to your TV.

Put new filter in your air handler.

Bring inside all doormats, personal flowerpots, outside furniture, bikes inside storage room or condo. Close blinds and curtains. Lock all windows and doors.

Fill out the post office form to have your mail forwarded to your residence up north. Contact post office up north to tell them to no longer send mail to Naples. People do this in different ways. Call Moore Property Management and tell them to change address. Also, do that when you come back.

Decide whether you want to maintain your Naples land line phone service year-round or put it on vacation package.

Complete Comcast form if want to put cable TV and internet service, etc. on vacation hold. Even if you come back before December 15, best to tell them your return date is Dec. 15. Otherwise, they'll start charging you even if you don't come back when expected.

Have your condo checked regularly, at least every ten days. A lot of bad things can happen if you don't. Make sure someone has your key and telephone number in case of an emergency. Have person who checks your condo turn the humidistat to "on" every time he/she comes in. The AC should normally kick-on when he does that. Then he should turn humidistat back to correct setting when he leaves.

Clean out paper and cardboard boxes from your storage room. They encourage pests.

Check your vehicle's tire pressure, oil, etc.

Take the time to say goodbye to people. You never know whether they will be back. You never know whether you will be back. Hope to see you next season healthy and happy.

And be careful. Remember, it's a jungle out there.

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