



The Meadow Sweet Circular



NEWSLETTER FOR THE COTTAGES AT RIVENDELL

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The Cottages Annual Election

The annual elections for the Rivendell Unit 1 Association will be held February 16, 2006 at 7:00 pm at Spanish Point, 337 North Tamiami Trail, Osprey, FL.

Registration begins at 6:30

There are 3 openings to be filled on our board, and 3 candidates are running: Joanne Miller-Behanna, Richard Perlman, and Robert Stellato.

The terms of Ken Alarie, Clyde Behanna, and Jim Parker will be expiring. Margery Arendt and Chuck Bly still have another year to serve.

Please be sure to read all the instructions carefully for both elections and take all the ballots and limited proxy forms with you when you go to vote.

The Woodlands Annual Election

The annual elections for the Community Association will be held February 28, 2006 at 6:30 pm at Pine View School Auditorium, 1 Python Path, Osprey, FL.

There are three openings to be filled and five candidates:

Mark Adler, Michael Bergman, John D. Crister, Bob Gilliland, and David Sears. Carol Hackett will remain on the board. Deborah Yohn, who replaced Manny Eframian, still has a year to serve, but will be resigning after the election. Her seat will be filled by appointment.

There is also the proposed carry-over of the excess membership income (from special assessment) to be voted on, as well as a vote to adopt a proposed amendment to the by-laws governing Hurricane Shutters.

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A GREEN CHRISTMAS



A total of \$215 was collected for distribution to the Valley Crest landscaping team from the MSC homeowners. Mike W, from Valley Crest, said he added enough to that total to allow each man on the team to receive \$25 each for the holidays. They said "Muchas Gracias". Special thanks to Terry Sweeney for the great thought and all the effort in putting this gift together.

Activities Fund Report



Below you will find the current monthly Activities Fund report for December 2005:

BEGINNING BALANCE:		\$1096.84
Dec 2	Holiday Party	\$510.00 \$1606.84
Dec 5	Party Expenses	-\$695.05 \$911.79
Dec 19	Appreciation Gift for Tracy Arendt	\$50.00 \$861.79
ENDING BALANCE:		\$861.97

Meadow Sweet Cuisine...

Recipes Contributed by your neighbors.



Bobotie (South African dish)

Courtesy of Audrey Sweeney

- 1 cup milk
- 1 thick slice white bread
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2-1/4 lb. ground beef
- 2 teaspoons apricot jam
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/2 cup raisins (muscat or similar large kind)
- 10 dried apricots, each cut into four pieces
- 2 tablespoons mild curry powder
- 12 blanched almonds, roughly chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- 2 eggs

Preheat oven to 350 deg.F. Put half of the milk in shallow dish, add bread and soak 5 mins.

Heat oil in flameproof dish (or fry pan). Add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, 5 mins. or until soft. Squeeze milk from bread add bread to dish with all remaining ingredients except eggs and remaining milk. Mix well, then level surface with a spoon. (If using fry pan, transfer to casserole dish first). Bake 30 mins.

Beat together remaining milk and eggs and pour over meat. Return to oven and bake 20-25 mins. or until custard has set.

Makes 6-9 servings.

NOTE: This dish is particularly good served with a fruit chutney.

Coffee at the Clubhouse

Sunday, February 12th,
10:00 AM to Noon.

Hosted by Pat & Jack Martin and
Audrey & Terry Sweeney

Coffee at the Clubhouse

Sunday, February 26th,
10:00 AM to Noon.

Hosted by Pat & John Finnerty and
Ken & Connie Alarie

Meet with your friends and neighbors and enjoy some sweets and treats and relaxed conversation. Donation \$1.00 appreciated We also need volunteers to Host the upcoming Sunday coffees. Please call Barbara or Maury Tragar to sign up: 966-6291.



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First Annual International Dinner Night

On Friday night, January 27th, the Activities Committee held an International Night at the clubhouse. Chuck & Gretchen Bly and Audrey and Terry Sweeney were the Hosts. They did a great job of decorating. The tables were festive with travel brochures as place mats, candles in wine bottles and miniature flags from around the world.

Everyone brought ethnic foods to share and the choices were many and delicious. An "Around the World" Quiz was passed out and each table got to try to answer 28 questions. Three tables tied with 20 correct answers. Each winner was presented with a "gold" medal.

The next entertainment was piñatas - a mermaid for the ladies and a tiki god for the men. The mermaid was so hard to break open that a spear was finally employed. The tiki god proved a strong adversary as well, breaking the PVC pipe being used against it. Eventually, the spoils were spilled and the MSC party-goers won in the long run.

The Blys and the Sweeneys would like to thank everyone who contributed with so many culinary delights. There was more food to sample than anyone could try at one sitting, and it was all very different and delicious. What a gratifying outcome to everyone's effort. Bravo!



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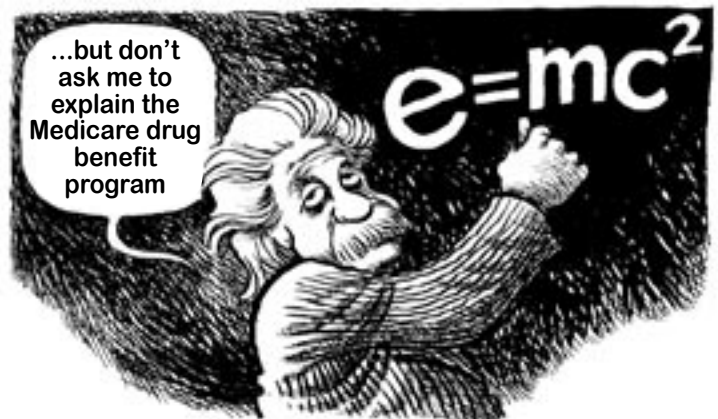
Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Coffee at the Clubhouse 10AM -NOON	13	14 	15	16 Cottages Annual Election	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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"You'll know tonight." he said.

That evening, the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it - to find a book entitled "The Meaning Of Dreams"



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