

Gulfport Police Reaffirm Oaths



By Shelly Wilson

At the recent annual staff meeting for the Gulfport Police Department, officers dressed in class-A uniforms and lined up for inspection under the careful eye of Chief Bob Vincent. It was a rare moment to see Gulfport's finest in their dress uniforms, polished badges shining in the chilly winter sun.

"When you see the police department gathered as I did today," said Michael Fridovich, the sole councilmember in attendance, "you get an even further appreciation for the men and

women who risk their lives daily to keep us in Gulfport safe."

The meeting was a slight departure from years past, with officers reaffirming their oaths to serve and protect the people of Gulfport. Circuit Court Judge Kim Todd administered the oath and afterwards, Chief Vincent presented each officer with an agency coin, representing his or her "belonging and commitment" to the force.

"The law enforcement oath is a pledge of
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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

By Rose-Marie Seawall,
President, Gulfport Neighbors

Putting our trust in the people of Gulfport, the non-profit organization Gulfport Neighbors (GN) believed that Gulfportians would embrace its mission "to inspire, motivate, and unite our neighbors in order to improve the quality of life in Gulfport." The initial group of visionaries knew many generous, talented, and caring individuals were part of the Gulfport canvas. Wanting to harness this colorful burst of uniqueness found in Gulfport from all walks of life, a marvelous mix of ideas, talents, and energy, Gulfport Neighbors was able to begin the germination that would bring Gulfportians together to share, to create, and to help. Focused and determined, we continue to reach out to our neighbors and promote vital projects, ensuring our city maintains a vibrant, safe, and attractive community for all.

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Meet the Candidates

The South Pasadena Civic Association will hold a "Meet the Candidates" forum on Wednesday, February 5 at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall, 7047 Sunset Drive S. in South Pasadena.

On March 11, South Pasadena voters (precinct 214) will elect two commissioners. Incumbents Max V. Elson and Arthur Penny have both declared their candidacy for re-election. Challengers Harris Blair and Robert F. Small have also qualified as candidates for either of the two seats. Voters will choose two of those four men to represent them.

Unlike neighboring St. Pete Beach, Gulfport and St. Petersburg, South Pasadena's commissioners do not represent specific areas of the city. Instead, each commissioner oversees a different city department, although the

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If you have any questions about my campaign or suggestions to help our city, please feel free to contact me at apenny@tampabay.rr.com. Listed below are some of my accomplishments as your current Commissioner, my future goals and qualifications.

Sincerely,

Arthur Penny

Accomplishments

- Voted against reducing the lanes on Pasadena Avenue. Responsible for removing all references pertaining to lane reductions from the Pasadena Avenue Redevelopment Plan
- Responsible for a Senior Tax Exemption in 2012 and the increase of the Exemption from \$10,000 to \$50,000 in 2013
- Consistently voted NO to property tax increases, we have the third lowest tax rate in Pinellas County
- Responsible for contacting FDOT to increase the length of the Yellow Light Times. Intervals were changed in December 2013 to the highest allowed by law.
- Responsible for an Environmental Grant enabling the purchase of 33 Solar street lights and two propane operated lawnmowers
- Debt Free City – Initiated and supported paying off all city debt as Finance Commissioner and my department received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Future Goals

- Locate funding/grants to avoid tax increases for the beautification of South Pasadena, Pasadena Avenue and pedestrian and bicycling safety
- Promote local businesses, new business development, and citizen involvement in City Government
- Continue to keep taxes low while still providing the services that citizens want
- Fight against legislative changes that affect our Condominium Associations/Residents

Qualifications

- Experienced - South Pasadena City Commission since June 2009 serving as Commissioner of Finance and Commissioner of Public Works
- Completed all four Advanced Elected City Official Certification classes
- Credentials - Community Association Manager (CAM), Certified Manager of Community Associations (CMCA) and Association Management Specialist (AMS)
- Member of the Suncoast League of Cities, Florida League of Cities and Florida Business Watch.
- Former Park Ranger with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

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Super Bowl Fundraiser to Benefit Get Rescued

"Doggie Daiquiris" and Broncos/Seahawks Jell-O shots are on tap at Salty's in Gulfport during Super Bowl XLVIII on February 2nd from 5 p.m. until sold out. All-natural frozen treats for the pups will be available in two sizes, small for \$2 or large \$4, and Jello-O shot treats for humans will be available for \$2 in two colors representing both teams playing in the big game. All proceeds will go directly to Gulfport's Get Rescued, the animal rescue festival and fundraiser, which is gearing up for its 10th annual event to take place on Saturday, February 22nd. Salty's is located at 5413 Shore Boulevard S. in Gulfport.

Gulfport's Get Rescued is one of the largest animal rescue events in the state, with all profits to benefit participating non-profit rescue groups. Animal rescue organizations, many appearing with adoptable pets, take over Beach Blvd. to raise money and awareness for their causes. Enthusiasts can become involved in Gulfport's Get Rescued by sponsoring

an individual animal rescue group for \$50, which will include a prominent sign at that group's Beach Blvd. booth during the event.

For more information on Gulfport's Get Rescued, visit www.GulfportMA.com or contact Suzanne King at 727-322-5217, email SuzFest@gmail.com. Pet friendly vendors and rescue groups can download the applications at www.SIKPromotions.com under the vendor info tab.

Band Presents "On Broadway"

On the evening of Wednesday, February 5th, at 7:30 p.m. the South Pasadena Community Band will present a free concert which will take place in the Treasure Island Community Center, One Park Place and 106th Avenue. The concert features great tunes from past stage shows. They are sure you will enjoy hearing musical selections from "Les Miserables", "West Side Story" and "Chicago" among others. Come and experience the memories this music produces.

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trust between you and the community you serve," Chief Vincent told the officers, adding that the reaffirmation of that pledge should become a regular tradition at the yearly meeting, taking advantage of "these very rare opportunities" when the department is assembled together. Only four officers were not in attendance, with two of those being the force lieutenants, who volunteered to take calls in place of their colleagues.

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Toastmasters Offers Speakers Bureau

The Gulfport Toastmasters is now making speakers available to local civic groups. Members of the club include Subject Matter Experts (SME) on a variety of topics including internet marketing, e-commerce website, business model generation, small business legal issues, and many more. The speakers are free and your organization will benefit by learning about topics of interest to them. For more information, contact the club's president, Robin Riddell, at 727-827-7875.

Gulfport Toastmasters meets every Wednesday from 6:15-7:30 p.m. at the Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Avenue S. in Gulfport. Guests and new members are always welcome. For more information, please contact Ronalda Hobson at 727-224-9532 or visit www.GulfportToastmasters.com.

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Check out www.spbrec.com or call 727-363-9245 for more information.

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Sudoku

Come learn the tricks to playing the very popular game of Sudoku at the Senior Center. Classes are held on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and continue weekly until the end of March. This class is for those who know nothing or almost nothing about Sudoku.

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To celebrate, Brian Smawley, Artistic Director, has out done himself choosing three spectacular shows for the season. They are still a core group at the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center and have added a second venue to their schedule, the Catherine Hickman Theater of Gulfport.

The first show, "100 Years of Broadway" delighted audiences in both venues. Broadway music is always a favorite at the Pinellas Park

Performing Arts Center and played to a full house in their new Gulfport venue, receiving a standing ovation.

The second upcoming show is appropriately named "Gershwin, Porter & Friends". Who doesn't love the wonderful songs of these composers? Performances are February 1st at 2 p.m. at Hickman Theater of Gulfport and February 9th 3 p.m. at Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center.

"Singin' the Blues for You" wraps up the season. The blues, a strictly American art form, spread from the "deep south" to U.S. cities such as Kansas City, Chicago, Saint Louis.

Performances are April 27th at 3 p.m. at Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center and May 3rd at 2 p.m. at Hickman Theater of Gulfport.

Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center is located at 4951 78th Avenue in Pinellas Park and the Catherine Hickman Theater of Gulfport is located at 5501 27th Avenue S. in Gulfport.

Tickets at both theaters are \$15 for one show; \$25 for both shows. Group tickets are \$12. For tickets at Pinellas Park call 530-7190. Tickets for Gulfport may be purchased at the Casino, 5500 Shore Boulevard from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Thursday or call 541-4501. Or charge at PayPal: www.sunsationshowchorus.com.

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German-American Society News

The German-American Society of Pinellas County, located at 8098 66th Street N. in Pinellas Park invites you to attend "Heimat Abend" on Saturday, February 1st. Music will be provided by "Cathy's Lorelei", and German food is available, as well as a cash bar. The dress code is Florida, semi-formal (no shorts, other than Lederhosen). Doors open at 6 p.m. and the music starts at 7.30 p.m. Admission fee is \$8. Call Bob at 727-328-8201.

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The election will take place March 11; voters will cast their ballots at city hall (7047 Sunset Drive South).

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Gulfport Lions Pancake Breakfast

The Gulfport Lions Club will hold the third Pancake Breakfast of the season on Saturday, February 1st from 7-11 a.m. They hope you will join them for all you can eat pancakes served with sausage, scrambled eggs and tea or coffee for a donation of only \$5.

These fundraising events allow them to continue their support for various projects, many on the local level, such as eyeglass cases and Little League. Some of the projects are farther reaching like Paws for Patriots which supplies guide dogs for blind veterans. These are things they are able to do only because of your help.

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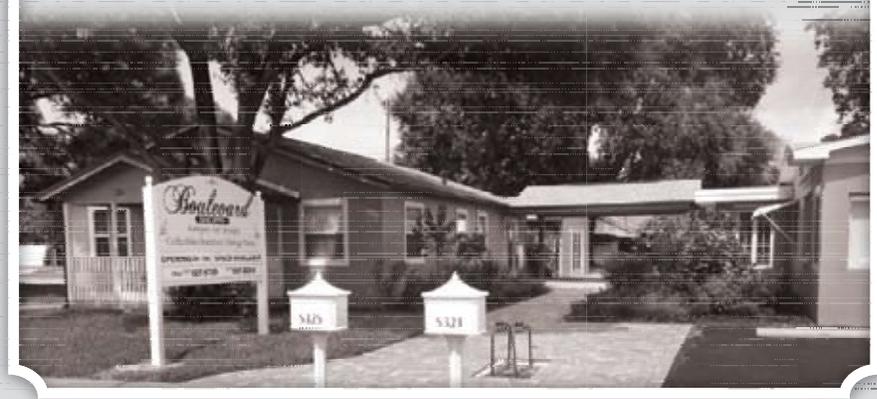


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Concerts Showcase Talent of Student Musicians

Pinellas County Schools and the Pinellas County Music Educators' Association (PCMEA) will present All County concerts over the next several weeks. The concerts bring together gifted musicians and singers from across Pinellas County. Students audition to be a part of the various ensembles to represent their schools as they perform music of the highest caliber.

Concert dates and times:

- All County Middle and High School Bands will perform at 7 p.m. on February 3rd at Mahaffey Theater, 400 First Street S., St Petersburg.

- All County Fifth Grade Honors Concert (including Chorus, Orff, World Drumming, and String ensembles) will perform on March 8th at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of St. Petersburg, 1900 Gandy Blvd., St. Petersburg.

- All County Jazz Concert will perform on May 3rd at 7 p.m. at Palladium Theater, 253 Fifth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg.

The events are open to the public. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at the venue on the day of the performance. Ticket proceeds support music programs in Pinellas County Schools.

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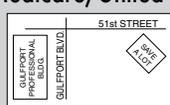


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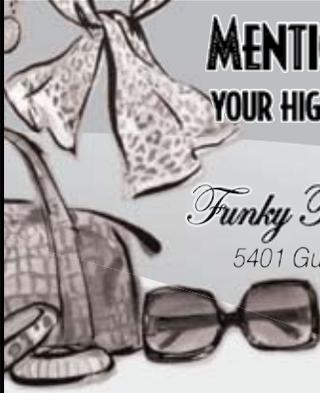
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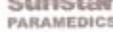
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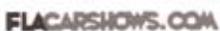
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The St. Petersburg Main Library is making a film that will compile stories from the illustrious decade of peace, love and harmony. The stories will be filmed at the Main Library at 3745 Ninth Avenue N. on February 22nd. If you would like to tell your story, please call Kelly Malizia, at 727-892-5003 to reserve your spot.

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In a few short months, the seeds have been planted in a number of areas. Monthly beach and area cleanups are well attended. A monthly "Day of Caring and Sharing" is encouraged through neighborly outreach. The quarterly "Junk in the Trunk and on a Truck" has proven a successful free bulk-disposal event to rid alleys, garages, and yards of unsightly accumulation of unwanted stuff, which in many cases have been salvageable items for number of needy individuals. The "Welcome Neighbor" baskets filled with city and merchant information are about to be filled and delivered. A couple of major yard and home improvement projects are about to be completed. In other words, Gulfportians have stepped up to the plate and are hitting home runs.

These successes were realized because of our selfless volunteers; hard-working, supportive city staff and police department; and generous luminaries, those people and business who have made financial and/or in-kind donations supporting Gulfport Neighbors' projects and goal: "to build a network of volunteers who believe in neighbors helping neighbors," and our belief that "neighbors are the building blocks of our community."

We are in the process of building GN Ward Teams, which would assist and advise the GN Board regarding the needs of their distinct neighborhoods. Please consider joining your

neighbors in making a difference in your community. Our next meeting is at 7 p.m. on February 10. If interested, please contact president Rose-Marie Seawall on Facebook (Facebook.com/GulfportNeighbors) or via e-mail (Gulfport_Neighbors@yahoo.com). You may also call (727) 385-7083.

Another goal is to build a GN Volunteer Corps of skilled talent and unskilled labor that Gulfport Neighbors can call on for advice and/or help from time to time. If you have a skill, talent, or can lift a paint brush, push a mower, or pick up a trash bag, and so forth, please join us. We appreciate even a couple of hours a month, as we get requests for many small jobs from senior and/

or disabled residents. Volunteers should contact vice-president Margarete Tober on Facebook (Facebook.com/GulfportNeighbors) or via e-mail (Gulfport_Neighbors@yahoo.com). You may also call (727) 698-9471.

Finally, if you would like to be one of our 2014 Luminaries with a financial or in-kind donation, please contact treasurer Beverly Newcomb on Facebook (Facebook.com/GulfportNeighbors) or e-mail (Gulfport_Neighbors@yahoo.com). You may also call (727) 344-6105.

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Catch a Jazz Concert

The Suncoast Dixieland Jazz Society will sponsor two outreach concerts in February:

On Thursday, February 6th, and on Thursday, February 20th, Bobby Tess and the Dixie Chaps will play from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Boulevard in Pinellas Park. Admission is \$10. Call 727-522-6877

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Tips for Parenting the Cyber Generation

Do not miss professional speaker Katie Koestner who will discuss Parenting the Cyber Generation, a presentation for parents of students age 3-18. The presentation will be held on Wednesday, February 5th at 7:30 p.m. at Admiral Farragut Academy, 501 Park Street N. in St. Petersburg. Find out exactly how tech savvy you are, as well as how to avoid (and how to teach your student to avoid) the many pitfalls of maintaining a public persona on social media such as:

- Could everything your son puts on Instagram, Tumblr, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Skype accounts be viewed by colleges and employment agencies? And would they go as far back as middle school?

- Are there companies set up to help erase anything bad that is out there on the internet about your daughter and how much do they cost?

- Do any colleges have current students on the admissions team to friend your daughter in social networks?

- What are the legal ramifications of filming another student without his/her permission and posting it online?

- Could Xbox live outings and gaming make your son more violent or impact his interpersonal and language skills?

- What should you think if you see BitTorrent on your family computer?

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The So Classic Car Show will be held on February 8th from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Tangerine Greenway, 49th St. and 18th Ave. S. in Gulfport. Early registration costs \$15, or \$20 at the gate. Gates will open at 7 a.m. Over 60 awards will be given. Event also features food, games, live entertainment and a large kiddie area.

Vendors and sponsors can contact 49th Street South Business Association at www.So49.org or JsrTraining@aol.com. For your application or entry form call Phil at 727-327-3509.

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The 41st Annual Art Festival Beth-El

Art Festival Beth-El, Temple Beth-El's annual fine art exhibition and sale, will celebrate its 41st Annual Art Festival on Saturday, February 1st, Sunday, February 2nd, and Monday, February 3rd at 400 Pasadena Avenue S. in St. Petersburg. Beginning in 1973 with only 20 artists, Art Festival Beth-El now showcases over 160 national and international award-winning artists. This highly acclaimed fine art exhibit and sale is well known as one of the premier shows in the Southeastern United States. Space has grown from one gallery to six galleries throughout the facility featuring original paintings, wood, sculpture, ceramics, glass, photography and jewelry.

The Art Festival also offers a large selection of signed, framed, limited edition prints from Syd Entel Galleries of Safety Harbor. A large Outdoor Sculpture Garden will feature a variety of fun and unusual pieces for gardens, offices or large buildings. The Boutique Gallery will offer fine art and craft at moderate prices. A yearly tradition will continue, as Art Festival Beth-El will feature selected works by talented emerging artists from Pinellas County's seventeen public and private high schools. The Art Festival will award scholarship money to the schools of the winning students.

An elegant preview cocktail reception will be held on Saturday, February 1st from 7-10 p.m. with admission of \$25 which can be purchased at the

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door.

Art Festival Beth-El is free and open to the public on Sunday, February 2nd from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with light lunches and snacks available to purchase. The Avenue of the Shops, a one-day sale of fun art, jewelry and crafts, will be free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, February 3rd. A free, special event will be performed at 11 a.m.

A gourmet luncheon will be served on Monday at 12:30 p.m. with your \$20 check necessary to make a reservation. Docents will be available during the weekend and will also offer a tour at 2 p.m. on Monday.

Art Festival Beth-El continues to grow in popularity and now attracts

over 8,000 people from Tampa Bay and the surrounding areas. Call the Temple at 727-347-6136 for more information.

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Come to Uncelebrate Valentine's Party

Hey Teens and Tweens! You are cordially invited to come to the Gulfport Library on Wednesday, February 12th from 3-5 p.m. to un-celebrate with them at their anti-valentine's day party! Come hang out, make a cool craft, eat some food, and help un-celebrate this completely stupid and made up holiday! Contact Cailey Klasson, at cklasson@mgulfport.us or 893-1074.

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Call to Artists for Major Public Art Project

The Gulfport Merchants Association is seeking artists to submit proposals for a public art installation to be located adjacent to the City's iconic Gulfport Casino located on the Gulfport waterfront.

The Gulfport Merchants Association (GMA) is a non-profit civic organization dedicated to the advancement of business in the Gulfport Waterfront District. The GMA raises funds primarily through membership dues and sponsored events, including its twice-monthly

Art Walk, weekly Tuesday Fresh Market and the annual Gecko Fest, Gecko Ball and Gecko Pub Crawl. Funds are used primarily to promote and advertise Gulfport as a destination for visitors. However, the GMA is also committed to supporting local charitable causes and has donated many thousands of dollars to local organizations.

The GMA is also committed to supporting art in the Gulfport community and has previously funded two public art installations flanking the entrance to the Waterfront business district at Beach Boulevard and 29th Avenue

South, by artists Frank Strunk III and Owen Pach. For 2014, the GMA is investing considerably more in its commission of a single public art installation. \$8,000 will be awarded for the project, to include all associated costs. This public art installation, next to Gulfport's most famous historic landmark on the City's waterfront, will be highly visible for generations.

All artists are welcome to submit proposals, which must be received no later than Friday, February 14th. More information, including a downloadable application, is available at www.GulfportMA.com.

Owen Pach, Vice-President of the GMA and President of the Industrial Arts Center of Gulfport, will act as liaison for the application process. For more information and questions, please contact Owen Pach 727-320-4051; 727-623-4920 or email OwenPachGlass@gmail.com.

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Do you have aching, fatigue, pain, cramping, swelling, itching, or numbness in your legs? Come out on Monday, February 3rd at 2:30 p.m. to receive a complimentary screening and learn about venous diseases.

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“Most attorneys have never been in a situation where they have been worried about how to keep the lights on, but I have been there myself so I can really relate to what people are going through,” said Sanders. “Plus, many people are very embarrassed when they come to me, but when I tell them how embarrassing it was for me to have to stand in front of judges and colleagues who knew me and go through the process myself, that usually helps to put people more at ease and understand that I have been there and done that MYSELF.”

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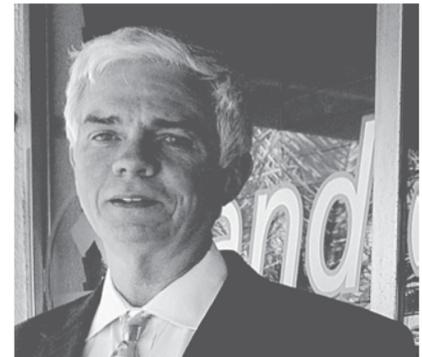
He began his career as a staff attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice in Atlanta. He is licensed to practice law in both Florida and Georgia.

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Have You Seen Any Coyotes?

If you have seen a coyote in Pinellas County, you are not alone! Come and learn about this nocturnal creature and its presence in our area.

Find out more about coyotes when the Gulfport Garden and Bird Club presents Lara Miller, who is a natural resources extension agent here in Pinellas County. She will be discussing this relatively new resident to our county. She will explain the life history of the coyote and its ability to adapt and survive in urban areas. Lara is active at both The Brooker Creek Preserve and at Weedon Island. She has much to share. They invite you to join Garden Club members on Thursday, February 20th, at 1 p.m. in the meeting room at Gulfport Public Library.

If you are new to Gulfport, you will find the library between 27th and 28th Ave. S. at Beach Blvd.. just south of the Gulfport Senior Center. Light refreshments will be shared after the meeting.

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Nicole Spence, Gulfport: "A candidate who has the best interests of Gulfportians instead of only their ward constituents."
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Lynne Brown, Gulfport: "It all boils down to how articulate the spokesperson is."
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Mark Spence, Gulfport: "Facts. I want to hear facts, and I want to hear teamwork."
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Mark Grantham, Gulfport: "It's important to do true research and I do my due diligence. I don't vote because of a personal relationship, I vote because I share the same passion the candidate has."
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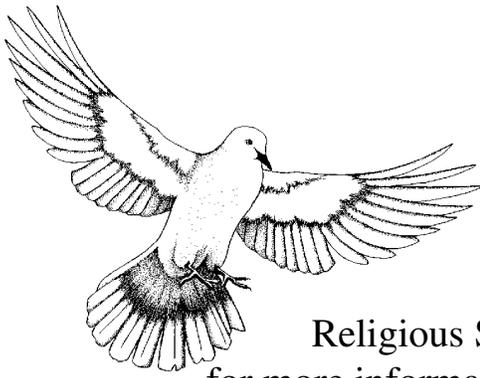
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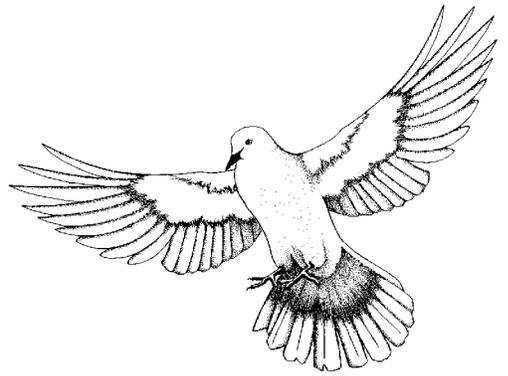
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A light lunch with a variety of homemade desserts and beverages will be served. Donation is \$12. There will be many other prizes awarded as part of donations for the schools. Call Petie at 343-6450 for tickets.

Come enjoy an afternoon of your favorite game with friends. It is open to the public and the committee will try to put you in a group if you don't have one. Typical games played are bridge, canasta and tiles. Some tables have included Scrabble, Uno, Boggle, etc.

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Watercolor artist Tom Haverfield will be the guest demonstrator at the Guild's Reception showcasing the semi-annual February Award show. The reception and demonstration will be on Saturday, February 8th at 1 p.m. Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded to the winners. The event is free and open to interested persons.

Art Classes

The Art Guild is starting art classes on Monday, February 3rd. Basic drawing will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and basic watercolor from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Cost for each is \$30 for six weeks or \$6 per class if paid weekly. They will be in Treasure Island City Hall Auditorium, To sign up for classes and for supplies needed call Fred at 360-8390.

For more information about Treasure Island Art Guild visit the website at www.TreasureIslandArtGuild.org.

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The Gulfport Community Players will be holding auditions for a Richard Harris comedy entitled "Stepping Out" at their Back Door Theater located at 1619 49th Street S. in Gulfport. Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. on February 3rd and 4th (Monday and Tuesday). This play will run at the Hickman Theater for three weeks, from April 3rd through 20th. It will be directed by Richard Rosen, produced by Eileen Navarro, and choreographed by Rose Mallare.

"Stepping Out" is a delightful comedy about an amateur tap dance class preparing a routine for an upcoming competition. Winner of

the coveted Olivier Award, this play reflects on and celebrates the joys and frustrations of amateur performing arts production.

Most cast members do not need to be able to tap dance or have a "dancer's body" in order to earn a role in this production. Candidates must be able to display a competent degree of coordinated movement, rhythm, and the ability to follow simple choreography. The cast and the characters playing them both learn to tap dance together.

The director, Richard Rosen, basically needs one male, aged 30 to 40, and nine females, ranging in age from their 20's to 70's.

The Gulfport Community Players welcome everyone to try out for a

part, regardless of their experience levels. They are a true community theater group. Visit their website at: gulfportcommunityplayers.org for more information.

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Take a Safe Boating Class

There will be an About Boating Safety (ABS) class on Saturday, February 8th from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. (approx.) at the USCG Auxiliary Training Center Building, 3120 Miriam Street S. in Gulfport (use the side entrance). Cost is \$40 per student and includes all books and materials. Upon completion of the course the student will receive a "bobber card" from the State of Florida. For reservations or questions call 727-399-7986.

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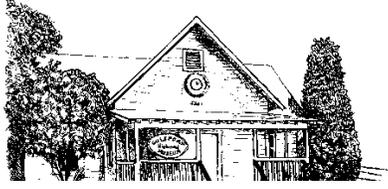
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Call Cathy Salustri at 656-5420 or Miki Vaughan at 321-5705, or e-mail dreamsfloat@me.com.

City Whys?

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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport

Q: Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon talked about "single stream" recycling, whereby everything goes into one bin and then to one collection center for sorting. Does this form of recycling yield less or more money for the city? Also, do a higher percentage of the collected products end up actually making it through the remanufacturing process that way or through our current system?

A: The current rate for single stream is \$3 per ton. We currently receive for mixed plastic \$5 per ton, commingled containers \$3, cardboard \$85 and mixed paper/newspaper \$20 per ton. So, less. The city would receive substantially less money for these items. Currently, the monies received help pay for the city's recycling program.

While the single stream system means less money for Gulfport, Public Works Director Don Sopak tells us it doesn't necessarily mean fewer items get made into new products.

"I have toured Progressive's new MRF [materials remanufacturing facility] in St. Petersburg and our current MRF Recycling Services of Florida," Mr. Sopak says "and I see no difference in the amount of product that makes it through."

Currently, the revenue generated by the city's recycling program pays for part of the city's recycling program, with a shortfall of \$10,000.

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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

The Chinese New Year of the Wood Horse is well underway, and the upcoming year will be one of stability and mobility -- an exciting combination. The end of the year will bring a different landscape from the one we start out with. Mercury hesitates before doing an about-face in the sign of the fish. This transit will focus on spiritual, creative and intuitive development. Assess what's worked and what needs improvement.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Is love a feeling, or a habit of caring for another person? Is it a word -- and if so, is it a noun or a verb? Is love a lifestyle? You'll wonder about the nature of love as you experience either love or something like it this week. Just be careful not to mistake a short-term neurochemical response for love.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't require yourself to like everyone -- that would be too steep of a request. But you do want to treat everyone with respect, regardless of your feelings. This noble mode of operation will hold you in good stead through the latter part of the week, when doing what's right will be crucial to the outcome.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). For the most part, you'll feel vital and productive all week. And if you do happen to encounter any problem or ailment, a natural healing process will activate immediately. The trick is in keeping yourself amused while you wait for the cure or solution to take hold. You were meant for high-energy output.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are certain goals that society imposes on you that feel good and right to you, and so you don't mind taking them on. But you also have a set of goals that are uniquely your own, and those are the ones you'll spend most of the week working on -- a rewarding experience, indeed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In your ideal scenario, you would be celebrated and cherished. In the current reality, there is some part of

your life in which you are being taken for granted -- given just enough to keep you interested. Bring 10 percent more self-esteem to the picture, and you'll start to imagine what you might do to turn this around.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In order to see a relationship for what it is, you have to take a step back. You can't take a step back and stay on the inside at the same time. A few hours, days or weeks away, depending on the circumstances, will do wonders for your perspective on this. Don't make drastic moves. Temporary exercises will be revelatory.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll weigh the risk. Putting yourself out there blossom-like means tons of petals will be vulnerable for the plucking. Staying tucked into a bud has its own risks -- namely, never knowing the warmth of the sun at the deepest parts of you. Since you're the blossoming type, why hesitate? Open and reach up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In the quest for justice, there is still a long way to go. You'll see evidence of the oppressed, and maybe you even will count yourself among them. Just because the differences between people are subtle doesn't make them nonexistent. You'll feel driven to keep working for equality this week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your loved ones, friends and acquaintances of note will tend to return to a pleasant atmosphere, which is precisely why you make yours so homey. The stars support your efforts in this regard this week, and you'll find that the dollar that goes to domestic improvement will be stretchy, indeed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). This week's first impressions will be key to your future success. Give people a reason to like you before you ever meet them face-to-face. Let friends pave your way with an excellent introduction, or make sure they talk you up a bit before your first meeting. Pre-approval will make all of the difference.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are more choices between right and left than can be calculated.

Therefore, it's silly to align totally with one side and count yourself against the other. If you are required to make decisions or deliver a judgment, just be sure to take it case-by-case. Each situation has unique variables to be considered.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There will be those around you who insist on making a power play even though they have no business doing so. The best time to defer to the insistence of others is when you know you're right. "It's nobler to declare oneself wrong than to insist on being right -- especially when one is right." -- Friedrich Nietzsche

This Week's Birthdays: Attracting love is your specialty this year. You'll hone your individual style, and your fresh approach will help you to thrive professionally and socially. Family gives to you if you let them this month, but know the kind of repayment that will be expected of you before you accept. You'll please a good number of people in March, and this puts money in your wallet. A shift in your domestic life will begin a cycle of improvement in June. You'll see different parts of the world in May, July and November.

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The Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce hosted its Annual Dinner at the Tradewinds Island Grand Resort. Bay News 9 anchor and event emcee Al Ruechel announced the 2013 Businesses of the Year. The Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce received a record number of nominations this year with the following taking home the prestigious honor: Overall Business of the Year - TradeWinds Island Grand Resort; Large - Loews Don Cesar Hotel; Medium - Water and Fire Restoration Co.; Small - Bayprint; Woman owned - Paradise News; Non-Profit - American Cancer

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Florida Suncoast Chorus is the only active chapter in Pinellas County of the international Barbershop Harmony Society. The 38 member chorus meets each Monday evening at the Largo Community Center.

Directed by Tom Roan along with Associate Director Lance Lubin, this group sings acappella and in 4-part harmony. The chorus is dedicated to musical education and having fun singing.

It is a non-profit group raising funds to buy music and pay expenses through Valentine's Day singing valentines and several shows a year. New members are always welcomed. You don't have to read music as singing tapes are provided. But you need to be able to sing "on key". Prospective members should call Lance Lubin at 727-410-5696.

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Polish American Society News

The Polish American Society, 1343 Beach Drive SE (next to Coast Guard commissary) will celebrate Super Bowl Sunday with a Polish Dinner. Doors open at 12 noon, bar is open at 12:30, dinner is from 1-2:30 and dance is from 2-5. Cost is \$7. Please RSVP for dinner to Bev at 727-526-6835.

Join them for a Tea Dance on February 12th and 26th. Dance from 1-3:30 p.m. (lessons at 11:30 with Bobby Tess on trumpet). Cost is \$7.

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Safe Boating Class

The Boca Ciega Sail and Power Squadron is offering a Safe Boating Class (America's Boating Course) on Monday and Wednesday evenings beginning on February 3rd and ending on February 12th from 7-9:30 p.m. The course is designed for boaters using all types of watercraft and satisfies the Florida State Boating Law requirements. Graduates will receive a "Boater Education ID Card" from the Florida FWC. The course covers general information about boats, personal watercraft, maintenance, boating

safety as well as boating laws and regulations.

Upon successful completion of this course students will be eligible for a free six month membership in the United States Power Squadrons (USPS) and take advantage of the other educational opportunities afforded to members. The class will be conducted at the squadron building at 130 126th Avenue at Lagoon Lane (south side of John's Pass), Treasure Island. The cost for materials is \$35. For information and to reserve a seat contact the course chairman, Nick Miller, at 727-424-1810. Visit www.usps.org/localusps/bocaciega.

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Garden Club of St. Petersburg Events

The following event will be held at the Garden Club of St. Petersburg, 500 Sunset Drive S. in St. Petersburg. Call 727-381-8920 or visit www.gardenclubstpetersburg.org.

- Monday, February 3, 10 a.m.: "Painting Flower Pots". Design your own unique pot. Cost of material is \$4.50. 727-381-8920.

- Tuesday, February 11, 12:30 p.m.: "School and Community Gardens" with speaker Annette Hubbard, Chairman of the Community and School Gardens Committee

- Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m.: "Helpful Techniques to Prepare Potted Plants for the Green Thumb Festival" presented by members of the Night Bloomers Circle.

- Wednesday, February 12, 10 a.m.: "Leaf Manipulation" a workshop presented by the Flower Arranging Circle. A Mini Flower Show of Underwater Design will be included.

- Thursday, February 13, 10 a.m.: "Growing Tropical Clumping Bamboo in Your Yard" with guest Speaker Karlyn Bradshaw from Island Bamboo.

- Thursday-Saturday, February 20-22: "Annual Flea Market-Collectibles-Plant Sale". Thursday, February 20: Preview Night with wine and cheese, 5-7 p.m. Cost \$5. Friday, February 21: 9-3 p.m. Free. Saturday, February 22: 9-1 p.m. Free.

Proceeds support Club projects including Scholarships.

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Night time trips to the bathroom keeping you awake?

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Meet Anne Frank's Step Sister

Spend an historic evening with Anne Franks stepsister and childhood friend, Mrs. Eva Schloss of London, UK on Monday, February 10th at 7:30 p.m. at The Palladium Theatre, 253 Fifth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. Learn from the past, live the present and look to the future. For tickets visit www.ChabadSP.com or call 727-344-4900.

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Stetson hosts panel, film "Defending Gideon"

Members of the public are invited to a panel discussion and showing of the film, "Defending Gideon," on February 11th at 5 p.m. at Stetson University College of Law's Gulfport campus.

The Supreme Court in *Gideon v. Wainwright* ruled that states are required to provide counsel to defendants who cannot afford representation in criminal cases. Stetson Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law Bruce Jacob presented the historic case in 1963 before the high court.

Jacob, Public Defender Bob Dillinger, Christopher Durocher of the Constitution Project, and Professor of Law Ellen Podgor will introduce the film, "Defending Gideon."

The event, which is free and open to the public, takes place in the Great Hall at Stetson University College of Law, 1401 61st Street S. in Gulfport.

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Forever Young and Starfire Dancers to Perform

With their motto "We Dance our Pants Off for Charity," St. Pete's own Forever Young Dancers will perform two shows at the Back Door Theater in Gulfport on February 8th and 9th.

"Love is Forever" is the Valentine themed Saturday show at 8 p.m. and Sunday's at 2 p.m. also featuring the Starfire Dancers. Starfire holds a National Title for dancers both by age and size of group.

Fred Clausen of St. Pete Beach who organized "Forever Young" 17 years ago with the goals of "fun Gabber January 30 - February 5, 2014

for the audience and dancers and helping those not as fortunate" said the shows in February will benefit the Human Outreach Team of St. Petersburg. The group has raised thousands over the years for this and other local charities Clausen added while entertaining audiences in the Tampa Bay area.

Tickets which are \$15, are available in advance by phone at these numbers: 727-455-0743, or at the door. Back Door Theater is located at 1619 49th Street S. in Gulfport. Clausen stressed that all proceeds from ticket sales go directly to charity.

"Helping those in need of help has been our goal since our first performance, and with the supportive community which comes to our shows, we will continue this good work," Clausen said.

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Help Send the Band to New Orleans

Lakewood High School's Jazz Band has been invited to perform at the Crescent City Jazz Festival in New Orleans later this year. They will be performing a benefit concert on Friday, February 14th at 7 p.m. in the auditorium, 1400 54th Avenue S. in St. Petersburg. Concert features the school's Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo, Gumbi Ortiz, "New Groove City" with special guests JB Scott and Lisa Kelley. Tickets are \$10 and all proceeds benefit the New Orleans trip and the LHS Jazz Program. They've earned it, let's send them!

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Canadian Club Luncheon

Canadian Club Gulf Coast Florida is a happy group of retired Canadian men who meet monthly over the snowbird season at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Boulevard N., Pinellas Park. They enjoy Canadian talk, good refreshments, a wonderful meal, and great speakers. There is also a weekly golf group. Several of their events (Christmas Party, Sweetheart Dinner/Dance, Spring Lunch) include their ladies. Their next lunch meeting is on Wednesday, February 12th (doors open at 11 a.m.,

lunch at 12:30). Annual membership is \$15. Lunch is \$13. Charity Draws \$2/\$5. All men are welcome to join. Contact Dann Oliver at dannoliver@galt.biz, or call 727-343-3843.

Attention Young Scientists!

Every Monday from 3-4 p.m. the Gulfport Public Library hosts an after-school science and engineering club for children in grades K-5th. Build with Lego's and try a new science experiment every week! Parents are more than welcome to join in on the fun! Contact Cailey

Klasson, Youth Librarian, at 727-893-1074.

Town Shores Red Hatters

Upcoming for February is the monthly Bunko game on the 7th at 1 p.m. and a PSTA bus trip to Tarpon Springs is being planned for the 25th. Check your bulletin boards for more information.

Gulfport Getaways

No need to be a GEMS member to enjoy the New Monthly Gulfport Getaways.

Explore a living memorial to the Holocaust that inspires citizens to confront hatred, prevent genocide, and promote human dignity together with your Senior Center friends on Tuesday, February 11th. The Florida Holocaust Museum has made available to the public the historical record and artistic interpretation of the holocaust and other genocides. The museum's collection extends back to the end of World War I and forward to the close of the Jewish displaced persons camp in the mid-50s.

Call GEMS at 727-893-2242 for more information and to reserve your seat before February 5th. GEMS members \$13/non-GEMS members \$15. Price includes roundtrip transportation and admission.

Must be a registered Gulfport Senior Center member. Membership is easy and free for all individuals 50 years of age or older. Call Rachel at 727-893-1231.

Healthy Aging "Mindful Consumption of Food & Pleasure"

Heidi Crockett from Aging Care Advocates, Inc. will be back at the Senior Center on Wednesday, February 5th at 1:30 p.m. to discuss how to bring more awareness, joy, and pleasure into normal daily activities.

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Coffee Club

You're invited to join the Coffee Club that meets at the Gulfport Senior Center at 5501 27th Avenue S. on the first Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. Discussing current events, the economy and investing in a relaxed, informal setting is a great way to get to know one another as you learn from financial advisor, Scott O'Berry. Coffee and doughnuts are provided.

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Dates Set for Summer Bridge Programs

Pinellas County Schools will once again offer Summer Bridge programs for eligible children in kindergarten through 12th grade. Core programs for elementary, middle and high school students will run Monday through Thursday from June 17 to July 24. Summer Bridge extended learning programs are aimed at preventing learning losses and

preparing students for the next grade level.

The programs, which include enrichment activities, are especially important for students who are performing below grade level. They are also beneficial for students who are performing at grade level but need extra support to stay on track. Program dates have been announced to give families plenty of time to plan their summer activities around Summer Bridge if needed. Elementary programs are planned for 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Middle school programs are planned for 8 a.m. to noon. High school programs are planned for 8 to 11 a.m.

Site locations for elementary and middle school programs are being

finalized. All high schools will offer Summer Bridge. Parents whose children are eligible for Summer Bridge will begin receiving invitations in mid-March, before the registration period begins. The Pinellas County Schools Summer Bridge website, www.pcsb.org/summerbridge, features the latest information.

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Toddler Storytime

Come join them at Gulfport Library every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. They read stories, sing songs, blow bubbles and meet other caregivers in the community! For more information contact Cailey at 893-1074 or cklasson@mygulfport.us.

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To qualify, one household member must reside in Gulfport, be 65 years old or older as of January 1st, have or qualify for homestead exemption, and have a household income below an

annually set threshold. The deadline to apply is March 1st.

For more information, please contact Rachel at 727-893-1231.

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Club to Hold Fashion Accessory Show

The GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club at 40 Snell Isle Boulevard N.E will be holding their monthly meeting on Friday, February 14th at 1 p.m. Come join them for their Valentine's Day Free Fashion Accessory Show by Patchington's. Learn how to tie scarves and look your best! Come and bring a friend. New members are

welcome! Refreshment served after business meeting.

The St. Petersburg Woman's Club which celebrated its 100 years of community activity in 2013, is affiliated with the General Federation of Woman's Clubs. It is a not-for-profit volunteer organization committed to serving the community through hands-on projects and fund raising as well as leadership development. To find out more information about the club regarding membership, monthly meetings, Saturday Group, weekly sewing group, card games or information on booking their Historical Clubhouse call 727-822-4982 or visit www.StPetersburgWomansClub.org.

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For more information, please contact Brian Campbell at 813-503-0633 or Kathy Bara at 727-893-7052, or visit: www.citypower.toastmastersclubs.org. Toastmasters City Power Club #911 is part of Toastmasters International, a non-profit, educational organization that operates clubs around the world for the purpose of helping its members improve their communication, public speaking and leadership skills.

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In recognition of her 8 years of service as the Chamber President, Lori Rosso was presented a Gulfport themed picture to hang at her place of business. Scores of Members, volunteers and Directors at Mangia Gourmet where the well attended mixer was held expressed their appreciation throughout the evening. Members wishing to extend their thanks may send a note by e-mail at rsvp@seabreezemanor.com.



Outgoing President
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New Officers for 2014

At the Thursday, January 16 Board of Director's Meeting, the following slate of officers was elected to serve the Chamber for the coming year:

Barry Rubin, President-Barry is also President of Time Systems of 541 49th Street He is the immediate past Treasurer of the Chamber and has served on our Board of Directors for the past 11 years.

Lori Rosso, Vice President- Lori is the immediate past President having served as President for the past 8 years. She is the owner-operator of Sea Breeze Manor Bed and Breakfast of 5701 Shore Boulevard South.

Joe Guenther, Treasurer-Joe manages one of Gulfport's signature restaurants, O'Maddy's Bar and Grill at 5405 Shore Boulevard South. Joe is a long time contributor to the well being of the area's business community.

Ester Venouziou, Secretary-Ester is the founder and Chief Executive of LocalShops1 of 4913 28th Avenue South. Ester is a longtime member of our Board and is well known in small business support circles throughout the region.

In addition to your Board of Directors and its Officers, Members are served by Lillie Cintron, MBA as Manager of Operations, Kelly Wright of ZK Deziens as Webmaster and Bob Newcomb as Executive Vice President.

Chamber Business of the Month

Helping to celebrate Gus and Dia's third anniversary in Gulfport, your Board of Director's voted the Neptune Grill Member Business of the Month at the January 16 Board Meeting. The award was not only in recognition of their significant anniversary but of the "above and beyond" service provided to the Chamber and many other civic organizations over the years. Their quiet competence and kind generosity is much appreciated. Anyone who owns a small business knows that making it past the first three years in a new location is the true test of a business' viability. Neptune Grill has passed the crucial test and has done it the right way by providing quality and consistency to their customers.

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Local Obituaries

DAVIDSON, JOHN (JACK) HERBERT, 75, of St. Pete Beach, passed away Jan. 25, 2014. Born on May 9, 1938 in Columbus, Ohio. Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Sherry; daughters, Tammy (Jason), Cindy (Paul) DeLong; sister, Nancy (Matt) Davies; grandchildren, Aaron Portmess, Nathan Portmess, Sam DeLong, Maggie DeLong. Guestbook www.davidcgross.com. David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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FORAN, PETER B., 87, of Gulfport, passed away Saturday, January 18, 2014. He was born in Hartford, Connecticut where he spent his younger years. Attended UCONN. Served in the Navy during WWII stationed aboard ships supporting combat operations. Worked and lived in Florida and retired as an Electrical Engineer. He was proud of his contribution as a member of various engineering teams that participated in some of the defense and space programs during the 50's and 60's. Favorite pass times included camping, playing tennis and reading. Was a member of the Catholic Faith. He is survived by his 4 sons, 2 daughters and their spouses. Gregory and JoLee Foran, Gail Foran, Paul and Ilona Foran, Joseph and Leiby Foran, Lydia and Michael Horan, and Michael Foran. He was blessed with 13 grandkids, 11 great grandkids and many good friends, extended family and neighbors. He is preceded by his wife Susan Foran, daughter Donna Milam, plus his parents and 3 brothers. He was fortunate to have spent most of 2013 living at the loving supportive Assisted Living Facility Villas of Casa Celeste in Seminole, Fl. The family thanks them and Suncoast Hospice for all their help and compassion. According to his wishes all arrangements are being handled by Beach Memorial Chapel. He will have a small service and be placed at Bay Pines Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, any donations may be made on line to the Humane Society of Pinellas. All who knew Pete and Susan knew of their love for their dogs! The Humane Society of Pinellas is located at 3040 State Road 590, Clearwater, FL 33759.

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GALAMBOS, FRANK, age 71, of St. Pete Beach, died Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014, at St. Petersburg. He is survived by a loving family. For complete obituary and ceremony information, visit: www.andersonmcqueen.com.

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MORANO, THOMAS PHILLIP, of is now resting peacefully as of Jan. 17, 2014, after his daughter, Nancy, an R.N., cared for him for the past 7 years. Born in Newark, NJ in 1932 he moved his family to St. Pete in 1960 where he was a Union Local 15 (Tampa) Sheet Metal Worker and fished on weekends in Gulfport. He was predeceased by his parents Carmen and Margaret Morano and his brother John. He is survived by sister Marie and brother William in NJ, his children Thomas of Big Pine Key, Nancy of Ft. Lauderdale, William of Orlando, and grandchildren Shannon and Crystal of Ft. Lauderdale and Thomas Morgan of VT.

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MOORE, WADIE, 76, of South Pasadena, passed away Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014. He was a retired truck driver. He's survived by his brother, Jimmy Wadie; sister, Sadie Moore; other relatives and friends. Graveside services Saturday 11 a.m. at Calvary Catholic Cemetery Clearwater. Lawson Funeral Home, 727 623-9025.

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NASTI, FRANCES F., 87, of Town Shores in Gulfport, Florida died Thursday, January 23, 2014. She was preceded in death by her husband Aldo Nasti. Frances is survived by her brother and his wife, Denis and Meredith Flanagan of Covina, CA along with many nieces and nephews. At her request, no immediate service will be held. Memorials can be made to her church, Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Gulfport.

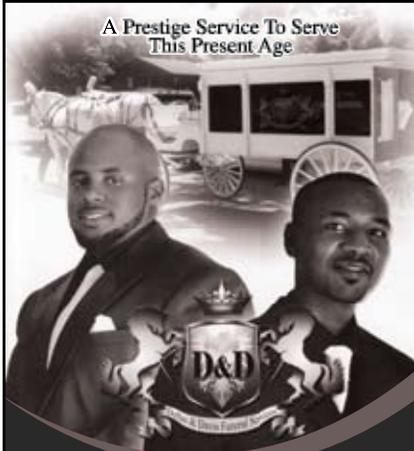
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PAHL, DAVID HERBERT, 77, of Gulfport, died of cancer Jan. 22, 2014 in Ohio where he had moved to be with his son. Born Jan. 28, 1936 in Racine, WI, he was the only child of the late Herbert W. and Winifred R.

(Butler) Pahl. Dave served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force and attained the rank of Technical Sergeant. After leaving the Air Force, he earned an Associates degree in accounting and worked in various retail and managerial positions. Prior to retiring, he worked as an aircraft mechanic for Northrup until the closing of Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth, NH. He was active in veteran's affairs and was a member of The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA), having held several offices including National President. He was an elder at Gulfport Presbyterian Church in Florida. Prior to relocating to Florida in 1999, Dave lived for many years in York Beach, ME and Stratham, NH. He is survived by his sons, William Pahl of Uniontown, OH, and Bruce Pahl of Newark, DE; and four granddaughters, Kristina Moncrief, Abigail Pahl, Danielle Pahl, and Grace Pahl. There will be no visiting hours. A graveside service will be held later in the year at the time of interment. Arnold Funeral Home Hartville, Ohio, 330-877-9364.

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Must be a registered Gulfport Senior Center member. Membership is easy and free for all individuals 50 years of age or older. Call Rachel at 727-893-1231.

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Beta Sigma Phi

The next chapter social will be held on Sunday, February 2 at the home of Joyce and Clarence Keller for the "Souper Bowl" Party hosted by Lucy Brushaber, Kay and Jimmy Brown. This has become a tradition to gather and watch the Super Bowl and enjoy a variety of soups and appetizers.

Laureate Epsilon Theta chapter members will meet on Wednesday, February 12 at 7 pm. at the home of Kay Brown and Kay will present the program. At this meeting we will be honoring our Chapter Sweetheart Val Rankin.

Beta Sigma Phi is a social and cultural organization for women. Most chapters meet from September to May twice a month. Each chapter has a variety of socials. There are career chapters which meet once a month and have an abbreviated format. Many chapters have service projects but our focus is on social and cultural programs. For more information, please contact, Sharon Ingram at 321-2849.

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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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We're More than Tampa Bay

"Tampa Bay Everything" bugs me. Yes, yes, Gulfport, St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Clearwater Beach, Dunedin and so forth are part of an area someone at sometime began referring to as Tampa Bay. However, while it describes an area which is defined by a natural large, body of water named Tampa Bay, it says absolutely nothing about the communities of Pinellas County. Those areas are, in reality, as much defined by Boca Ciega Bay and the Gulf of Mexico - a really big body of water - as Tampa Bay.

My point is that Tampa Bay does nothing for the identity of anything in Pinellas County. Pinellas is swallowed, blanked out. When people ask where I'm from and I answer "St. Petersburg", the response is a blank look. Then, when I point out it is west and south of Tampa, they say vaguely, "Oh, o.k." which means that they can identify Tampa and have a vague idea about a vague place such as St. Petersburg. Say "Clearwater

Beach" and there might be a quicker recollection since it gets a lot of tourist publicity.

To say that St. Petersburg and most of the communities of Pinellas County are under-promoted is an under statement. It didn't help that the Rays are named the Tampa Bay Rays. That was an unsuccessful attempt to get a bigger audience. All the other major sports teams - hockey and football - are in Tampa. *The St. Pete Times*, now the *Tampa Bay Times* did they same although for them it was probably a wise move in terms of circulation, national identity, and most importantly, advertising. It was all part of their very aggressive long term marketing plan. So, no fault there.

Nonetheless, the reality remains. Pinellas County of which St. Petersburg city (the Sunshine City) is the largest entity (247,000 plus population) doesn't get much sunshine. Neither Pinellas County (pop. 921,000) nor Hillsborough County (pop. 1,278,000) have any outside identity either. So, it's the two big cities: St. Pete and Tampa.

Tampa is about half again as big (347,000). However, the superiority ends there. Tampa doesn't compete with St. Pete as the place to go. It competes only in the publicity it gets via "Tampa Bay".

Yes, they have the Bucs, the Lightning, Busch Gardens, MacDill Air Force Base, Ybor City, a large aquarium, theaters and commercial and cruise ports. All nice, fun things to have and great for name recognition particularly if everything in the region is referred to as Tampa Bay.

However, as a place to go and even stay Tampa can't compete. St. Pete has a beautiful waterfront with parks and a pier (it's still there), a functioning small commercial airport, and a bigger functioning commercial airport, great downtown hotels and neat condominiums, attractive office space and specialty shops and restaurants, the Mahaffey Theatre and the Dali Museum, not to overlook the Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum of History, Holocaust Museum, Chihuly Museum, and a vibrant night life with local plays and music and good restaurants, a college, and marine research center, and Coast Guard unit. This is all in a delightful, old Florida setting with a street layout and design that is easy to navigate. There is really a there, there.

That is not to ignore the neat Gulfport, Key-West-like community, Clearwater beaches, Dunedin, Tarpon Springs, beach communities, fishing, dolphin sighting, Ruth Eckerd Hall, Eckerd College, Fort De Soto Park all within easy traveling distances. I'm sure I missed more than several good places to go and see and to hang out. The reality is that Pinellas County is a peninsula with water on three sides. Water, water everywhere and a lot more, too. Hard to compete against unless we roll over and say, "Oh. We're just a part of Tampa Bay."

There's no changing the label of Tampa Bay, and no sense in griping about it. I might be the only one doing so, but I doubt it. And, I'm not knocking Tampa. However, the St. Petersburg area should be promoted better. It's one thing to be a part of a larger and broader vision and quite another to surrender your identity while doing so.

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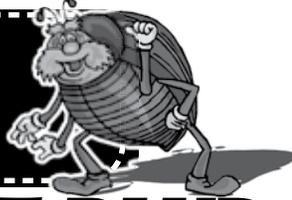
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Animal Call- 5300 Blk 20th Ave. S.
Theft- 2200 Blk 51st St. S.
Neighbor Problem- 3000 Blk 54th St. S.
Drug Call- 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
Noise- 5600 Blk Newton Ave. S.

Saturday 1/18

Disturbance- 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
Noise- 1200 Blk Hull St. S.
Hit & Run- 58th St. & 15th Ave. S.
Animal Call- 2700 Blk 49th St. S.
Assault/Battery- 5000 Blk 14th Ave. S.
Theft- 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
Disorderly Conduct- 1000 Blk 49th St. S.
Assault/Battery- 56th St & 14th Ave. S.
Domestic- 5100 Blk Newton Ave. S.
Noise- 5100 Blk 16th Ave. S.
Assault/Battery- 5800 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

Sunday 1/19

Burglary Residence- 700 Blk Gray St. S.
Juvenile Contacts- 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.
Person Under Influence- 49th St. & 29th Ave. S.
Person Under Influence- 28th Ave. & 52nd St. S.

Monday 1/20

Domestic- 5000 Blk 29th Ave. S.
Domestic- 1400 Blk 60th St. S.
Noise- 5100 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
Burglary Residence- 1800 Blk Gray St. S.
Noise- 4600 Blk 27th Ave. S.
Theft- 2000 Blk 40th St. S.
Deceased Person- 4900 Blk Newton Ave. S.
Burglary Residence- 2200 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
Animal Call- 5200 Blk 9th Ave. S.
Keep the Peace- 5800 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
Disorderly Conduct- 1300 Blk 56th St. S.
Vandalism- 5800 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

Tuesday 1/21

Disorderly Conduct- 8th Ave. & 53rd St. S.
Stolen Vehicle- 5100 Blk 14th Ave. S.
Juvenile Trouble- 900 Blk 58th St. S.
Burglary Residence- 1400 Blk 55th St. S.

Animal Call- 29th Ave. & Miriam St. S.

Neighbor Problem- 2800 Blk 59th St. S.

Wednesday 1/22

Domestic- 2800 Blk 51st St. S.
Juvenile Trouble- York St. & 11th Ave. S.
Juvenile Trouble- 900 Blk 58th St. S.
Theft- 4800 Blk Trade Winds Dr.
Burglary Residence- 6200 Blk Pasadena Pt. Blvd. S.
Theft- 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
Animal Call- 700 Blk Gray St. S.
Noise- 5600 Blk 14th Ave. S.

Thursday 1/23

Domestic- 5600 Blk 15th Ave. S.
DUI- 9th Ave. & 64th St. S.
Domestic- 5600 Blk 15th Ave. S.
Burglary Vehicle- 5600 Blk Newton Ave. S.
Stolen Vehicle- 5800 Blk 20th Ave. S.
Animal Call- 5000 Blk 26th Ave. S.
Burglary Vehicle- 5600 Blk Newton Ave. S.
Drug Call- 900 Blk 58th St. S.
Theft- 1000 Blk 49th St. S.
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Disturbance- 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.
Domestic- 2400 Blk Premier Dr. S.

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Reading Paws at the Gulfport Library

Did you know reading to a pet can help boost your child's literary confidence? Come in to the Gulfport Library Thursday, February 13th from 3:30-4:30 to read a story Maya, the reading assistance golden retriever. To make an appointment with Maya please call Cailey at 893-1074 or email cklasson@mygulfport.us.

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Gulfport Health & Wellness Expo 2014

Empower your mind, body and soul on Wednesday, February 19th between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. This is day of healthy fun, free for all ages at the historic Gulfport Casino. Health screenings, interactive demonstrations, Eastern and Western modalities, and fresh and healthy food vendors. Don't miss out!

For more information on the expo or how to participate as a vendor, please call Rachel at 727-893-1231.

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Mentoring Takes off at District High Schools

In an effort to create successful high school experiences for freshmen, the Peer-to-Peer Mentoring Program is being rolled out at high schools throughout the district. Six high schools - Boca Ciega, Gibbs, Lakewood, Largo, Northeast and St. Petersburg - are using the peer-to-peer mentoring model to help younger students navigate the high school experience.

"Mentors are a critical component to ensuring student success," said Superintendent Michael A. Grego. "The guidance and insight offered by peer mentors is especially valuable to students, who receive support from people who can really relate to them."



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The Peer-to-Peer Mentoring Program matches high school sophomores, juniors and seniors with freshmen. The program, in alignment with the district's strategic plan, is intended to give freshmen and some sophomores the skills and tools they need to succeed in high school.

Peer mentors share their own experiences to help students learn about topics ranging from school rules and culture to study habits and course selection. The program also offers students in upper grades the opportunity to hone leadership and communication skills while earning volunteer hours applicable to Bright Futures Scholarships or other volunteer hour requirements.

Alexis Franco, a sophomore at Largo High School became a peer mentor through her role in Largo

Leaders, a student advisory group that meets regularly with school principal Brad Finkbiner to discuss school improvement. Franco mentors a ninth-grader.

"We talk about what classes she struggles in and I talk to her about my experiences my freshman year and how I found solutions with the problems I had," Franco said.

Being a mentor, Franco said, has helped her "come out of her shell" and become a better listener. And her mentee benefits from having a new friend who can help guide her through new experiences, she said.

January is National Mentoring Month. Across the district, schools are honoring their mentors in a variety of ways, such as with personalized thank you messages and school-based celebrations.

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Town Shores Shuffleboard

Town Shores Shufflers braved the cold during the days of January 21st and 24th to play in singles and mixed doubles tournaments. In the ladies singles, Diane Dagenais won the main event over runner-up Patty O'Brien while Ruth Watson topped Peggy Brennan in the consolation. Men's singles saw John Stelmanski winning the main event over Bill Adams with Rich Serrian winning the consolation over Henri Derouin by a single point. In the mixed doubles on Friday, the team of Diane Dagenais and Jack Sutphin took the main event with Peggy Brennan and partner Bob O'Brien winning the consolation.



Pictured are winners of the mixed doubles tournament played on Jan. 24th. (L-R): Diane Dagenais, Jack Sutphin, Peggy Brennan and Bob O'Brien.

2014 County Recycling Directory now Available

The new Recycle Today: 2014 Pinellas County Recycling Directory has just been released. The directory is packed with the latest information about how to recycle in Pinellas County including local options for recycling cans, glass bottles, plastics #1-7, paper, yard waste, cardboard, electronics, chemicals and motor oil.

Find out the new recycling options that are now available in Pinellas County. Many municipal recycling programs have been improved and citizens are encouraged to check for the changes in their municipality.

Citizens can pick up a free copy at local libraries, Nature's Food Patch or Pinellas County drop-off recycling centers. The directory may be viewed online at www.pinellascounty.org/recycle.

Recycle Today is published by the Solid Waste Division of Pinellas County's Department of Environment and Infrastructure each year to make recycling easier by providing detailed and updated information on local programs, including:

- How to participate in recycling programs offered in the 24 municipalities plus the unincorporated areas of Pinellas County
 - Where to drop off household hazardous waste such as TVs, computers or paint
 - How to prepare items for recycling
 - Where to pick up free recycled mulch
 - How to access the online A to Z Guide for Recycling and Disposal (listing over 350 items)
 - Answers to the most frequently asked questions about recycling
 - Suggestions for businesses to handle their hazardous waste
 - How to request A Cutting Waste at Work Assessment to increase your business recycling
 - How to request Pinellas County's Recyclin' Roadie, a brightly painted mobile recycling trailer, for your next event
 - Dates and locations of recycling events for the whole family
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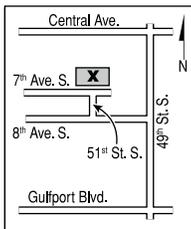
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Canadian Legion Members

Royal Canadian Legion, Post 144, Pinellas County, FL (founded 1942) meets monthly over the snowbird season at American Legion Post 7, 1760 Turner Street, Clearwater, for a regular Legion meeting, pot-luck snacks, and comradeship. They have many social events scheduled

over the season including parades (Remembrance Day, Flag Disposal), Picnics, Christmas Dinner/Dance, Invasions, Blue Jays/Rays game, etc. Annual Regular, Associate, and Affiliate Memberships are only \$40 (includes Legion Magazine). Current RCL Members are welcome to become 'Winter Members' (\$10) and receive our Veterans Voice newsletter. Their next meeting is at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 10th, (Pipes & Drums Night). Call Dann Oliver at 727-343-3843, or email dannoliver@galt.biz.

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Chamber Music Concert Series

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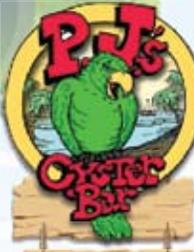
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Natural History Speaker Series

Friends of Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, Inc. presents the Natural History Speaker Series. On Tuesday, February 11th at 7:30 p.m. at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, 1101 Country Club Way S. in St. Petersburg they will present "Florida's Ocean Habitats and The Natural History of Florida's Oceans". Find out what Florida's coastal ocean habitats are really like and how they have changed over geological time.

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Senior Excursions in St. Pete Beach

The St. Pete Beach Community Center has new Senior Excursions on the schedule. The excursions are a great way for local seniors to travel with their friends and make new ones! The new trips are as follows:: February 7th: TECO Manatee Viewing Center; February 14th: Florida State Fair; February 15th: Sarasota Art Show; February 21st: St. Armands Circle; February 28th: Florida Strawberry Festival; March 7th: Dunedin Blue Jays vs. Tampa Bay Rays; March 14th: Bok Tower Gardens; March 21st: Winter Park Art Festival.

All excursions will depart from the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. Trip times vary. All participants must pre-register by the Wednesday prior to the excursion. Each trip is \$12 for residents of St. Pete Beach and \$15 for non-residents. Cost covers transportation only. All admission or lunch are extra and the responsibility of the participants. Call 727- 363-9245.

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Lithuanian-American Club Lunch

The Lithuanian/American Club at 4880 46th Avenue N. in St. Petersburg is serving lunch every Thursday at 1 p.m. The winter schedule of luncheons is one week koldunai and the other week cepelinai.

The cost is \$7 for entree, side, dessert and coffee. This Thursday's menu is soup, koldunai (meat dumplings) served with bacon and/or sour cream, dessert and coffee. As usual, they have Lithuanian beer and fresh baked bread to buy every Thursday. Call Vida at 866-7936.

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Senior Artists Meet the Artist



Pictured (L-R): Kay Wehry, Donna Sebastian, Walt Supina, Anne Morton, Katie Dickson, Betty Staebell, Michelyn Campbell, Christopher Still, Anna Brown, Jane Fitzpatrick, Winnie McIntyre, Pat Walczak.

Senior artist members of Betty Staebell's Gulfport Senior Artists Workshop recently enjoyed a memorable, educational and inspiring trip to the Christopher Still Studio/Art Gallery in Tarpon Springs. The opportunity to meet and become acquainted with such a famous artist was an awesome experience for those attending.

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Barbara Banno serves goodies at Stella's.

You know what's awesome? Eggs. Eggs are awesome. So is French Toast, corned beef hash, and omelets. And after four years – this past November marked sole owner Barbara Banno's fourth anniversary in the art studio turned eggery on Beach Boulevard – locals and guests alike know that if they want tasty breakfast in Gulfport's downtown, Stella's is the way to go.

Take the specials her kitchen staff have created. Maybe you're familiar with the Monte Cristo omelet: a gouda and ham omelet sandwiched two thick slices of powdery French toast, smothered with strawberries. Or maybe you have heard she's added New Orleans shrimp and grits. For this, Barbara has stayed true to the Southern roots of the dish, with cheddar, grits, and shrimp, although she's added a touch of spicy andouille, which evokes images of the French Quarter. Others swear by her Cuban Reuben, a culinary concoction of Stella's signature slow-roasted corned beef, pork roasted Cuban-style, Thousand Island dressing, sauerkraut, and, of course, Swiss cheese. Finally, if you haven't already, you need to try her Mexi-Burger. This is ground beef mixed with ground Chorizo, formed into a perfect patty, seared on the grill and topped with pepper jack cheese and smooth and nutty avocado. Stella's finishes this with crispy fried jalapeños and serves it on a glossy buttery pretzel bun.

Although Barbara once owned Stella's with a partner, she's taken over as the sole owner this past autumn, and now she has her sights set on great things ahead for the ever-popular cafe.

She's tried many ways to get people into her restaurant for dinner, and she realizes that in the past the people she'd partnered with hadn't offered customers the same type of service and meals that they'd come to expect from Barb at breakfast. This time, she promises, things will be different. How?

For starters, she's not partnering with anyone – this is all Barb, not someone she's paired with for evenings. She and her small but loyal staff will be on hand through dinner to make sure your meal and dining experience will be every bit as excellent at dinner as it is now in the mornings.

She's also staying true to what makes Stella's great – no sushi, no gourmet, just good food at reasonable prices. You won't find fancy entrees or unpronounceable names on the menu. Instead, you'll order fried chicken, meatloaf, or eggs (just to name a few).

From 3:30 p.m. until 6 p.m., Stella's will offer early bird specials. The specials will be full meals that include salad, a main dish, and a dessert, all of them under \$10. Stella's will also offer an enhanced beer and wine selection. As always, Barbara has Stella on draft, but she'll serve a select offering of craft beers as well. And, of course, she'll always have Bud and Bud Light, so feel free to dig into a dinner of eggs and hash browns and beer.

Thursday through Saturday nights Stella's will stay open until 8 p.m.; Barbara will serve a full menu all day and throw in some dinner specials every night. If it takes off, then odds are you can get breakfast at Stella's any night of the week. Dinners will start at \$9.95 and top out at \$14.95.

This gastronomic feast starts tonight (January 30), so get yourself down to Stella's tonight for all-you-can-eat spaghetti and meatballs. Can't make it? Tomorrow night you can get meatloaf, and Saturday night you can dig into a highly-guarded family recipe for fried chicken.

Want to know more? Look at the reviews on Trip Advisor under "Stella's Deli and Gelato", but in person? Look for the nun on the door.

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The Gabber Features Stella's



By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

What Steps are Involved in the Probate Process Part II

Article is Part II in our review of the Florida probate process and follows our last feature on probate.

3. APPOINTING THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

The court authorizes a Personal Representative to administer the deceased's estate. A Personal Representative, also called an executor/executrix, assumes the responsibility for closing an estate as soon as possible in an effort to distribute the estate's assets to those who rightfully inherit them without delay. This person is critical to the probate process.

Personal representatives have a legal obligation to perform their duties honestly and efficiently. The heirs to an estate can hold a Personal Representative personally accountable for harming the estate's financial standing by neglect or deliberate action.

A will typically names the deceased's choice for Personal Representative, and Probate Courts will normally honor this choice. When no will exists, or if the Personal Representative named in the will declines to serve or cannot serve, the court has the authority to appoint a Personal Representative. Once the Personal Representative is appointed, the Probate Court recognizes the Personal Representative's authority to act on behalf of the deceased's estate. The Court issues a document, called "letters of administration," identifying the Personal Representative as the estate's official representative. A Personal Representative can show this document to a bank officer for

example, to gain access to a checking account.

Needless to say, the Personal Representative should be a trusted family member or close friend who will act to carry out the wishes of the deceased.

A person who decides that he/she does not want to be a Personal Representative can decline the appointment. A back-up, or successor, Personal Representative is then appointed. Similarly, if the Personal Representative feels that the job involves more effort than one person can handle, the Court may appoint a co-Personal Representative.

4. INFORMING THE AFFECTED PARTIES

The Personal Representative is responsible for formal notification and the publishing of public notices in newspapers to inform potential heirs and creditors about the probate proceeding. After giving notice, waiting periods follow. Creditors, heirs, and others can file their claims against the estate during these periods of time.

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Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

I Like Mike

I like Gulfport's Ward Four Councilmember Michael Fridovich. I find him inherently distasteful and morally repugnant, but in spite of that – in spite of what I can only say are his best efforts to show his, er, unpolished side, I'm starting to like his politics. And it unsettles me.

Why should that bother me?

One, he has no class. None. I'm talking a shorter, older, better-fed version of *How I Met Your Mother's* Barney Stinson, only with less hair, no gym membership and less luck with the ladies. This is a man who told me – while sitting at the dais waiting for a city council meeting to start – my "can" was "looking good" shortly before a council meeting last year. What upsets me most about crass comments about my rear end – aside from the whole "objectifying women thing" – is that I don't have a nice can. You want to compliment me in a 1940s secretary way, tell me I have a nice rack. Endeavor to be more believable, especially since endeavoring to be classy is clearly not happening.

Two, he eats like a hyena hunched over a newly-dead gazelle on the African savannah. The only time I shared a meal with him I thought his dining habit was some sort of strategy to put me on edge. You know, unnerve the person on the other side of the table by eating like you were raised by velociraptors.

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Three, he has an embarrassing fascination with lesbians. Now I have no problem with lesbians, but I figure beyond the social niceties, their being a lesbian is their business. They don't want their sexual practices or proclivities discussed like they're being judged for a blue ribbon at the fair, and I'm thinking his asking a lesbian about his chances of dating one of the sisters is equally abhorrent to them. Same goes for asking about his chances with people's barely-legal daughters. One is insulting, the other creepy, both are distasteful.

Four, he eschews rules that prohibit him from speaking with city staff, circumventing them by insisting he can "fact find" so long as fails to give direction. Does city staff find this inappropriate? They find it, "off the record" to me, less appropriate than if the city hired Justin Bieber to run its DUI education program, but they're scared to report him because they are scared of getting fired.

Five, he had no qualms about meeting with another about-to-take-office councilmember outside city limits to talk about things. While the other councilmember replied honestly when I asked about the meeting, he chose to lie. When confronted, he did not apologize, only told me his issues with the Sunshine Law and how the city attorney didn't understand what he did wasn't wrong.

Despite these reprobate behaviors, I find myself unappealingly charmed by his actions as my ward representative. I wouldn't let him near my younger cousins (the older ones would make sure the cops never found the body; of the older Salustri women, I'm the "nice" one), but as my representative, I'm pleased with his efforts.

He's doing his best, it seems, to convince us that although he basically walked onto the job, he deserves the seat. I'm hard-pressed to disagree. He doesn't hesitate to call other cities and ask questions, and he certainly seems to have a high level of cognitive function despite whatever

personality disorder compels him to attempt to shock people. He spends a lot of time talking with Gulfport – not to Gulfport, with Gulfport. I once saw him spend 45 minutes with a man who clearly wanted to tell him why the city was wrong, wrong, wrong. Councilman Fridovich patiently listened, explained his point of view, and after almost an hour, I think the irritated party had started to understand the city's motivation. I know I lack the patience for that, which is why I should never be a politician, but perhaps that's why Michael is – I shudder to say this – doing a fine job. He has become an incessant, unyielding voice for Ward Four, and it's something we desperately need. I applaud his efforts and offer my gratitude. He's attempting to do right by the residents he's trying valiantly to represent. When he's up there on the dais, in between taking hilarious pot shots at his nemesis, Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke, we never have any doubt he's going to bat for Ward Four and, in the grand scheme of things, Gulfport. He attends just about every function the city has, and all you need to do is ask for his help and he shows up. He is a "roll up your sleeves and get to work" kind of guy.

Which is why I'm bringing all those other distasteful characteristics to light: Councilman Fridovich, you're going to muck it up. Stop. Please. Someone needs to Eliza Doolittle your ass, and quick, before you get the city sued or start racking up ethics violations. You're passionate, driven, and almost exactly what Ward Four requires of its councilmember. I'm petrified your next attempt to shock or prove what a rogue you are will involve me Googling "synonym for ethics charges" or come up with a catchy headline about lawsuits and sexual harassment. You're this close, sir. *We already have the headline ready to go.*

I, for one, would appreciate you not making our city the laughingstock of the nation. Florida has had enough of that. Also, if you could not become fodder for the next Carl Hiaasen news column, I'd appreciate it.

It's bad enough you're in this one.

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Energy Express The latest trends for staying healthy

by Marilyn Preston

Big Data Tells Us Technology Disrupts.

Technology has a big upside, we all know. I'm not just talking about the electric water flosser. Thanks to the Industrial Revolution, which introduced machines to mankind along with promises of increased leisure and more jobs, we've seen many positive and remarkable changes.

The cotton gin, the car, the computer, the cellphone, the cloud ... and that's just the letter C. C for Constant Connectivity. It's overstimulating our brains and challenging our national insecurity, and the electromagnetic waves currently passing through us are affecting our DNA in troubling ways.

But still, for the most part, with or without your Google glasses on, the advances of technology are seen as positive.

The truth is we don't know yet. Remember those promises of increased leisure and more jobs? That isn't happening, not in 2013, unless you consider widespread unemployment a form of leisure.

Software and robots are now doing the work of college grads. More and more workers -- both unskilled and highly educated -- are losing their jobs to clever automatons that show up for work no matter what. And they don't need health insurance, day care or bathroom breaks.

The robots are winning. Hands down, they have more dexterity, better eyesight, unending enthusiasm, and an increasing ability to smile, wink and play well with the humans who work alongside them.

It's man vs. machine, "the race between humans and automatons," says Google Chair Eric Schmidt. "It's a very tough race."

I watched Schmidt say that recently on an Internet video that is part of the newest McKinsey Global Institute report, seen and read by many powerful thought leaders around the world.

I consider all my Dear Readers to be thought leaders, so I decided to take a closer look on your behalf. Any high-profile report titled, "Disruptive Technologies: Advances

That Will Transform Life, Business and the Global Economy," is a healthy lifestyle issue in the making. Disruptive technologies are so ... disruptive. They can interfere with clear thinking -- or replace thinking altogether.

"We're going, in a single lifetime, from a small elite having access to information to essentially everyone in the world having access to all the world's information," explains Schmidt, appearing tieless, with only a hint of a smile.

He goes on to calmly characterize what we are all living through, right now, as a "step change in humanity ... a revolution ... that will change everything."

The dozen disruptive technologies listed in the report include all the usual suspects: mobile Internet; cloud technology; advanced robotics; next generation genomics; 3D printing; something called the Internet of Things; a few more to do with energy; and my favorite, autonomous vehicles.

"It is now possible to create cars, trucks, aircraft and boats that are completely or partly autonomous," the executive summary says, which anyone can access at mckinsey.com. "Machine vision, artificial intelligence, sensors and actuators are all moving along quickly."

Schmidt's Google cars, for instance -- still cruising the streets of California, waiting for the laws to change -- have clocked 300,000 miles of self-driving, and only one accident has been reported. Just one. And that's due to "human error."

Where is that human today? Hiding in Hong Kong? Driving himself to the unemployment office?

I am very familiar with the argument that says disruption in the name of change is neither good nor bad. Change happens. It's unavoidable. The report is designed to appeal to businesses and governments, telling them what's coming and how to prepare. Hold on. We have to prepare, too. That's your homework assignment: Read the disruptive technologies report.

"The next big one is undoubtedly biology," says Schmidt, wearing his full transparency cloak of many

colors. "We're going to take the analog world of biology -- how genes work, how diseases work -- put them in a digital framework, calculate for a while, do some machine learning ... and then we'll be able to not only help you become a better human being, but predict what's going to happen to you physically in terms of your health, and so forth."

Google is going to help make us a better human being?

Let's hope that prediction works out better than the promise of increased leisure and more jobs.

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January 2014

February 4, 2014	City Council Meeting 7:00 pm
February 5, 2014	Planning & Zoning Board NO MEETING
February 6, 2014	City Council Workshop 4:00 pm
February 11, 2014	Teen Council 3:00 pm
February 12, 2014	Board of Adjustment 6:30pm
February 18, 2014	City Council Meeting 7:00 pm
February 19, 2014	Historic Preservation Committee 5:30 pm

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