

Faces of Gulfport's Gecko Ball



Kelly Wright and Zachary Knight are *Stayin' Alive* at last Saturday's 70's themed Gecko Ball held at the Gulfport Casino. The Ball is part of a month long celebration leading up to GeckoFest to be held this Saturday on Beach and Shore Boulevards in Gulfport.

Call For Business Organization

By Gulfport Mayor, Sam Henderson



I want to take the opportunity to discuss one of Gulfport's strengths with regards to our

business community. While many cities are lucky to have their own Chamber of Commerce, we are fortunate enough to have three different groups representing businesses in the Gulfport area: the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce, the Gulfport Merchant's Association (GMA) and the South 49th Street Business Association (So49). All of these groups work hard to support their member businesses, and even to recruit additional membership. All of these groups do good work in the community and give of themselves to build economic prosperity in our city. I have been fortunate enough to work with all of our business associations on multiple occasions, and to see firsthand their dedication in action.

As mayor, I want to make a request of the Chamber, GMA and So49. It is my belief that council and city staff will be in a better position to assist in your endeavors if we are hearing a common message from each of you. To this end, I would like to see one representative from each of our three business associations meet quarterly in order to keep one another apprised of your plans, ideas and directions. Subsequently, it would be valuable to have this representative trio

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Diabetes Prevention Class

Did you know that reducing your body weight by just 7% and increasing your physical activity can greatly reduce your risk of developing a host of chronic diseases?

The YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg has joined forces with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Medicare to help seniors take control of their health. Gulfport Senior Center is the latest organization to begin offering the YMCA classes to make it easier for local seniors to take advantage of this program. The first series of classes begin Tuesday, September 3rd at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center at 3:30 p.m.

Participants work together to lose a modest amount of weight, increase their physical activity and create healthy habits that can reduce risks of diabetes, cancer, heart disease and erectile dysfunction. Classes meet for one hour a week for 16 weeks and are followed up by monthly maintenance meetings. All classes are led by a trained Lifestyle Coach.

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Toastmaster to Provide Heat Relief at GeckoFest

This year's 13th Annual GeckoFest is expected to bring more than 30,000 people to the quirky and quaint arts community on the north shore of Boca Ciega Bay this Saturday, August 31st.

All festivities take place on Beach Boulevard in Gulfport from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. with non-stop trolley service to designated overflow parking areas.

This year, the Gulfport Toastmasters will be hosting three "Heat Relief" tents where visitors can purchase cold bottled water, sit in the shade and enjoy daring feats of oratory and public speaking. Water will also be provided for pets.

Gulfport Toastmasters meets every Wednesday from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Ave. S. in Gulfport. Guests and new members are always welcome. For more information, please contact Rene Enfield at 727-251-0874 or visit www.GulfportToastmasters.com.

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Labor Day Fish Fry at Gulfport Lions Den

Are you ready for Labor Day? The annual Gulfport Lions Labor Day Fish Fry is being set up for you on Monday, September 2nd served by the Lions of Gulfport at their den at 4630 Tifton Drive S., in Gulfport, right behind the Marina (directions: south on 49th St. to the end, turn

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This is one of their Activities'

Projects, with all of the proceeds generated to be allocated to their community outreach programs, especially Sight First activities, as are all of their fundraising projects (Spaghetti Suppers-2, Pancake Breakfasts-5, and Shrimp Boil).

Please make sure you are a part of this popular annual event, and don't forget they will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on October 6th. If you need further directions on the day of the event, call 515-7509.

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Gulfport Women's Softball League

The City of Gulfport Recreation Division will have priority registration for teams currently in their summer league to participate in the 2013 Women's Fall Softball League September 3-6 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Open registration will be on September 9th from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. if spots are available. The 10-game season will be played on Friday nights beginning September 20th with a 6-team maximum. League fees are \$385.00 or \$485 for teams with three or more non-residents of Gulfport. Payments must be cash or check and are due at registration. For more information please call John at 727-893-1079.

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Labor Day BBQ at Legion Post 305

American Legion Post 305, 6999 Gulf Boulevard in St. Pete Beach will be cooking on Monday, September 2nd from 2-5 p.m. Barbecue pork and grilled chicken will be served with

corn on the cob, baked beans, potato salad and dessert for a donation of \$7. Even features music by Geno from 2-5 p.m. and T.J. Mike with karaoke from 6-9 p.m.

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1st Friday Flea Back in September

The Center is kicking off the end of summer with the beginning of the monthly Flea Market starting in September! They have jewelry, art, household items, small furniture, knick knacks and more all at bargain prices. Come visit the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center at 5501 27th Ave. S. on Friday, September 6 from 9 a.m. to noon to find your perfect item.

While you visit, please bring a canned good or two to the new "bucket of love" which will be located in the Senior Center lobby. This food goes into the Center pantry where local seniors who are less fortunate can get the assistance they need. For more information or to get involved call 893-2237 or 893-1231.

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Register for Little League

Gulfport Little League is now taking registrations for the Fall Ball Season. Sign up on-line at www.gulfportlittleleague.net or in person at the field, 1820 55 Street S. on Thursdays between 6-7 p.m. upstairs. Call Bruce Ward at 727-327-7383 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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Thrift Shop End of Summer Sale

They invite you to shop at Sophie's Attic Thrift Shop, a mission outreach of First United Methodist Church

- Gulfport. It's time for their End of Summer \$1 Clearance Sale! Come check out their special \$1 clearance racks. Any specially marked clothes on these racks will be \$1. New clothes are coming in almost daily and they need to move out anything that has been here awhile to make room for the new items. All clothes are washed before they are put out for sale, so they are ready to go. They are located on 53rd St. near 28th Ave. S. and are open from 9-noon on Fridays and Saturdays. Come on in where it is cool.

A special thank you to their regular customers who have put the store on

their weekly to-do list every weekend. And welcome to new friends who are checking them out for the first time. Their volunteers love to see new faces. They'll be watching for you!

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Tim Dorsey Returns to Gulfport Public Library

Tim Dorsey, the popular Florida author, returns Thursday, September 19 at 7 p.m. inside the Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Ave. S. Reservations are being accepted now, please call 727-893-1073 to reserve your seat for this event.

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Community Band Prepares for Season

After nine years of directing the South Pasadena Community Band, Max Millsbaugh announced his retirement. The new man on the podium will be John Hoover. Mr. Hoover received his degrees from the University of Louisville and taught instrumental music in the Jefferson County School System in Louisville, Kentucky for 27 years from elementary through high school. He also held the position of Director of Bands at the University of Louisville for four years and was the Bandmaster of the 202nd Army Band of the Kentucky National Guard for 25 years. Before leaving Louisville John directed the River Cities Community Band, a position he held for nine years. John played the French horn professionally in the Louisville Philharmonic Orchestra for several years and until recently has been playing in several groups here in the Tampa Bay area.

The first concert of the season will be Thursday, October 10 at 7:30 and held at Galetea Garden, 7001 Sunset Drive in South Pasadena. The concert will feature show tunes, marches, and music for all ages. We look forward to entertaining you!

Rehearsals start on September 5 and are held on Thursday evenings

at the South Pasadena City Hall. If anyone is interested in joining this group please contact Mr. Hoover at 727-398-9639.

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Healthy Aging Tips: Top Ten List

Come learn the top ten most important tips for healthy aging on Wednesday, September 4 at 1:30 p.m. at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center at 5501 27th Ave. S. Heidi Crocket from Aging Care Advocates will outline an integrated approach

to healthy living, including how discoveries in neuroscience unlock the mystery to why we are able (or not able) to make healthier food and lifestyle choices. Free seminar for Center members. Not a member and 50 or over? Sign up for free today!

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Seniors' Chat Room

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Tai Chi for Health

Tai Chi for Health is taught by certified instructor, Rhoda Levine starting Thursday, September 5th, 10:30 a.m. at King of Peace Church in the social hall. The gentle flowing

movements help improve balance, reduce stress, strengthen your body all while sitting in a chair or standing between chairs. Wear loose fitting comfortable clothing. The class is one hour long. King of Peace MCC is located at Fifth Avenue N. and 32nd St. N.; parking lot is in rear of church and enter to social hall through parking lot door. Call Rhoda at 727-204-9050.

Italian Language Classes

Have Italian in your blood? Traveling to Italy? In love with "la bella lingua?" You are welcome to join the free Italian language classes. September 5 and every Thursday at 6 p.m., the Italian American Society will offer

Elementary Grammar, Intermediate Conversation, and Advanced Conversation. At 7 p.m. (except third Thursday), it's conversation for travelers, intermediate grammar, and advanced grammar. Classes are held at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Avenue S. in Gulfport. Call Steve at 727-224-8731.

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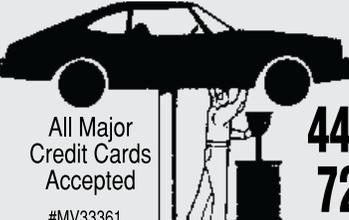
The Clearwater Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars meets for lunch on the first Tuesday of each month. The next luncheon will be at the Belleair Country Club, One Country Club Lane in Belleair. Social hour starts at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch and a short program. Military officers who are retired, active duty or former officers and their spouses or widows are invited to attend. For reservations call LTC George Smith at 727-786-5578.

Volunteers at Senior Center to Meet

There will be a meeting of all interested Senior Center and Senior Center Foundation volunteers on Friday, August 30th at 9 a.m. at the Senior Center. This is a planning meeting for their biggest fundraiser of the year, "The Duffers Ball" on October 18th. There are various "fantastic" tasks available to choose from! If you are not currently a volunteer but have a few spare hours to meet some great people and have some fun, please come!

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Take America's Boating Course

Are you ready to expand your boating knowledge and skills? America's Boating Course will be presented beginning Monday, September 16, from 7-9 p.m. and continue for an additional six weeks on Monday nights. This program, presented over seven evenings by the St. Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron, is available to anyone 12 or older. It covers Required Safety Equipment, Boat Handling, Rules of the Road, Navigation Aids, Anchoring, Adverse Conditions, Communications, Trailing, PWC Operation, Knots and Lines, Introduction to Charts and more. This is an essential course for all boaters. Graduates qualify for a Florida Boating Safety Education ID Card and may qualify for insurance discounts.

St. Petersburg Sailing Center is located at 250 Second Ave. SE, Demens Landing, St Petersburg. Instruction is free, materials cost \$35 per family. Maximum of 20 students. Pre-registration required. Register on-line at www.boating-stpete.org.

Heritage Village's Final Writing Workshop

Award-winning author Angela T. Pisaturo concludes this year's historical writing workshop at Heritage Village. The final workshop is on Friday, September 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This workshop will conclude the novel writing class. Participants will discuss how to

submit their works to publishers and look at the differences between traditional publishing and self publishing

The workshop is \$15 per person; \$13 for Pinellas County Historical Society members. Call 727-582-2233 to register or for more information.

Heritage Village is located at 11909 125th Street N. in Largo. This living history museum brings more than 150 years of local history to life. Tour 28 authentic buildings and structures and experience historical Pinellas County through hands-on exploration. Paths wind through 21 acres and connect with the Florida Botanical Gardens and the Florida Gulf Coast Center for Fishing and Interactive Museum.

Heritage Village is open Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. It is closed all Pinellas County holidays. For more information about Heritage Village visit www.pinellascounty.org/heritage, or call 727-582-2123.

Yoga in the Morning

Yoga with Valerie on Wednesday mornings starts September 4th at the Gulfport Recreation Center. Class starts at 9 a.m. and cost is \$10 a class. Class suitable for all levels, yoga meets you where you are at. Call Valerie at 727-557-4258 or getfitwithvalerie.com. Please bring a yoga mat and a bottle of water.

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This exciting community event hosts several types of challenges in

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Geckofest Brings “Circus” to the Streets

Gulfport’s 13th Annual Geckofest will bring entertainment to the streets during a daylong spectacle on Saturday, August 31st. Amid the thousands of festival-goers, hundreds of vendors and dozens of live musicians on two stages, expect to come face to face with live mermaids, magicians, jugglers, acrobats, fire dancers and more, creating an “up close and personal” circus atmosphere throughout the village. All festivities take place on Beach Boulevard in Gulfport from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Each year, Gulfport celebrates the end of summer with its largest festival of the year, dedicated to the town’s unofficial mascot and favorite reptile. The festival has

grown to become one of Tampa Bay’s most anticipated events of the year. Entertainment in the streets is one of the hallmarks of Geckofest, with many both strolling and stationary performers interacting with visitors. This year’s festival brings more action, fun and thrills to the streets than ever before.

Live mermaids will be visiting in a rare display. The curator of the exhibit will give details on the history of mermaids, their habits and habitats, before drawing the curtain to reveal one of the visiting mermaids. These “sea women” of lore can be viewed up close behind the glass of a giant water tank. Watch for the mermaid exhibit in the heart of the festival.

The Mcandless Aerial Troupe will be on hand to perform acts of anti-gravity grace, including aerial acrobatics, long distance drops, hanging

“Spanish web” rope maneuvers and more. The Acromaniacs will show off an array of thrilling acrobatics including “extreme flipping” and body balancing stunts combined with comedy. Also watch for Dallas, a well-known Bay area performer combining comedy and juggling, as well as amazing feats of strength and balance.

Donning his trademark color orange, stunt comedian Wacky Chad combines clowning with such stunts as carrying passengers on a miniature bicycle to balancing shopping carts on his face! His extreme pogo stick stunts will amaze festival-goers and his comedy antics will keep visitors in stitches. Seasoned magician, mentalist and entertainer Anton James will display a variety of illusions, including assorted magic tricks large and small, mind reading and “mind games,” and other entertainment in a high energy style.

Capping off the festivities, the Fireshow by Mayhem will showcase a troupe of performers who will dance with, play with, manipulate, swallow and have full body contact with fire. The finale includes a “rocket staff” spun by a performer like a baton with live fireworks attached to each end. Audience members gather in a circle surrounding the performance area and are able to view the pyrotechnics from close up. The fire show returns to Geckofest by popular demand and has thrilled audiences on every occasion.

Also watch for face painters, balloon artists, stilt walkers, drummers, a “living statue” and more street entertainers throughout the day. Other costumed performers, including pirates, gypsies, faeries, and of course geckos will be strolling through the village during Geckofest, creating a quirky, vibrant and colorful scene enjoyable for visitors of all ages. Geckofest visitors are encouraged to come in costume. Many of the Geckofest performers will also march alongside costumed visitors in the annual Walking Parade, which will be led by Gulfport’s Mayor Emeritus, and include the “o-FISH-al” Gecko Goddess, as well as the new Gecko Queen and her Court. A costume contest with prizes will be held following the parade for children and adults. Visit www.Geckofest.com.

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The Gulfport Lions club will be

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All proceeds from this event will fund their 2013 Christmas Toy Shop and Food Certificate program. This

program has become such a large part of their community outreach efforts during the holiday season, that they as a club see the need to try to expand this wonderful holiday event. This program assists local families during the holiday season with the essentials to put a holiday meal on the dining room table, and a little holiday cheer under the tree.

They are currently accepting golfer registrations as well as community sponsorships of all types. A \$25,000 Hole In One contest will highlight the event, with in round competitions including longest drive, closest to the pin and a putting contest to name a few. There is also three auxiliary hole in one contests on the remaining par 3s, so there is plenty of opportunity to strut your stuff.

There will be a southern style BBQ after the round at their local Lions clubhouse, where they will hold silent auctions, product raffles, 50/50 drawing, etc. The clubhouse is located at 4630 Tifton Drive S., Gulfport, just a few minutes drive from the course.

For more golfer registration information, or to see the wonderful sponsorship opportunities they have, please contact Smokey Clark, Gulfport Lions V.P., at 727-323-0116 or fclark89@tampabay.rr.com.

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Another Layer – Patti Schlotterlein, art and faux-finish designs

By Shelly Wilson

In Patti Schlotterlein's studio in Gulfport's art village, two still life paintings hang in old wooden frames. A little wobbly, and perhaps faded, the scenes of fruit and an open book are amateurish but enlightening, revealing a budding artist's sensitivity for color and balance. In fact, they won Patti first prize.

"Art was always my thing, growing up. I took an art class when I was ten, and they had a big show, with adults as well, at the end," she says. "I remember walking into it and being just shocked: there was a blue ribbon on my paintings."

Despite the early achievement, she's not particularly proud of the works. (They're pretty hideous," she jokes.) But Patti saved them – much the way that a writer might save a childhood story, or a carpenter his first birdhouse – as a little reminder of her first love.

With an architect father and a crafty mother, Patti chose a creative path, but one that would lead to a more practical career: interior design. After finishing her degree, Patti was hired by a top design firm in Atlanta, working on huge projects like the headquarters of Coca-Cola. It was work she loved, but, "what I realized was that in a corporate design environment, those projects would take years," she explains, "and the creative part was very, very small."

Eventually, she and her young family moved to Dallas for another design position, but the work was even less fulfilling, and a determined Patti cast about for something new. Improbably, she ended up with a job at Home Depot.

"It was selling mini-blinds and wallpaper," she laughs. "It was not good at all, but it paid the bills."

Actually, it did more than that. With her design background, Patti eventually moved up to visual merchandising, and that's when she finally found an outlet for her artistry.

"They brought this woman in from Atlanta, and she was doing these faux finishes," Patti recalls. "This would have been early nineties. That was really new, then."

So Patti started doing faux finish displays in the store and, it turns out, she was good at it. Really good. Customers tracked her down to see if she could do that work in their homes and, within a few years, Patti had her own full-time business.

"It was very creative work," she says. "Very satisfying, and I was always trying to get more of what I liked to do, which was the creative part. So I worked my butt off, and I had a successful business there."

In the intervening years, Patti returned to her native Florida and worked as a preferred vendor for Robb & Stucky Interiors, doing faux finish work around the country – including a replica of the Chrysler building lobby – before striking out on her own again in Destin. There she worked in multi-million dollar houses, adding to her portfolio of diverse and breathtaking finishes.

While her career flourished, however, Patti's personal life was rocked by divorce. As a form of therapy, Patti turned back to her first love, to creating art for herself.

"There's a path, in life, and you make your choices



Even with her considerable experience and talent, Patti Schlotterlein says she never stops finding creative ways to evolve, from discovering the art of true frescoes in Italy, to combing the beach for inspiration. "Most faux finishers just give you something they learned in a class. For me, it's always different."

foreason," she says. "Mine have always been driving me to do something more creative."

Drawing on tricks and talents honed in her nearly two-decade career in faux finishing, Patti rediscovered the centering powers of art. With a palette of blues, greens and hints of metal, her canvasses recall walks on the shore, the magical place where water meets sand.

"I use recycled, tempered glass and epoxy, and I use plasters from my faux finishing past, reactive paints – all the color comes from a chemical reaction," she explains of the surprisingly organic creations. "What you get is the effect of things washing up on the shore. I try to make it serene, and I try to make artwork that people can take home, wherever they're from, that makes them feel like they're still at the beach. For me, it was a personal, therapeutic thing. It still is."

At heart, Patti describes herself an adventurer, someone who is never afraid of risks. Indeed, detailing a wall with amethyst geodes or 44,000 rhinestones, taking on a 30-foot dome in Las Vegas, or restoring a centuries-old church in France – these projects all demanded a wellspring of confidence. In the end, however, Patti says she simply loves a challenge. And when she describes her work, it's just as easy to imagine she is talking about her life.

"This is my passion," says Patti. "It's my job to enhance things, to put the pieces together, and give it another layer."

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The J. West Prostate Cancer Foundation, a tax-exempt 501 (c) 3 organization, also sponsors the annual 5K Run and Walk through Gulfport each January.

For further information on the screening or the run, scheduled for January 4, 2014, please contact Mike Calamari at 727-638-2389 or coachmike64@gmail.com.

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He began his career as a staff attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice in Atlanta. He is licensed to practice law in both Florida and Georgia.

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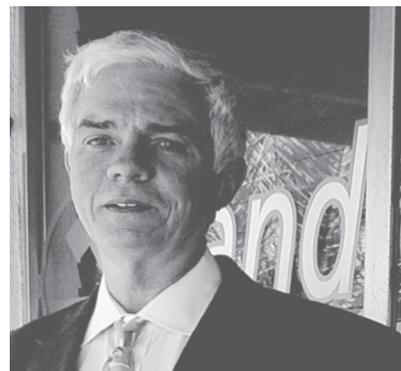
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The Gulfport Garden & Bird Club is seeking new members to participate in their next calendar of events, October 2013 through June 2014.

Background of Club: Early in 1941, several women doing Red Cross sewing in the dining room of the Cedars Hotel (now the Peninsula Inn) decided they would like to know more about raising flowers and vegetables. A nucleus was formed and by May 1941, the Gulfport Garden and Bird Club was organized with the objective of beautifying Gulfport. There were speakers, flower shows, garden and yard contests, picnics and trips.

These traditions continue today with local garden tours, trips to well-known gardens around the state, and a host of speakers providing information on Florida flora and fauna. The Club also continues the tradition of community involvement. Beautification projects have included the placement of bird baths and statuary along with the planting of trees and shrubs in and around our city parks and buildings.

What they need from you: In order to expand the activities as mentioned above and to offer additional programs, the Club is seeking dedicated participants who are willing to share their knowledge and new ideas and time to help the Club expand its vision. There are many opportunities to use your creativity through Club membership. They welcome your participation. Membership costs just \$5 for the year.

For more information, please call Joyce Mobley, President (321-9029) or Barbara Dye, Membership (381-3461). To become a member, please send your \$5 along with your name, address, telephone number and email address to Barbara Dye, 2607 Beach Blvd. S., Gulfport, FL 33707.

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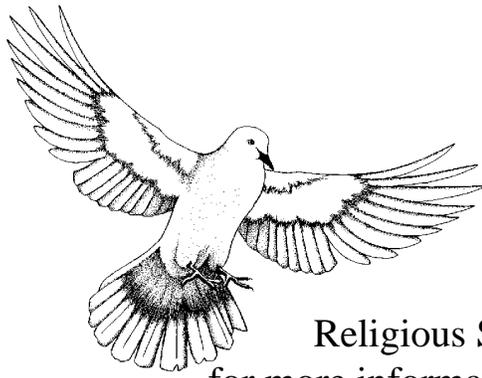
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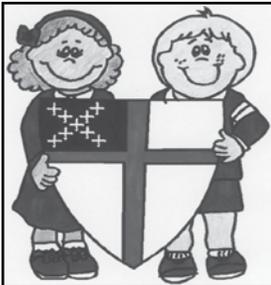
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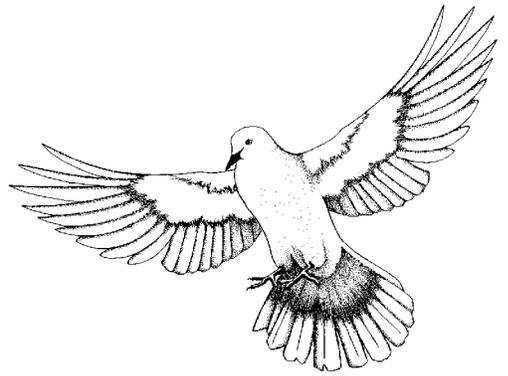
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Course materials from NeighborWorks America will be available for purchase by check or cash. The books feature comprehensive materials, helpful in navigating the home buying process. The cost is \$17. Those who complete the class will also have the

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The class size is limited so those interested should call 727-464-8210 or email housingfinanceauthority@pinellascounty.org to register. The workshop is sponsored by the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County and the Pinellas Community Housing Foundation.

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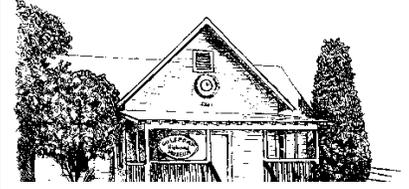
We would like to thank everyone for the great success of our bowling tournament. A special thank you to Al Davis and Jim of Slim & Jim's. Your support does not go unnoticed. We are working on our golf tournament for October, when we will be giving away a golf bag filled with goodies.

The Sons are cooking hamburgers and hot dogs every Sunday from 12:00 to 3:00. Come out and enjoy some good food.

I would like all Son members to attend our monthly meetings, which are held on the last Monday of each month. We are moving forward with our new Officers and are always looking for new ideas to generate funds for our charities.

Again, thanks to all.
Don Vachon, First Vice Commander

News from the Gulfport Historical Society



Docent Training

Gulfport's Historical Society will host a training session for all volunteers at 7 p.m. on August 29. This training session will teach interested people anything they need to know to help out at the museum.

Volunteers need only work one shift a month. Next month the museum will open with new hours that will make history more accessible to people who work during the day. Hours will include ArtWalk, the Tuesday market, and expanded Saturday hours.

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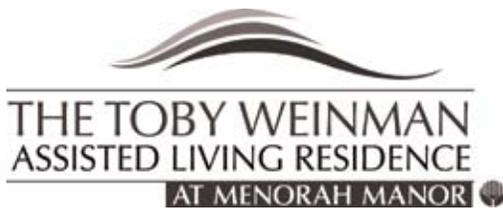


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Gulfport Toastmasters has Moved!

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chartered last July and in their first year are a President's Distinguished Club, the highest honor awarded by Toastmaster's International. Guests and new members are always welcome. Contact them at info@gulfporttoastmasters.com or call Rene Enfield at 727-537-9098.

Senior Solos Calendar

Back in action after a two-month summer break, the Senior Solos will start the fall activities with a picnic in Seminole on Sunday, August 18th at 1 p.m. Meet them at shelter #7 to enjoy this beautiful park and take advantage of a great opportunity to meet new people and form new friendships. Bring a dish to share and \$5 or no dish and \$10. Continue

the fun with lunch at the Red Lobster on Hwy. 19 (34th St.) at 62nd Ave. in St. Petersburg on September 4th. Then mark your calendar for the first regular meeting of the season on September 9th at 1:30 in the Recreation Center, 7625 59th Street N. in Pinellas Park. Bring a dish to share and \$2 or come without a dish and pay \$5. These pot-luck lunches always provide an interesting array of yummy foods. At this meeting you will also hear about the upcoming changes in procedures for the Senior Solos group. After the eats and the business, they will play a rousing game of card bingo with mystery prizes for the winners. All singles 55+ are welcome! Call Pat at 727-520-8797.

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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

The week starts off on an auspicious note with the sun and Pluto arranging themselves as cheerleaders for positive change. Thursday brings the new moon in Virgo and the ideal day to rid your pantry and refrigerator of anything and everything that might run counter to your health and fitness goals. Together in the sign of vitality, the sun and the moon ask: What do you have to lose, besides a bit of extra weight?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's easy for people to say that humans are responsible for their own fate when they are in a good place in life. Yes, people get what they give to some extent, but there are also factors that are beyond our control. You're determined to take the reins of control wherever possible, but don't fret if fate won't give them up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll plan carefully what to say and do. Some people are good at self-monitoring, because they are sensitive to how others see them. You self-monitor because you care about how others are feeling and want them to have a good experience, not because you are overly concerned with how you are being perceived.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you are in an unfamiliar circumstance and don't know how to behave, the first instinct is usually to copy others. Unfortunately, the "others" involved may not know what they are doing or why. You'll go far using your moral compass and all of your powers of reason to navigate toward those who can really help you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The natural human response is to back away from a failure and take credit for a hit. The superhuman response is to own whatever contribution is yours, whether the end result is a winner or a loser. It's all a learning process, and this is only the first round of the game.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To believe another person is right and to follow suit is one thing.

To comply with a person because you're afraid of ridicule or rejection is another thing entirely. Knowing the difference in the moment will be important to this week's outcome. When in doubt, take a step back and think things out for yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Everyone loves a genesis story. That's why they'll ask, "What gave you this idea?" "How did the two of you meet?" and "How did you come to work here?" Beginnings are exciting. Nothing exists, and then suddenly something does -- brilliant! What you'll be starting this week will later make an excellent story.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You often will agree to help a loved one out, but you still like to take things on a case-by-case basis. Saying "no" a few times this week will be good for your relationship, too. As soon as someone thinks you'll do whatever he or she wants, you're in a down position. Draw boundaries and take back your power.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you were to be completely honest with a certain someone about your feelings, the result might be spirit-crushing. Sometimes a "be cruel to be kind" philosophy never quite gets around to the being kind part. Your feelings will change over time, so there's no need to air them completely. Choose compassion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The early week sees you piecing together dissociated knowledge that won't make any more sense to you as the week progresses -- but at least you'll feel good about the process. Building your creative and emotional muscle tone will help you grow into the person you want to be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're afraid that if you don't fight your inner demons, you'll wind up on the same side: their side. But you'd be surprised at the true nature of these psychic creatures. They don't want to devour you. They only want understanding and forgiveness. Stop fighting, and you'll tame and train them to work for and not against

you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). French existentialist John-Paul Sartre said, "In love, one and one are one." And yet you feel a growing resistance to melding spirit, intention and identity with another. A driving need to be your own person will take over, making the idea of giving up yourself in the name of love seem repugnant.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't want your work to fall into the "who cares" category. That's why you take the time to figure out what those around you need and want. And yet, if you totally cater to them, you'll lose the art. You'll have to navigate the line between doing something serviceable and doing what best expresses you.

This Week's Birthdays: Your birthday comes like a rainbow after the storm. In September, success in love will make you feel so confident and content that you won't be able to keep from succeeding in business, too. You divide your time well between both in October, but as the end of the year grows nearer, it will get harder to balance your many responsibilities. Still, your social life should be the priority. How you show up in this regard will affect your reputation and your financial bottom line, too.

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Keep Gulfport Weird Mini Triathlon

Plans are under way for the upcoming Keep Gulfport Weird Mini Triathlon scheduled for Saturday, September 28, same day as the Tangerine Blues Fest. Go to mygulfport.us, events, upcoming events, and Keep Gulfport Weird Triathlon for event information and registration form.

If you would like to participate as a volunteer, your assistance is key for the success of this event. Business sponsors are also welcomed in donating gift certificates towards prize giveaways during this fun event. If you would like to volunteer, or if your business is interested in participating, please contact Justin Shea at 727-893-1118

The race is designed to be short enough to invite participation from most ages and fitness levels, whether individually or in teams, and is intended to be simply for fun. The competitive component is not the priority, but rather the gathering of community in the spirit of having fun and getting outdoors.

This year, everyone that registers gets a cool bright orange t-shirt with the Keep Gulfport Weird logo. Registration is \$10 per person. To get a registration, go online at www.mygulfport.us. Please go to the Events menu, then upcoming events, then Keep Gulfport Weird Triathlon, "2013 Keep Gulfport Weird Mini-Triathlon registration" and print the registration form. All Registration forms must be turned in by 9/20/13 to complete shirt order. No t-shirts will be available if you register the day of the event. Get in on the fun, then more at Tangerine Blues Fest Saturday September 28, 2013!

Blues Fest Volunteers Needed!

The So49 Business Association is seeking volunteers to assist with the 2013 Tangerine Blues Fest, to be held Saturday, September 28th. Volunteer shifts are generally two hours long, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and running till 10 p.m. Proceeds from the Blues Fest Benefit All Children's Hospital in St Petersburg. Please contact Don Stafford at don@rsri.net if interested in volunteering or for information.

Garden Club of St. Petersburg Calendar

On Monday, September 9 Creative Crafts by the Garden Club of St. Petersburg presents a program of creating a Daisy Chain Seed Bracelet at 10 a.m., 500 Sunset Drive S., St. Petersburg The cost of materials for members is \$3.50 and non-members \$4 and you take home what you craft. The public is welcomed.

On Tuesday, September 10 All Members Meeting presents a program on "Sustainable Gardening" by Julia Stack of the Florida Aquarium at

1 p.m., 500 Sunset Drive S., St. Petersburg. Visitors welcomed.

Book Writing Contest Starts in September

Saturdays starting on September 14, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Gulfport Public Library, participants will have a chance to create a book and participate in workshops. The winning book is to be published by Trace Taylor Books! For more information, or to find out how to be involved, please contact Cailey at 893-1073.

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Lithuanian-American Club Lunch

The Lithuanian-American Club is serving lunch every Thursday at 1 p.m. at 4880 46 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. The summer schedule of luncheons is one week koldunai and the other week cepelina. The cost is \$7 for entree, side, dessert and coffee. This Thursday's menu is soup, koldunai (meat dumplings), served with bacon or sour cream, dessert and coffee. As usual, they have Lithuanian beer and fresh baked Lithuanian bread to buy every Thursday. Call Vida at 866-7936. Everyone is welcome.

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Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta members enjoyed the Annual Beginning

Day Luncheon hosted by Laureate Epsilon Nu on Saturday, August 24 at Banquet Masters. Their theme was "Take a Chance on Friendship". The decorations were colored dice and playing cards. As each guest entered, they were given two Bingo cards. After an enjoyable lunch, several games of Bingo were played and winners of the games selected their gifts from a table in front of the podium. Door prizes were handed out and the winners of the raffles were announced. It was a most enjoyable way to start the sorority year.

LET members are looking forward to their own chapter beginning day on Monday, September 9 at the home of Lucy Brushaber. This will be a time for the plans for the coming year to be shared and members to reflect on their summer. If anyone is interested in learning more about Beta Sigma

Phi, please contact Sharon Ingram at 321-2849.

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A Night in Italy

The Italian American Society of St. Petersburg is bringing Italy to Gulfport for one night on Friday, September 27! Enjoy a tasty Italian dinner at 6 p.m. in the Gulfport Senior dining hall followed by a performance at the Catherine Hickman Theater. All proceeds support funding of the Senior Center Foundation. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased ahead at the Gulfport Senior Center at 5501 27th Ave. S.

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Lad 'n Lass Preschool Reopens

Lakewood United Methodist Church is very pleased to announce the re-opening of the Lad 'n Lass Preschool. A great many changes and much work has gone into updating our facilities and programing. All of the classrooms have been completely refurbished, all new play ground equipment, and most important, they will now offer full day services (7a.m. - 6 p.m.) for ages 2-4. Their programs will include VPK and they will be accepting children with ELC vouchers.

There is a new staff prepared to meet and teach incoming children and Lakewood United Methodist Church is committed to providing top quality, age appropriate learning in a faith based atmosphere. They are also committed to being respectful of all family backgrounds and are receptive and loving of all children.

They invite any who might be interested in the preschool to call their new director, Jenny Laracuente, at 727-350-5910 or stop by at 5995 MLK St. S. to visit their facility.

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Table Tennis is Back

The City of Gulfport Recreation Center is once again open for Table Tennis on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 a.m. - noon. Anyone who is interested in playing should come to the Recreation Center and register. The one-time fees are \$2 for Gulfport residents and \$22 for non-residents. You must have your own equipment. Call 727-893-1068.

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Older active adults are invited to sign-up to attend the first quarterly workshop titled "Got an iPad! Now what?". The workshop will be held on Thursday September 12th, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center located at 5501 27th Avenue S., Gulfport. Jaclyn Moore, Gold Award Girl Scout Project Leader, will conduct the workshop.

The workshop will cover basic functions of the Apple iPad. There is limited space available and no fee to attend the workshop. Please bring your very own Apple iPad and Apple passwords! Please contact the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center at 727-893-1231, in order to reserve your spot or for more information.

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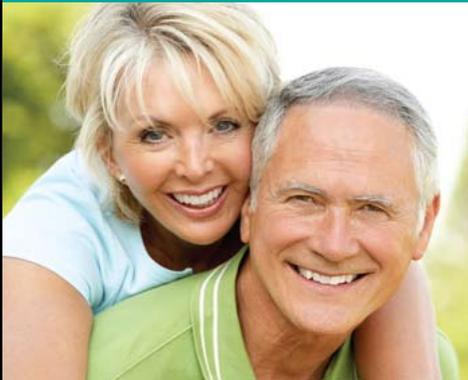
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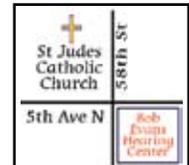
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Bug Man to the Rescue!

Using common a garden tool, a couple pry bars, a bucket truck from Yutzy Tree Service, and his secret spray, Rick McChesney of the Gulfport Bug Man removes a bee hive nearly two stories high hanging in a laurel oak over 27th Ave. at 53rd Street.

According to McChesney, 87% of bees have an Africanized Bee gene. Because of the inter breeding there is no shortage of bees.

As a result, the hybrid bees swarm new queens 4-6 times a year, rather than the typical once a year.

Market Accepting Vendor Applications

Applications are now being accepted for select vendors for the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market fall season. This season begins October 1, 2013, and runs through June, 2014. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply to the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market Coordinator, Laura Garrison via email at gulfportmarket@gmail.com. Specialty vendors, including those selling seafood, cheese, and gourmet food products are highly encouraged to apply.

Applicants will need to submit a brief overview of what they intend to vend, pictures of their products and an outline of where they are, or have been, vending. Vendors must be properly licensed (as applicable) and food vendors must provide product details along with their application.

The Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market runs year round. During season, the Market is home to approximately 80 vendors and is visited by more than 3000 people. Market hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during season.

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Take the Urban Survivor Bootcamp Fitness challenge continues on Tuesdays from 6:15 to 7:15 at the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. Cost is \$10 per class. Urban Survivor Bootcamp Fitness incorporates a high-intensity interval training program that focuses on high-intensity anaerobic exercise, coupled with lower-intensity rest periods. These short yet intense workouts provide improved athletic capacity and condition, increased strength and muscularity, improved glucose metabolism, and extreme fat burning. In addition to strength and fitness, Urban Survival Bootcamp incorporates a fun and light group atmosphere for all who participate regardless of physical fitness level or experience. Take on the challenge on Tuesdays from 6:15 to 7:15 at Gulfport Recreation Center. Cost is \$10 per class. Call Donnie Ali-McClendon at 727-550-7185 for more information.

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Everyday Cheap\$Kate

By Mary Hunt

Pay-As-You-Earn Repayment Plan May Offer Relief

Dear Mary: At age 46, I went back to school and chose University of Phoenix because I could go to school online and continue to work full time. Five years later I received my bachelor's degree at age 51.

I was proud of myself, but I work at a grain elevator in a small town and discovered that my new degree meant nothing to my employer. So it has done me no good. Now I face all the student loans. I just discovered that it will take 30 years to pay off my \$71,000 in school loans.

The current \$236 monthly payment is already stretching me. I can't afford to pay more each month, and the thought of throwing away all that money on interest and paying till I die has me super-stressed.

Is there any way that I can get at least some of this debt forgiven? I

just don't know where to turn. --
Susie, Illinois

Dear Susie: Reading your letter made my heart hurt. Oh, how I wish you'd written before you made the decision to take on so much student debt. I would have offered you my Rule of Thumb for student debt: Do not borrow more for college than you expect to earn the first year out of school.

I can tell you that repayment plans for federal student loans have become more generous recently, as some new rules have gone into effect. Ask your loan servicer about the "Pay as You Earn" option, which became available to borrowers at the end of December 2012.

This plan improves on the current income-based repayment program, pegging the amount you pay to your discretionary income (the amount by which your income exceeds the poverty line), and lowers the percentage of income you pay from 15 percent to 10 percent and the number

of years over which you pay from 25 to 20 years. At the end of that period, any remaining amount is forgiven.

To qualify, you must have taken out your first federal student loan after Sept. 30, 2007 and received a disbursement from at least one loan after Sept. 30, 2011. Only direct loans are covered. You can learn more about whether you are eligible for this at StudentAid.ed.gov. Type, "Pay as you earn," in the search box.

Dear Mary: I currently have \$37,000 in credit card debt. All of the accounts are current, and I've stopped using the cards. Settling is not an option for me. I am close to signing with a DMP (debt management program), which would resolve this in four years. I have \$10,000 that I can apply to these balances now. Can you suggest a better way? Thanks. --
Rick, email.

Dear Rick: From what you've told me, it appears the steps you're taking are exactly what I would advise: Keep your payments current, stop using the cards, buckle down, and do whatever you must do to get these things paid off as quickly as possible.

My only caution is that the DMP you're considering should be with a reputable credit counseling organization that is certified by NFCC (National Foundation for Credit Counseling).

I want to make sure you understand that once you're accepted into the DMP, your counselor will work with your creditors to reduce your interest rates and get you onto a plan that will get your debt paid off quickly -- in your case, four years. That's good.

While enrolled in the DMP, you will make your payments to the DMP, who will in turn send the agreed-upon payments to your creditors. This is why you want to make sure you're working with a reputable DMP that has a good track record and testimonials from satisfied graduates of its management program. Good luck!

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If you qualify, the legal assistance is free. The Community Law Program is provided by St. Petersburg Attorneys and exists to empower the most vulnerable in our community through pro bono legal representations and assistance and outreach.

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Singing Group Needs Instructor

Singing Group practice which was held at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center at 5501 27th Ave. S. on Mondays at 2:30 p.m. is cancelled at this time. Once a new volunteer music instructor has been found, we will restart the class. We are also looking for a volunteer accompanist pianist. If you have questions or you are interested, please call Gail at 727-893-2237.

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New Computer Classes at Senior Center

The Gulfport Senior Center Foundation announces the purchase and upcoming arrival of 10 new Toshiba laptop computers. They will come equipped with Windows 7 and the MS Office Suite. The new computers will be network ready providing access for email and web browsing, and will be used exclusively for both the Basic and Intermediate Computer Training Courses. The courses are both curriculum based and offer the student a "real world", Windows-based learning experience. Windows 8 instruction is not offered at this time. Classes will be held at

the Center at 5501 27th Ave. S. in Gulfport.

They are pleased to have computer instructor, Anne Marie Pemberton, formerly of NASA for 25 years as the Chief Computer Systems Engineer for NASA Headquarters. Beginners classes will be on Tuesdays with the first class starting on September 3rd at 2 p.m. Intermediate classes will be on Wednesdays with the first class starting on September 4th. There will be four classes per month.

These classes will be fee based. Anyone aged 50+ may participate in the classes. Residents of Gulfport will pay \$40 for a series of four weekly classes. The non-resident fee will be \$50. Pre-registration for classes is at the Senior Center at least seven days before the first classes begin. Proof of age and residency such as a driver's license and a City water

bill is required at enrollment time. Cash or credit card payment will be accepted.

Please call 727-893-2237 to enroll for class, or for further information.

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Laugh, Smile and Re-energize!

Turn that frown upside down with this new activity. The Gulfport Senior Center at 5501 27th Ave. S. is offering "Laugh, Smile & Re-energize" on Mondays at 12:45 p.m. The classes are ongoing. Come out to catch the very contagious laughter bug and experience the awesome power of laughter. Now's your chance to find out why they say "Laughter is the best medicine"! You must be a registered Senior Center member to attend. For more information, call 727-893-1231.

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SMITH, GERTRUDE BARBER "GERT", 93, of Gulfport, passed away on Aug. 15, 2013. She relocated to Gulfport in 1995 from South Windsor, CT, where she was a member of First Congregational Church. Gert graduated from Morse College. She was a docent at the Gulfport Historical Museum, active in the Gulfport Garden Club and delivered "Meals-on-Wheels" into her late 80's. Gert will be missed by daughters, Linda Sage (Michael), Valerie Smith-Cairns (David), Autumn Bowers (Donna Ruck); sons, Terry (Sharon), Brian (Elaine) and Mark; sister, Ruth Breen; sisters-in-law, Thelma Bengts-on and Jean Smith; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grand-

children; many nieces; nephews; and dear friends. Her family will hold a remembrance of her life soon. For full obituary and service information, visit [ALifeTribute.com](http://www.ALifeTribute.com).

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Diabetes, from front page
Participants are eligible for a complimentary membership to the YMCA throughout the initial 16 week session.

Do you qualify? Representatives from the YMCA will be available to answer questions at the Gulfport Senior Center at 5501 27th Avenue S. with information and free blood sugar screenings on August 29th from 10 a.m.-noon in the Theater Lobby. For more information call Shelley Swapp at 727-895-9622, ext. 219 or sswapp@stpeteymca.org.

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City Whys?

Have you got a question for your city government?

Email your request to News@theGabber.com

By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport: Arts Center

Q: Who runs the Arts Center (by the dog park)? How much do they pay for rent, and what oversight does the city have? – Name withheld

A: Gulfport City Manager Jim O'Reilly tells us that the Gulfport Arts Center/City of Imagination (COI) uses one room – the front one – of the former shuffleboard club (between the small and large dog park). The Gulfport Arts Center/City of Imagination has a use agreement, approved by the 2009 city council, which stipulates that the Arts Center/ City of Imagination may use the site "for purposes consistent with the Gulfport Arts Center/City of Imagination mission for projects and activities only, activities forth in the initial use agreement; such as meetings to conduct organization business; public-benefit functions, including art instruction, fundraising and the sale and display of member created art projects and activities."

COI must clean and maintain the space as well as pay its own electricity, water and sewer bills.

"If the services are not metered separately for the specific area they use, COI pays the city a fee of \$25.00 monthly for that portion of those services," O'Reilly says.

As for oversight, he tells us that the city has two forms: it can choose not to renew the agreement – scheduled for renewal at the end of this month at a council meeting, or, with notice, the city may terminate the agreement.

"The city expects that the City of Imagination will conduct themselves in an appropriate manner," O'Reilly says, adding that Gulfport has not received any complaints as to the group's activities.



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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

B_Northrop@theGabber.com

Changing Hearts, Minds and Soul

Sometimes, as a reporter, you stumble into historical events. Like being in the right place at the right time. It was that way 50 years ago (a 100 years since the Emancipation Proclamation), when I and a fellow photographer decided to cover the March on Washington in which Dr. Martin Luther King gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. (See Sunday's *Tampa Bay Times* edition).

I was in Beaver Falls, Pa. at the time and went because my mother lived in nearby Alexandria, Va. and we had a place to stay; it wasn't too long a drive; talk around our town and the rest of the country was that a march on Washington by Negroes, as they were referred to then, couldn't be done peacefully, particularly prodded by white agitators; and local civil rights leaders were going.

Based on personal experiences in both the South and the North, I did

not expect trouble and as I noted in the *Times* article, there wasn't any in spite of some outside agitation. That was the "news" aspect as well as the fact that the crowd was civil, cheerful and well-dressed. If I recall, we left before Dr. King's speech, but heard it on television. In that sense, we blew it as did most of media outlets. As it turned out, while the march itself was an historic event, the speech was the impetus and became the spiritual basis of the civil rights movement.

This was a time when Jim Crow still lived in the South with its separate facilities and "whites only" signs even after the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court decision banning school segregation. In the North, segregation was more subtle. Not all public accommodations like restaurants and motels and hotels would accept Negroes. Public swimming pools often wouldn't accept people of color, nor would the Young Men's (or Women's) Christian Association. Real estate, rental and owner, was segregated and private

clubs including the veterans and fraternal organizations were very subtly closed. Treatment by police was a particular sore spot.

But it wasn't just the March and speech that precipitated the Civil Rights Act of 1964 or supportive acts later. Violence and blind defiance of human decency by whites in the deep South had its consequences. The turning point, in my opinion, was the Birmingham, Ala. church bombing in which four young children were killed. This horrified the nation. The absurd "no school integration" posturing of Gov. George Wallace also in Alabama and the courage of the black children who defied him rallied the nation, too. Finally, the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in November of 1963, while not related directly to the issue, brought into power a powerful, manipulative, determined and ruthless Lyndon B. Johnson, who, although a southerner, latched on to the issue and rammed through the 1964 legislation.

That's the backdrop for today's very much changed world of many new laws and regulations and government and non-government organizations all vying to sustain and preserve equality and opportunity for all. Fifty years ago the prime movers were what we now call the African-American community sometimes allied with or competing with the women's movement. Today, there are a myriad of causes and movements, pushing the original group to the back of the bus, to use a pre-1960s phrase. There's enough material for dozens of columns and thousands of words about that theme, but here's one observation that might draw some thought:

The basic laws for equality have been written and movements and causes and government institutions have grown up to enforce them. That's been the easy part. The difficult task is to change the human hearts and mind and soul. These can't be legislated.

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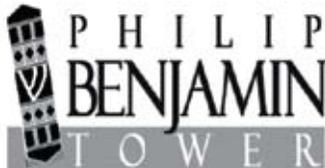
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Lunch Served 11am-3pm Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Kitchen Open 11-2pm Dinner 4:30-6:30pm Southern Knights Band 7-11pm	Southern Knights Band 7-11pm Dinner 4:30-6:30pm	Breakfast Buffet 8:30-11am S.A.L. hamburgers and hot dogs 12-3pm Steakums 1-3pm	No Lunch Served	Lunch 11-3 Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Lunch Served 11am-3pm Euchre 1pm Bingo 6pm Kitchen Open for Bingo

The Legion Riders meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Auxiliary meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Please join us and share your ideas.

Legionnaire meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Sons of American Legion meetings are the last Monday of each month at 7 p.m. All members are welcome.

Service Officer, Bob Cannon is at the Post on Thursday's from 9 a.m. till noon to offer assistance.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 125 is collecting donations of canned goods and toilet paper for Liberty Manor, a facility that provides housing and assistance to our homeless veterans. You can drop off donations at the American Legion, 6440 5th Ave. S., St. Pete. For more info about Liberty Manor, visit www.libertymanor.org.

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Friday 8/16

- Domestic-** 6000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Hit & Run-** 2500 Blk 59th St. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 5200 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Person Under Influence-** 1200 Blk 56th St. S.
- Theft-** 5200 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Vandalism-** 2500 Blk Ohio Ct. S.

Saturday 8/17

- Animal Call-** 5600 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- DUI-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Hit & Run-** 1400 Blk 59th St. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 5100 Blk 17th Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 1400 Blk 55th St. S.
- Neighbor Problem-** 1600 Blk Hull St. S.
- Theft-** 6000 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Theft-** 3000 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Sunday 8/18

- Theft-** 2800 Blk Seabreeze Dr. S.

- Animal Call-** 5300 Blk 7th Ave. S.
- Disorderly Conduct-** 1400 Blk 59th St. S.
- Domestic-** 5700 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Domestic-** 5200 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
- Monday 8/19**
- Theft-** 5700 Blk 17th Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 5400 Blk 30th Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 2800 Blk Upton St. S.
- Animal Call-** 18th Ave. & 54th St. S.
- Burglary Residence-** 6000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Panhandler-** 5900 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Shots Fired (Heard)-** 5100 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Tuesday 8/20**
- Theft-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Theft-** 4900 Blk 24th Ave. S.
- Domestic-** 3000 Blk Clinton St. S.
- Domestic-** 5600 Blk 30th Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 2600 Blk 48th St. S.
- Keep the Peace-** 59th St. & Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Prowler-** 5000 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Wednesday 8/21**
- Vandalism-** 5700 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 5400 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Drug Call-** 5200 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Thursday 8/22**
- Theft-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Theft-** 1000 Blk 55th St. S.
- Assault/Battery-** 4900 Blk 31st St. S.
- Domestic-** 2400 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Mosquito Control Focuses on Prevention

At Pinellas County Mosquito Control, the quest to eradicate as many of the pesky bugs as possible is an ongoing responsibility.

Scientists at the county believe that the focus on stopping the mosquitoes before they even grow into flying biting machines is the most effective means of control. To do so, they monitor and larvicide on a daily basis throughout the county, and fog in locations where it is specifically needed.

According to entomologist Jason Stuck, the county monitors mosquito populations daily through traps in 40 locations throughout the county. Technicians also monitor standing water for live mosquito larva Monday through Friday.

There are 56 caged chickens kept in eight target locations on which routine blood tests are performed, testing for virus antibodies. When a positive result is confirmed, the information is conveyed to the public and efforts are intensified in that area, with fogging to kill the adult mosquitoes.

Fogging may also be done when a trap shows an unusually high increase for several days, or if Mosquito Control receives numerous service calls in a specific area. A technician may then request that fogging be done, usually during nighttime hours.

The public is a vital part of the fight against mosquitoes and they can help by being vigilant in the prevention of and protection from mosquitoes by following the three Ds:

- Drain: even small amounts of standing water can breed mosquitoes
- Dress: light colors, loose fitting, long sleeves and pants
- Defend: effective repellents include Deet, Picaridin, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus.

A mosquito control request form, links to videos and general information can be found at www.pinellascounty.org/mosquito. Questions can also be directed to 727-464-7704. Videos about mosquito control can be viewed at www.youtube.com/pctv1.



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Pickle Ball Anyone?

The City of Gulfport Recreation Center is once again open for Pickle Ball on Monday mornings from 9 a.m. – noon. Anyone who is interested in playing should come to the Recreation Center and register. The one-time fee is \$2 for Gulfport residents and \$22 for non-residents. You must have your own equipment. If you have any questions please call 727-893-1068.

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2013-2014 Teen Night Program

Registrations for the 2013-2014 Teen Night Program have begun at the Gulfport Recreation Center. The Teen Night Program is a great hang out for teens in middle school to age 17. It provides recreation and social activities. It also offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, service projects and overnight lock-ins. The teens utilize the gymnasium, gameroom and outdoor area. Program hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6-9 p.m. Annual registration is \$2 residents/\$22 non-residents. New school year started Monday, August 19, 2013. Any teen registering now will be able to attend the remaining of the 2012-2013 Teen Night Program. For more information please call John at 893-1079.

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Gulfport Rec's 2013-14 School Year Child Care Program

On-going registrations for the 2013-2014 School Year Child Care Program continue for children who are entering *Gabber August 29 - September 4, 2013*

Kindergarten through age 14. Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Bear Creek, Gulfport and Douglas Jamerson Elementary schools. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents. Monthly fees are \$146 for residents and \$292 for non-residents. The Recreation Center announces the sponsorship of the "Afterschool Nutrition Program", a subcomponent of the Child Care Food Program. The program is designed primarily to provide nutritious snacks to children in afterschool programs. Snacks are available at no separate charge to the children. In accordance with the Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating

on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Hours for registration are Monday–Friday from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Packets are available at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. and on-line. Please call 893-1068.

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Children's Gymnastics Class

Sunshine Gymnastics will be starting on Friday September 9th at the Gulfport Recreation Center. Boys and girls age 5-12 years old are welcome and will learn floor skills, tumbling, low balance beam, spring board, and more. The class is from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. and is \$30 per month or \$10 per class with a \$15 registration fee (20% sibling discount). Please call Barbara at 804-9400 for more information.

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A Foodie Insider's Guide to GeckoFest

Every year, throngs of people – locals and guests alike – flood Gulfport's downtown. Locals know the secrets for making the most of the day, but to help out visitors, we asked several restaurants along Beach Boulevard to tell us about their plans for the day and also how non-Gulfportians can make the most of the day-long street party. Here's what they shared with us.



Tea and Me, James Clark, owner

Tip for navigating GeckoFest: Try to unearth the actual origin of the thing.
Food special: Gecko Sake
Why visitors will come back to your restaurant: Once they realize that things are actually made here and not out of a box, they'll come back.

Yummy's, Richard Reale, co-owner



Tip for navigating GeckoFest: It doesn't matter where you end up – just have fun!
Food special: Two dogs any way you want them with a side for \$6.50.
Why visitors will come back to your restaurant: We'll have coupons for returning customers.

Mangia, Jill Johnson, owner



Tip for navigating GeckoFest: Go early. Do a walk-through of all the places first. As it gets warmer, find one of the amazing restaurants on the street and pop in and have lunch.
Food special: We'll have grab-and-go items and a booth outside. We're also getting our beer and

wine license this weekend.

Why visitors will come back to your restaurant: We cater to specialty diets and offer healthy food.



Pia's, Jedd Yudelson, sous chef

Tip for navigating GeckoFest: Keep hydrated and shaded.
Food special: We're featuring vegan specials.
Why visitors will come back

to your restaurant: We keep communication open on Facebook – and we have great food!



Neptune, Dia Vartsakis, general manager

Tip for navigating GeckoFest: Carpool and come hungry!
Food special: We'll have a lunch special and a beer tub.
Why visitors will come back to your restaurant: We give them our authentic homemade food, as we always do. We try to give them the best service as well – it's the family restaurant feel.



O'Maddy's, Wade Parrish, chef

Tip for navigating GeckoFest: Find your way to O'Maddy's!
Food special: We will have a fresh seafood special as well as others – come check it out!
Why visitors will come back to your restaurant: We try to give them a unique dining experience – something they're not going to find anywhere else, so they have to come back.



Stella's, Barbara Banno, owner

Tip for navigating GeckoFest: For a day willed with fun and entertainment with an old town, community neighborhood feel, GeckoFest is the place to be!
Food special: Sweet potato hash for breakfast. Cuban Reuben with homemade corned beef, and the MexiBurger.

Why visitors will come back to your restaurant: Good food, friendly service. I offer the neighborhood town environment.

Players to Hold Auditions

The Gulfport Community Players will be holding open auditions for Brad Stephen's, "The Cooley Girls", on Tuesday, September 3rd and Wednesday, September 4th at the Players' Back Door Theater located at 1619 49th Street S. in Gulfport. They will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Olga Kruse is the director and she will need:

- 1 black male, able to play age range of from 50 to 60.
- 1 female, able to play an age range of from 20 to 30.
- 4 females, able to play age ranges of from 40 to 60's.

All people that meet these requirements are urged to try out for a part. The Players welcome all to their auditions, regardless of their experience or in-experience in theater. They are a true community theater group.

"The Cooley Girls" is a dramatic comedy about three sisters, long separated since childhood. Forty-three years pass by before one of the sisters decides to find her lost sisters and reunite them. All of them have secrets to hide, of course, but curiosity has brought them together once again after many, many years. Time will tell if they can once again bond together.

For more information on the Gulfport Community Players, visit <http://www.gulfportcommunityplayers.org>.

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2013-2014 VPK Program

The City of Gulfport Recreation Center is currently accepting VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten) Vouchers for the 2013-2014 School Year. VPK is free for children who live in Florida and who turn 4 years of age by September 1st. Parents must apply at the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas, Inc. and receive a Certificate of Eligibility. Program hours are from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Hours for pre-registration are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. The program begins on Tuesday, September 3, 2013. This program is being offered in addition to the Tot Time Program, which is for children who are between the ages of 3-5 and potty trained. Please call 893-1068.

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Tangelos,

Lisa Brennan, owner

Tip for navigating GeckoFest: Dress cool.

Food special: We will have a special menu for the day.

Why visitors will come back to your restaurant: We just give them good food and service.



Cousins,

Joe Hashim, general manager

Tip for navigating GeckoFest: Try to use the local vendors more than the street vendors.

Food special: Cheese and specialty slices and other pizza specials.

Why visitors will come back to your restaurant: The quality of our food.



J's,

Rita Janecek, owner

Tip for navigating GeckoFest: I would go all the way to the Casino and I would start from the Casino and start walking up at J's. Make that the first stop, and then walk north up Beach, then go across the street and go the other side, turn left on Shore, and then the opposite side. I would encourage people to get upstairs early because we can only allow up to 50 people upstairs. If you

want a prime spot upstairs, you better get here early.

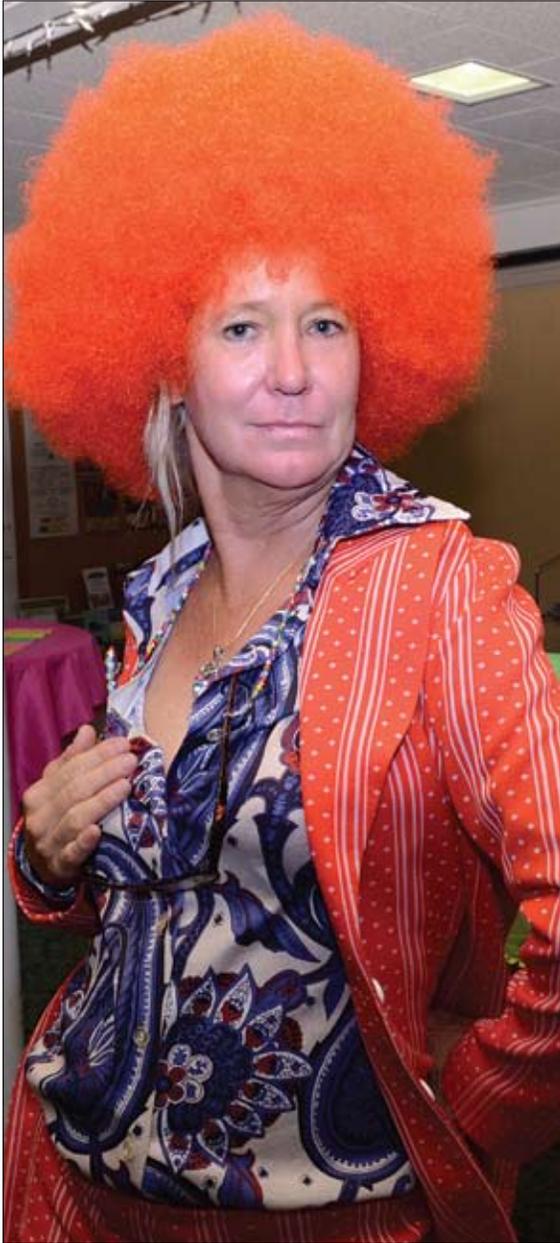
Food special: We're going to have a Gecko Party here at J's from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. and that will include a special GeckoFest menu and drink specials. We'll have Jell-O and pudding shots for \$2, a special Gecko martini, and burgers, hot dogs, french fries... all sorts of fun food.

Why visitors will come back to your restaurant: Because they're going to love the atmosphere, they're going to love my friendly staff, and they're going to love the food.

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The Tropics Heat up in August

Hurricane Andrew. Hurricane Charley. Hurricane Katrina. What does each of these storms have in common?

- They were devastating storms.
- Their names were retired.
- They all made their Florida landfall in August.

This is the month when tropical activity begins to ramp up in earnest before reaching its peak in mid-September. That's why it is critical that residents take this time to ensure all of their preparations for a potential hurricane impact are done. Some items to consider include:

- Check the cooler. New picnic coolers can help keep perishable items cold for a longer period thanks to improved insulation. Residents should evaluate the age and insulation of their coolers, as well as their size. Smaller coolers are easy to tote to the beach, but can they hold a substantial amount of ice and food should power go out?

- The furniture shuffle. One of the best ways to help prevent damage outdoors is to bring in lawn furniture, grills, bird baths and other outdoor furniture. Residents should take the time to review what items need to be brought into a protected area, and exactly where that will be. This can save a tremendous amount of time during the stressful approach of a hurricane.

- Keep the charge. Smart phones, tablet computers and other electronics can provide vital links to friends and relatives both before and after a storm. Chargers that work on regular power, a car charger and by other means are vital to keep the batteries juiced up. Simple changes such as adjusting screen brightness, deleting unnecessary applications and using better saving applications can help extend the life of the battery for when you need it most.

For more information on hurricane preparedness, call Emergency Management at 727-464-3800 or visit www.pinellascounty.org/emergency and join Pinellas County Emergency Management on Twitter at www.twitter.com/pinellasem.

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provide an informal report to council and staff at regular intervals at our regular meetings. Speaking for myself, I think this would be a great step toward increasing our already collaborative relationships, and further integrating the drive and talents of these three groups.

In short, it will help council to help you to help our city. Thanks for your consideration, and thanks for all you do. I look forward to our continuing partnership for the good of Gulfport, and to your participation in the September 6th workshop at 3:30 p.m. in council chambers.

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Gulfport Museum Reopens with Friendlier Hours

Next week the Gulfport History Museum will reopen with new hours. Unlike the midday hours of years past, this year the Gulfport Historical Society will open the museum doors at peak times, including for all ArtWalks and Tuesday markets.

In an effort to make Gulfport's rich history more accessible to everyone, the museum will open for the following hours starting Sept. 1:

- Tuesdays, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Fridays, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. on ArtWalk nights

If you would like to volunteer once a month (or more) at the museum, please stop the museum (5301 28th Avenue South) for the docent orientation on Thursday, August 29 at 7 p.m., or

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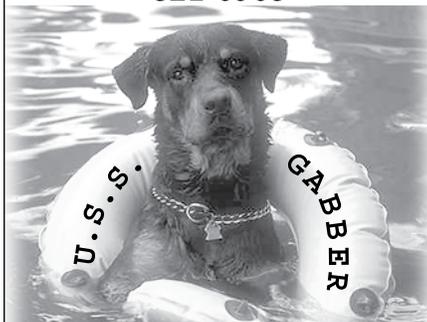
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What is Disclaimer of Interest?

Disclaimer of interest, in the law of inheritance, wills and trusts, is a term that describes an attempt by a person to give up their legal right to benefit from an inheritance (either under a will or through intestacy) or through a trust. A disclaimer of interest cannot be changed. There are a number of reasons why a person might wish to avoid an inheritance, particularly if the proceeds would only go to their creditors, or if it would drastically affect their income tax liabilities. Under the common law, a person who disclaimed their interest would be treated as though they had died before the trust or will came into effect. This was a sensible option if the disclaiming party was

an heir by descent, whose own children would then take in his place and without the imposition of a gift tax.

Disclaimer of interest is also called a renunciation. A disclaimer of interest must be complete, and not a partial disclaimer. Such a disclaimer can be made by a legal guardian on behalf of a person who lacks the capacity to make the disclaimer themselves, but this usually requires a finding by the Probate Court that the disclaimer is in the ward's best interest.

The disclaimer must be in writing and submitted to the Probate Court overseeing the administration of the estate within a legally specified time period, which is usually twelve months after the death of the person from whom the disclaiming party stands to inherit, or twelve months after the creation of a trust by a living person. An affidavit may be required in which the disclaiming party must swear that he or she has not received any compensation for the disclaimer. The disclaimer must also take place before the disclaiming party has

In addition to the more typical disclaimer under wills, an individual may also be able to disclaim his interest as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or employee benefit plans. It may also apply to concurrent interests in real property that automatically transfer after death by operation of law rather than by the rules of inheritance (such as joint tenancies or tenancies by the entirety).

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Big Brothers Big Sisters helps children reach their full potential, despite the daily adversity they face. They serve children who often reside in single-parent homes, live with a grandparent/relative caregiver and have incarcerated parents. 100 Men in 100 Days was created to recruit male volunteers for the overwhelming abundance of boys on their waiting list, and will end September 8th.

The number of children waiting for a "Big" to enrich their life with positive guidance and support continues to climb on a daily basis. There are now 194 children waiting to be matched with a mentor; 75% of them are boys.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is the nation's largest donor and volunteer supported network, making meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"), ages 6 through 18, locally in Pinellas, Citrus and Hernando Counties. They are confident their mentoring program works, because they measure the success of their evidence-based outcomes annually.

The belief in their mission by others in the community speaks volumes for the work they do. Recently, the agency was selected as a finalist for Tampa Bay Business Journal's 2013 Nonprofit of the Year.

They urge you to sign up to be a part of their mentoring movement. Call them today at 727-518-8860 or visit www.bbbspc.org to learn more about the enrollment process.

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Go Betty! Go Rays!



Betty Duffy, pictured with Adult Reference Librarian Alex Hooks, was the winner of two Rays tickets donated by the Pinellas County Library Cooperative. During the Gulfport Library's Adult Summer Reading Contest, each patron who read four books, two by July and two by the first week of August, were entered into a drawing for the tickets.

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September 2013

September 2, 2013	Labor Day CITY HALL CLOSED
September 3, 2013	Council Meeting 7:00 pm
September 4, 2013	Special Council Meeting 1st Reading Millage/Budget 7:00 pm
	Planning & Zoning Board/LPA NO MEETING
September 6, 2013	City Council Workshop 3:30 pm
September 11, 2013	Teen Council 4:45 pm
	Board of Adjustment NO MEETING
September 17, 2013	Council Meeting 7:00 pm
September 18, 2013	Special Council Meeting 2nd Reading Millage/Budget 7:00 pm
September 25, 2013	Historic Preservation Committee 5:30 pm

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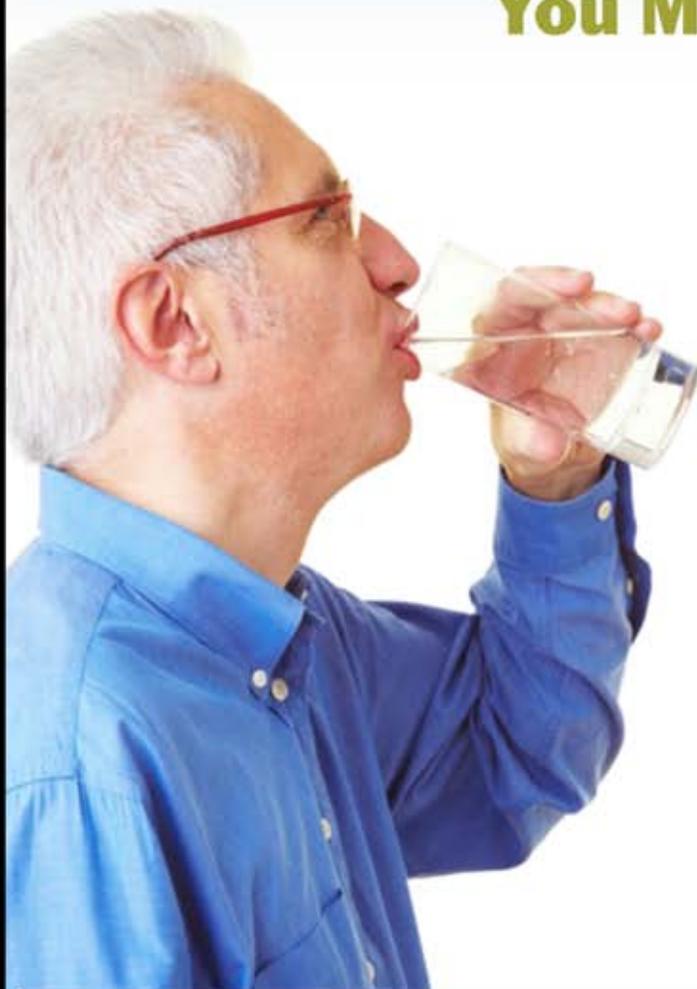
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