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MESSAGE FROM THE NRC PRESIDENT

Dear Members, Current and Graduates,

Here we are welcoming a New Year, 2018! I am sure you all have made your New Year resolutions. I have as well. I have made a resolution to learn to sing better, although some people told me I needed to learn to sing first before I could get better.

Have you ever wondered where the tradition of making resolutions at the New Year started? Per the History Channel, the ancient Babylonians were the first people to make New Year's resolutions, some 4,000 years ago, though for them the year began not in January but in mid-March. They made promises to the gods to pay their debts and return any objects they had borrowed. Wow, people loaned their tools out 4,000 years ago! These are considered the forerunners of our New Year's resolutions.

Today instead of making promises to the gods, most people make resolutions only for themselves, and focus purely on self-improvement. According to recent research, while as many as 45 percent of Americans say they usually make New Year's resolutions, only 8 percent are successful in achieving their goals. But that dismal record didn't stop me from making my resolutions. How about you?

Here is wishing everyone in the NRC a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Rick Robison,

President, Board 101



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS



General Membership Meeting, December 5, 2017

President Robison called the meeting to order at 0915 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and potential new members were welcomed

<u>Cape Coral Caring Center</u>: The holiday season is their busiest time and they are in need of food donation. This year the center had been damaged by hurricane Irma and they do not have the capacity to hold frozen items. They are requesting instead of a turkey that we donate \$10 gift cards to Publix which will be placed in the holiday bags. Donations may be brought to club events or delivered to the Caring Center at 4645 SE 15th Ave.

There is no November dinner dance and please note that the December dance "Winter Wonderland" will be on a **Friday**. December 8, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., Personal Touch is the caterer, beer and wine provided, 41 South is the band. The deadline to sign up is Monday 12/04/17.

Activites: Tracie Chapman, filling in for Nancy Cohen, gave a brief overview of this month's activities. All are listed in the newsletter. Kim White discussed details of the Ladies Luncheon and also requested attendees to bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. Cardboard Boat Regatta welcomes your participation and support; contact Robin Rollinger for more information.

Bob Moffitt of the Cape Coral Hospital Blood Donor Center spoke on behalf of platelet donation. Barbara Walters spoke about whole blood donation. Each discussed the process and benefits of donation. Three teaspoons of blood can save a ba-

by's life. You may schedule your donations or just come by the Purple Donation bus. Platelet donation is done at the hospital via appointment.

Marie Davis is the District Coordinator and Tax Aid Volunteer from the AARP. She solicited volunteers to help seniors and low income peoples prepare their tax filings. Call AARP at 888-687-2277.

Rick Robison spoke on behalf of "Drive to Survive," run by the American Cancer Society to drive cancer patients to their chemotherapy and radiation appointments.

Richard Savone spoke on behalf of the Cape Coral Volunteer Police Department. A new academy is beginning on 1/22/18. The Academy runs January 22-26, 2018 from 8am-4pm. Call 239-242-3346 for more details.

Happy Graduation to the "Party Palms". They honored a past member and friend and then broke into a NRC rendition of Ricky Nelson's "Garden Party" which was enjoyed by everyone.

<u>Reports</u>: Judy Morris presented minutes from the November meeting. John Stevens distributed and explained the Treasury Report. The reports were accepted without correction.

New Guests: Robert Pruiett introduced those interested in membership, explained our New Members Dinner and asked everyone to meet outside for a photo after the raffles.

With no further business President Robison adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Guest Speakers for Upcoming Membership Meetings

January 2, 2018 - Calendar Girls of Florida will perform on behalf of the Southeastern Guide Dogs. SEGD trains guide dogs for visually impaired veterans, and therapy dogs for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

February 6, 2018 - Joe Coviello, Mayor of Cape Coral. Start working on your questions for His Honor.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Manatees, listed as a
 "Vulnerable" species, are herbivorous mammals, growing
 up to 12 feet long and 1,800
 pounds in weight.
- Manatees are closely related to elephants.
- Manatees can stay submerged for up to 20 minutes.
- There are about 6,600 manatees in Florida waters.
- Manatees may have been what ancient sailors mistook for mermaids.
- A female will have one calf about once every two to five years. At birth, the calf weighs about 66 pounds.

NOVEMBER 2017 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

| Activities Income | \$ 476 |
|-------------------|----------|
| Dance Income | 3,736 |
| Raffle Income | 550 |
| Dues | 1,845 |
| Total Income | \$ 6,607 |

Activities Expenses \$ 318
Dance Expense 532
Raffle Expense 25
Membership Expense 439
Meeting Expense 658
Admin & Misc. 1,164
Total Expenses \$ 3,136

Ending Balance \$17,325



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NRC SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

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BOWLING



No signup is required
Single players are welcome
Beginners are encouraged
Breakfast is available.

Come join us for some casual fun and fellowship.

Every Thursday morning. Arrive at 9:15 am

Singles' Get Together

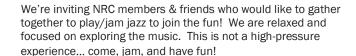
Saturday, January 13th

Join us at 5:30 pm at Bill Tanner's home

RSVP: dksimp2@comcast.net for details.

COME JOIN OUR

JAZZ BAND



Contact Bill Moulton, 802-745-8631 or accbass62@gmail.com

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Every Wednesday from 1-3 pm and 3-5 pm

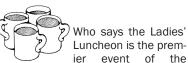
at Veterans Park, 4140 Coronado

No skill required! Play for free! The NRC has paid the court fees! Open to all NRC members. Single players are always welcome. More info? Contact Robin at 239-541-7201 (fabartz@yahoo.com)

Trivia Night

Friday evenings from 4—6 pm At Nemo's

MEN'S BREAKFAST



month? Join the NRC men at the House of Omelets 900 SW Pine Island Road, at **9 am every second Tuesday of the month** for good food, good companionship, and good conversation.

Men's Breakfast is a long-standing tradition of the NRC, and provides the opportunity for an extra side of bacon

Please come and join us — we have a seat reserved for you.

Contact your host, **Chris Weeks**, at 239-339-7015, ciweeks1234@gmail.com

For the New NRC Members who Joined in January... YOU'RE INVITED!

New Members' Social - January 8th

Join us at the home of Diane Nelson to enjoy a snack and refreshment, while meeting other new members and some NRC board members.



Please RSVP to Diane Nelson at dneslon4520@comcast.net, or phone 920-229-4745

Also, look for your invitation from *Punchbowl* via email.

This is a fun way to get to know the group you will be forming, and to get answers to any questions that you may have

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These local businesses have been most generous in their contributions to the New Resident Club. Please patronize them and let them know we appreciate their support. To ensure their continued support, please redeem gift certificates or coupons promptly.

ELITE SUPPORTERS

Annie's Restaurant

814 SE 47th Street 239-945-3133

Anthony's on the Boulevard

1303 Del Prado Boulevard 239-257-2446

Bonefish Grill

900 SW Pine Island Road 239-574-1018

Bowland

42 Mid Cape Terrace 239-772-1661

Cape Cleaners

810 Cape Coral Parkway, E. 239-549-1740

Cape Coral Edible Arrangements 2301 Del Prado Blvd. Unit 690

Creative Computer Solutions

239-574-3784

4709 Coronado Parkway 239-541-5441

Chloe & Isabel by Regina

reginak1230@gmail.com 816-352-3068

Dolphin Express Car Wash

3826 Chiquita Blvd. South 239-541-9274

Downtowner Car Wash

1009 Del Prado Blvd South 239-772-2277

Dixie Roadhouse

1023 SE 47th Terrace 239-541-7900

Edward Jones-Brad Jessen

12016 Matlacha Blvd, Suite C Matlacha Isles 239-283-2582

Fins Seafood & Dive Bar

3422 Del Prado S 239-984-5449

George's Complete Auto Repair

4804 Coronado Parkway 239-542-1588

GP Plumbing & Air Conditioning

jeremya@gppcorp.com 239-945-0126

Hair Look Salon by Monica

South Cape Plaza 4720 SE 15th Avenue 239-541-9951

Hooked Island Grill

4200 Pine Island Road NW Matlacha 239-540-3463

Ice Sssscreamin'

520 Cape Coral Parkway E. 239-541-9100

Karma and Coconuts

1021 B Cape Coral Parkway E. 239-542-0424

Lenny's Grill & Subs

Coralwood, 2301 Del Prado 239-574-3360

Lumpy's Golf Store

11120 S Cleveland Avenue Fort Myers 239-939-5235

Perk & Brew

1021 A Cape Coral Parkway E 239-542-6080

Point 57

3522 Del Prado Boulevard, S. 239-471-7785

Red Headed Witches

1910 Del Prado Boulevard S 239-573-6566

Scooter's Coffee

1014 Del Prado Boulevard S 239-673-9328

Sunshine Jewelers

1924 Del Prado Boulevard S 239-424-8176

The Dek

4704 SE 15th Avenue 239-542-3745





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SUPPORTERS

Aji Limon Peruvian Café

4643 Coronado Parkway 239-205-6587

Back Streets Sports Bar & Pizzeria

915 SE 47th Terr. 239-945-7555

Beef "O" Brady's

2481 Del Prado N (239-573-6172) 3015 Pine Island Rd SW 239-283-9995

Cape Coral House of Omelets

900 SW Pine Island Rd. 239-673-7545

Cold Stone Creamery

2311 Santa Barbara Boulevard 239-573-1006

Edison & Ford Winter Estates

2350 McGregor Blvd Fort Myers 239-334-7419

Farmers Market-Cape Coral

Club Square Lot Saturdays 8am-1pm

Fit + Fun

3818 Skyline Boulevard 239-309-5690

Flip Flops Consignment Shop

102 S. Cape Coral Parkway E 239-984-5515

Florida Everblades

11000 Everblades Parkway, Estero 239-948-7825 Ext. 1500 Mike Kelly SAE **House of Omelets**

900 SW Pine Island Road 239-673-7545

Hana Japanese Steakhouse &Sushi

30 Hancock Bridge Parkway, #112 239-573-1228

Hurricane Grill & Wings

756 SW Pine Island Road 239-800-3141

KJ's Fresh Grill

10950 S. Cleveland Ave., Ft. Myers 239-275-4745

La Corte Courtyard Garden Bistro

1520 Lafayette Street 239-542-2224

Lobster Ladv

1715 Cape Coral Parkway W 239-471-0136

Mary McQuade, cabi stylist

www.marymcquade.cabioline.com 913-808-9903

Miceli's Restaurant

3930 Pine Island Road NW 239-282-8233

Orange Theory Fitness

11600 Gladiolus Drive, Unit 317 Fort Myers, 239-243-0730

Palmetto-Pine Country Club

1940 SW 9th Court 239-574-2141

Papa Joe's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria 814 F. Cape Coral Parkway

814 E. Cape Coral Parkway 239-945-1700

Paradise Boat Rentals

3013 Del Prado Boulevard S 239-645-4217

Povia Paints

1020 NE Pine Island Road 239-458-5555

SBS Premium Meats

www.sbsmeats.com 402-262-0215

Shear Art Hair Studio

1103 Cape Coral Parkway E 239-257-3620

Soul Terra

www.soul-terra.com 888-557-SOUL

Suellen's Floral Company

1545 Del Prado Boulevard 1-800-851-8832

The "O" Bar

304 Del Prado Boulevard S 239-673-9003

The Twisted Lobster

1341 Del Prado Boulevard #1 239-800-2879

Yoga Fit

1715 Cape Coral Parkway W 239-443-4646 or 859-907-3290

The Cape Coral Caring Center

Provides critical assistance to those in need in Cape Coral. Our New Resident Club is a major supporter, collecting food for the **Center** to help our fellow citizens maintain a suitable standard of living.

Please bring your contributions of canned goods and non-perishables to the NRC monthly meetings.

New Members and Lions from up north are always welcome.

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CAPE CORAL LIONS CLUB

Serving the needs of the Cape Coral community.

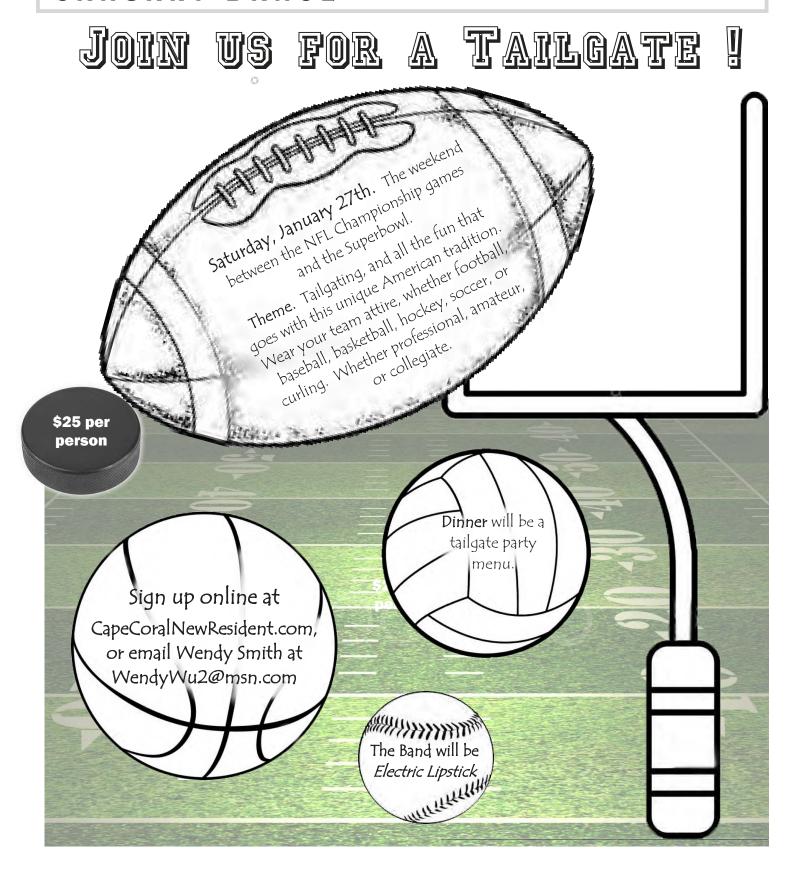
meets Every first Thursday at 5 pm at Perkins Restaurant, 1502 Cape Coral Parkway

and Every third Thursday at First United Methodist Church, 4118 Coronado

Local Club President is Judy Moulton (61dreams@gmail.com)

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JANUARY DANCE



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HOLLYWOOD HARD ROCK CASINO

TUESDAY. JANUARY 9TH

UNDER CONSTRUCTION THIS ACTIVITY IS STILL BEING PLANNED FINAL DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Travel by motor coach. Sit back and rest, read, or socialize while someone else drives. When you arrive at the Seminole Hard Rock Casino in Hollywood, you have your choice of casual or high-stakes gaming, where the action never stops and the fun never ends. This is a 140,000 square foot casino with 2,000 slots and over 100 live table games, guaranteeing there's something there for you. Be sure to bring a canvas sack to haul your winnings home.

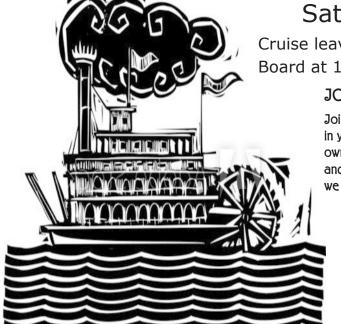
While there, be sure to examine the signature Hard Rock music memorabilia lining the casino walls, and enjoy the sound of classic and modern music videos generating a high-energy vibe - perfect for "getting lucky."

HUNGRYP Scooping up all that cash can raise a powerful hunger. Take a break in one of seven restaurants, from fine dining to a poolside arill.

\$35 PP (CASH OR CHECK) \$37 PP (CREDIT CARD) FOR THIS PRICE YOU GET TRANSPORTATION AND \$20 DOWNLOADED TO YOUR OWN "WILD CARD."

Initial sign-up at the January General Membership Meeting. Subsequent sign-up online at CapeCoralNewResident.com or by contacting Nancy Cohen at CapeActivities@gmail.com. Reservations are confirmed once payment is received.

PADDLEWHEEL CRUISE & LUNCHEON



Saturday, January 13th

Cruise leaves from 1300 Hendry Street, Fort Myers Board at 10:30 am, leaves at 11 am, returns at 3:30 pm

JC Cruises Paddlewheel Luncheon

Join us as we cruise in air conditioned/heated comfort or feel the wind in your hair from the outer decks. The cruise will take you up our very own Caloosahatchie River to the Franklin Lock, as you enjoy a luncheon and cash bar, view the homes along the shoreline, as well as the wildlife we encounter. There will be onboard music.

\$58 pp cash or check \$60 pp credit card

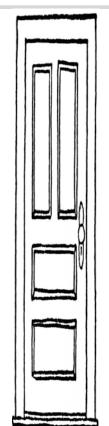
Includes the cruise, luncheon, all taxes and gratuities, and any ransoms paid to river pirates. Deadline for registration is Monday, January 8th.

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY NEW YEAR'S DAY | 2 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING P:15 Q YACHT CLUB | BOCCE 1-3 & 3-5 Q VETERANS PARK SUNSET CELEBRATION 4 PM Q YACHT CLUB | | FRIDAY 5 TRIVIA NIGHT 4-6 PM Q NEMO'S | SATURDAY 6 | |
| 7 | 8 NEW MEMBER SOCIAL 6:30 PM Q NELSON'S HOME | 9 MEN'S BREAKFAST 9 AM 9 HOUSE OF OMELETS HARD ROCK CASINO TRIP DETAILS TBD | BOCCE 1-3 & 3-5 Q VETERANS PARK | BOWLING 9:45 Q BOWLAND | BOOK CLUB 9 AM 9 1222 BUILDING TRIVIA NIGHT 4-6 PM 9 NEMO'S | 73 SINGLES GET-TOGETHER 5:30 PM Q BILL TANNER'S PADDLEWHEEL CRUISE 10:30 AM BOARDING | |
| 14 DRESS UP YOUR PET DAY | MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BIRTHDAY | 16 | 17 BOCCE 1-3 & 3-5 Q VETERANS PARK CAPE ESCAPE & DINNER 5 OR 6 PM Q PINE ISL. RD. | | 19 TRIVIA NIGHT 4-6 PM Q NEMO'S | 20 PENGUIN AWARENESS DAY | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 National Pie Day | 24 BOCCE 1-3 & 3-5 Q VETERANS PARK COCKTAILS ON THE CAPE 5 PM Q WOODY'S | BOWLING 9:45 Q BOWLAND | 26 TRIVIA HIGHT 4-6 PM Q NEMO'S | DINNER DANCE 5:30 PM Q YACHT CLUB | |
| 28 UATIONAL KAZOO DAY | 29 | 30 | BOCCE I-3 & 3-5 Q VETERANS PARK | CARING CENTER CARDO | P for the Prince Harry Prince H | football helmet for the Dinner | |

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ESCAPE THE CAPE (IF YOU CAN)



This is a fun interactive evening of mystery and intrigue. "Locked" in a room, your group's mission is to find the clues that will "unlock" the mystery and let you "escape".

Wednesday, January 17th 5–6 pm or 6–7 pm \$25 pp

you will have 60 minutes to work together to escape from either the oval office, a jail cell, or a 1970's "blast from the past" living room. "The Escape Room"
728 Pine Island Road, #16

After our adventure, those who wish will go to <u>Hurricane</u>
<u>GRILL & WINGS</u> FOR DINNER TO
SHARE THE EXPERIENCES AND
LAUGHS.

Initial sign-up at the January General Membership Meeting. Subsequent sign-up online at CapeCoralNewResident.com or by contacting Nancy Cohen at CapeActivities@gmail.com. Reservations are confirmed once payment is received. Those who fail to escape must be claimed by their next-of-kin within sixty days.

COCKTAILS ON THE CAPE

Wednesday, January 24th
5–8 pm at Woody's
(Surfside and Veteran's Parkway)

There's a limit of 100 participants
Woody's will provide specials just for us!



Initial sign-up at the January General Membership Meeting. Subsequent sign-up online at CapeCoralNewResident.com or contact Nancy Cohen at CapeActivities@gmail.com.

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Lunch Selections

Join us for some great food and fun games as we celebrate the new year!

Two lucky game winners will each win a \$20 Misto Bar & Grill

gift certificate donated by the restaurant!

Misto Salad with Grilled Chicken

231 Del Prado Blvd

Baby greens, fresh berries, mandarin orange, candied pecans, gorgonzola, raspberry vinaigrette, grilled chicken breast

Seafood Crepes

Scallops, shrimp, and blue crab with mascarpone filled handmade crepes baked in lobster veloute topped with shave parmesan

Vegetarian Platter

Roasted and grilled seasonal vegetables drizzled with olive oil and balsamic reduction

Pork Tenderloin

Medallions of pork and pear chutney served with whipped potato and vegetable and a port wine sauce

Dessert

Fruit Basket Cake

Yellow cake with lemon custard and fresh seasonal fruit with whipped cream

Price

Includes: garlic rolls, non-alcoholic beverages, tip & tax

\$18 cash at the door, plus optional \$5 to enter the raffle and/or \$1 for the 50/50



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NRC GROUP NEWS



No *Graduates* report this month. Please contact Ted Clark with your news; he will be putting a report together for next month.



No Egrets

January 2016 Reporter — Andy Davidson

The monthly Dinner Club met at Marker 92 on December 14th. Fourteen *No Egrets* attended and enjoyed the usual great time. The group enjoyed watching Sandra partake in the lobster special. Raylene was thrilled with her chocolate adult beverage and Jeanette treated us all to a very rich chocolate dessert that made it's way around the table a few times. Finally John finished it off in fine form.

Jayne and Ron invited everyone over for Jayne's birthday party. All pitched in to help celebrate her birthday. There was lots of laughter. The author will never reveal her age but let's just say he never looked that good at that milestone.

The No Egrets Book Club met for a lovely Christmas brunch at Linda's home. It was a great start to the holiday season for Barb, Cate, Denise, Jayne, Juelene, Linda, Lori, Raylene, and Susan. After enjoying Mimosas, we dined on a strata with all the trimmings and discussed Still Life by Louise Penny. Thank you Linda for a wonderful holiday get-together! The next meeting will be January 16th at Susan's.

Many No Egrets attended the Sun-

set Celebration.

Up coming events:

- December 25 No Egrets Orphans Christmas Dinner
- January 2 Cape Cabaret 60's-90's music, Barb organizer
- January 6 Ollie's Going Away/Carnival themed party at Patrick's and Sandra's
- January 16 Monthly Book club: At Susan's
- February 4 Super Bowl party at George and Shelly's
- February 17 Pot Luck at Larry and Raylene's home
- March Picnic hosted by Linda, Bill and Denise
- * April 21 Potluck at Todd & Tami's. Our *Landshark* friends have invited the *No Egrets*.
- * May at Mike and Susan's.

Be sure check the *No Egret's* Facebook page for event details!

January is already filling up and we began the month and year with a New Year's Day Open House with Barb and Don S. to ring in the 2018. This will be followed by the January *Leapin' Lizards* Ladies Lunch at the Thai Restaurant hosted by Chris P. and the *Leapin' Lizards* Night Out that will celebrate several milestone birthdays.

In February our time as an active NRC group comes to an end and we will become part of the graduate group! We can't believe that two years have passed since we all walked through the doors of the Yacht Club. sat at the "fist timers" table and became *Leapin' Lizards* together. Such great friendships have been made and we all look forward to our continuing activities.



No report this month.



The Leapin' Lizards started getting back to their normal pace now that most of us are back in the Cape from summer away and holiday travel.

Since it has been a while since we've had a report, let me start by thanking our leader, Karen T. for hosting a Thanksgiving pot-luck at her house on Thanksgiving day for those *Lizard*s who did not have family to spend the holiday with.

Our December gathering was a Christmas Party at the home of Becky and Larry R.



Margarita Madness

May/June 2016 Reporter — Emily Main

All the members of *Margarita Madness* wishes everyone involved with the New Resident Club a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Prosperous New Year.

NRC GROUP NEWS



Paradise Parrots

July 2016

Reporter — Bridgette Bonatsos

Aside from the usual lunches, shopping, golfing, games and day trips there were two very exciting events that topped them all! Nancy Caputo and Larry Sellers welcomed a new daughter-in-law at a ceremony held in the Chicago area; Linda and Steve Andresen wrapped their arms around a new son-in-law at a wedding held here in Florida. The *Parrots* wish these kids the very best in their new lives together!

Michele and Tim McCarl set the bar HIGH when they held a catered dinner in lieu of our monthly potluck. Before dinner we were entertained by the Glee Club of Cape Coral High School, which sang Christmas Carols while we nibbled on appetizers. Tables were beautifully set on the lanai with candles and real tablecloths and we were served a fantastic 5-star dinner cooked by the culinary students of Cape Coral High School, wearing their white jackets. Music wafted through the air as members of the Band played uplifting holiday music. What a magical night!

Bridgette and Mike Bonatsos hosted the November BUNCO, attended by Steve Andresen, Jim and Lily Fitz-Gerald, and Lana Gaal-along with a half dozen other players. Any NRC member who would like to get on the "sub" list for this game, contact Lily Fitz-Gerald at realirish@aol.com.

Nancy Austin hosted the second annual cookie exchange, attended by eight of our Parrot ladies. Everyone went home with a least one container of some of the best cookies ever! Jim Fitz-Gerald received his Fellowship degree at the Cape Coral Masonic Lodge and is awaiting his Third Degree. He is anxious to begin working at giving back to the community through this worthy organization.

John Gaal is on the mend and is able to stand un-aided...YAY!! Larry Sellers is quickly coming back from his surgery, but not quite quickly enough for him. That starter just HAS to be replaced and only Larry can do it, right Larr?? Dennis Lally sends everyone his best as he continues to work at regaining his strength. Visitors are welcome.



Bad Buoys & Nauti Gulls

August 2016 Reporter — Michele McKay

As our holiday travels are ending and our visitors are heading back to their homes, these *Bad Buoys & Nauti Gulls* are getting ready for the New Year. There's no better way to start the New Year than with the birth of a baby. Big congratulations to Jane & Chuck on the birth of their grandson, Joseph Bryant, son of Bobby & Lisa.

Getting together for Pot Luck is always a highlight for our group. December's gathering was a fun time with the addition of toasting marshmallows at Stella & Gene's. Good thing we have Scott in our group to make sure we are following all the proper rules for fire safety. Thanks Scott!

One challenge we continue to face is finding the time to fit in all the activities. Between bowling, boating, golfing, travelling, bocce, boat building, luncheons, music, dances, trivia, crafting and volunteering, who can find time to do anything else? But we always seem to be able to sneak in an evening here or

there to try out a new restaurant or take in a show. Work on our homes? Wonder where that fits.

Thank you NRC for providing so many activities for us to enjoy. Bring on 2018. We are chomping at the bit to get started!



Despite the unseasonably chilly weather recently, the *Twisted Turtles* have been moving about, trying to keep warm while sharing the holidays.

Barry, Lucy, Colin, Cheryl, Bob and Karen have been busy going to downtown Fort Myers for Christmas celebrations, as well as concerts.

Ray, Susan and Ivy attended the Cape Cabaret for dinner and a

Also on our agenda this month is the Christmas Dance at the Yacht Club, the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater to see <u>A Christmas Story</u> and attending a Christmas Eve party at Dave & Suellen's home.

The *Twisted Turtles* wish all a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.



The Happy Owls

October 2016
Reporter — Sue Ford

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. It's really quite wonderful to enjoy a nice warm Christmas Day!

Many of our Owls left the area to be with their families for holidays.

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NRC GROUP NEWS

Even still, there were plenty Owl friends who took part in many events. Always a fun way to start the month is Sunset on the Beach. A special appearance by Santa added to the fun.

The Christmas Dance was well attended and a great time was had by all. The Ladies Lunch was also a fun event. As usual, courtesy of the raffles, Kathy walked away a winner. Cocktails on the Cape saw even more Owls mingling with other NRC members.

Owls regularly attend bocce, bowling, and trivia each week. A highlight this month was finishing in the top 3 for trivia! The group that comes in first wins a pizza. We are so close to winning that prize we can almost taste it! Soon. Very

Once again Kathy spent a good deal of time decorating her home, inside and out. And because we all enjoy seeing it, Kathy graciously opened her doors.

With the holidays over, we are looking forward to getting it entire flock back in paradise!



The GetGoes

November 2016 Reporters — Pamela Neubert Sheila Nutter

The Holidays were fun filled and joyous for the Get Goes! Many attended the Del Prados dinner/show at Cape Cabaret. Pam N. hosted our Bunco Christmas Party that included a fun gift exchange and wonderful food/drinks.

Several Get Goes are now fully engaged with the NRC sponsored Pickleball games. Sunset celebration included a large gathering followed by dinner at either Fathoms or Ariani's.

As we celebrated and toasted our first year anniversary, 20 Get Goes thoroughly enjoyed the NRC Winter Wonderland Dinner Dance.

Denise A. hosted our monthly bookclub, reviewing "The Glass Castle" by Jeanette Walls.

We ended our holiday celebrations at Kathy and Bob B.'s beautiful home during our monthly potluck. A great time was had by all!



Sunsetters December 2016 Reporter — Chris Danley

Outside of NRC activities, Sunsetters have been busy "rebonding" with our northern friends.

Chris Danley is taking over the helm as Sunsetters' leader. We all appreciate the great job Diane Nelson has done.

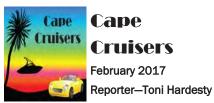
The ladies had a fun Floridian ornament exchange at Rum Run-

Even though it was chilly, Sunsetters enjoyed the Christmas Light Cruise on the canals of Charlotte Harbor.

Wishing a belated b-day to Angie, Chris C., and Judy.



No report this month.



Cape Cruisers February 2017

No report this month.



No report this month.



Dancing **Dolphins**

May/June 2017 Reporter-Corinne Rinaldi

Ann and Cliff Block along with Kathy Kovach graduated from Cape Coral Citizens Academy December 4th.

Bruce and Perri Roberts training in CPR with CERT and took part in the Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast with Santa.

Cori Rinaldi played model in a fundraiser fashion show held at a luncheon at Palmetto Pine Country Club. It was presented by Razzle Dazzle to benefit the Cape Coral Caring Center.

I wonder about all those baked cookies. Do you?

NRC GROUP NEWS



Cape Corruptibles

July/August 2017 Reporter-Marty Franssen

The month of December flew by in record time due to all the Holiday festivities and NRC activities. The Cape Corruptibles held their December Potluck at the festively decorated home of Gary and Carol Chalmers. The weather was fantastic so a lot of time was spent outdoors talking, eating, and enjoying the beautiful, warm evening. Several members were welcomed back after long absences....it was great to have Bill and Sara Broadfoot and Cat Huff back among us. Rumor has it that Cat is really enjoying the Cardboard Boat building project!

Besides the monthly potluck. many in the group continue to participate in NRC activities such as Cocktails on the Cape, The Sunset Celebration, pickleball, Tuesday golf, and dances. Outside of the NRC, some in the group are getting to know and experience Cape Coral's numerous restaurants. going on different boat rides, including the Ft. Meyers Sunset Cruise and Punta Gorda's Christmas Canal Cruise.

Anyone, in the Cape Corruptibles is encouraged to organize any activity outside the monthly potluck...there are always others who would love to join you in a new experience or venue!



We are preparing our home for

the second potluck dinner of the year for our new group.

We have about 30 of our members attending with a recipe from their hometown.

Boston Baked Beans from MN. Chicken Speedies from NY and the signature drink of the Baltimore Preakness, the Black Eved Susan.

We are a very fun-loving group, and everyone has enjoyed the group so far.

We are planning dinners, card playing, comedy clubs, kayaking and many other things.

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.....NOT!



The November new residents had a great first pot luck on Thursday evening, December 14. Good food and company, lots of laughs and a new name for the group were on the agenda.

Members chose the name "Galloping Geckos" from a long list of suggestions that included names such as "Southern Comfort" and "Snow Crabs." Volunteers will meet soon to design and plan a new table sign and name tags.



Yet-to-be-Named December 2017 Reporter - Mary Bauer

Many members of the yet unnamed December group attended the meet-and-greet social on December 11th at the home of Diane and Bob Nelson.

In addition to a name, the group still needs a leader, but chose a reporter.

Rich and Jan Bell offered to host the first potluck in January. Three other members have offered to host through April, so we're off to a roaring start!



Well, by the time we read this in January, we will all have said goodbye to 2017. What a year for our Singles group! The Club has recognized the importance of mainstreaming our growing network by adding our monthly event to the calendar and adding a monthly report like this. New members are getting involved with the Singles group within weeks or even days of joining the NRC!

We had a record turnout of Singles at the Christmas dance! What a blast! We all made it onto the dance floor! Allan even sang along with the band to one song.

We had a good turnout for both our rib special at Stevie tomato's and the lobster special at Twisted Lobster.

Because this is an early submission of the report, I expect to have a rave review of our December 17 holiday party in next month's issue.

If you are new to the NRC, or just have questions about getting involved with our activities you can contact me at:

dksimp2@comcast.net.

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NRC GROUP NEWS

Keep your eye on the Singles Facebook group page to join in other impromptu goings-on around town. If you would like to join the private Facebook group, contact me to be invited in.



The Golfers

Reporter -Frank Radochonski frankrado51@gmail.com

A group of us get together most Wednesdays for a round of golf and a couple for cold ones at the 19th hole. We play all local courses in Fort Myers and Cape Coral.

There is an NRC golf outing every Tuesday that is organized by Bev Cramer. They play nine holes at a very reasonable price of \$11.00. This would be good for the beginners as well as those who only want to play nine holes. Her email address is bvcramer@yahoo.com.

You can contact me to get on the list for other golfing adventures at frankrado51@gmail.com.



cooter Group

Reporter — Dennis Appel appelden@yahoo.com

Come join us! We explore area neighborhoods, parks and beaches, with breaks for food and refreshments. Join us for a slower-paced journey through SWFL on two wheels.

Contact Dennis Appel, 734-476-8856, or appelden@yahoo.com



CC Ryders had a large attendance at our Dec 13th planning meeting/pot luck. Thirty-two people attended and we had a BLAST! We had a ride December 17th to Sanibel and Captiva. Great riding weather. On January 7th we will be riding to Clewiston and having lunch at Scotties. A few of the rides planned include the Naples Zoo, Solomon's Castle (again), Babcock Ranch, the Botanical Gardens, Thunder on the Bay in Sarasota and Boca Grande.

Check out our *CC Ryder* page on Facebook–go to "Groups" and you'll find us.

We are now meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at a member's home for a planning meeting/pot luck. Lots of socializing, delicious food and then a general discussion of where we might ride during that month. Usually rides are planned well in advance and a *CC Ryder* member volunteers to lead the ride. We have both weekday and weekend rides.

The Ladies of CC Ryder generally have a monthly "ladies luncheon" and the guys just started meeting for breakfast each Monday morning AT 9:00am at Mel's Diner on Pine Island Road. Come join us for breakfast. Great fellowship throughout the month!

If you're interested in the *CC Ryders*, give Rick Wise a call (207.772.1800) or send him an email at rickw@insds.com. He can answer any questions you may have

LET'S RIDE !!!!!!



jective is to have fun!

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For more info and to get on the email list, contact me at 239-839-3454, or email me: colonialdog@icloud.com



Kayak Group

Reporter — Robert Pruiett rjpruiett.nrc@gmail.com

We *Kayakers* are on hiatus for the month, but will get started again after the holidays. Please contact me for more information; Robert Pruiett, 512-923-9886, or email Ripruiett.nrc@gmail.com



The New Residents *Book Club* met Friday, December 8th. There were ten of us! Karen is looking into a larger conference room so all will be able to join in on the fun.

Our next meeting is January 12th at 9 AM. We meet in the 1222 Executive Building at 1222 SE 47th St. We will be discussing selections for next year.

For more information, email Karen Solgard: karen@solgard.com





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another 130 to "Toys for Tots."











We replenish the ranks with our newest members, the *December Group*

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Welcoming Newcomers for 50 Years

Welcome to Cape Coral, your own slice of Paradise!

In 1967 the New Resident Club of Cape Coral was established by Helen Peck as a way to give newcomers the opportunity to exchange ideas and form friendships. The tradition continues today in this, our 50th year.

Membership is open to anyone who has resided in Cape Coral for three years or less. If you've been here longer than that, you can still join the NRC; every September is "open enrollment" for all residents, regardless of length of residency.

The two-year membership fee is \$45 per person.

Everyone joining will be members of a group consisting of those starting that month. Commonly the groups number two to three dozen. Each group holds its own activities as well as participating in events held by the NRC as a whole

After two years of NRC membership, you will "matriculate" with your group to become a graduate member. You are still in the NRC and, as a graduate, strongly encouraged to continue to attend all NRC

meetings, activities and events, as well as continuing your group activities with other Club members.

The NRC holds a general meeting at 9:15 am on the first Tuesday of each month at the Yacht Club.

Please join us at the general meeting for coffee and a light snack, and get acquainted with the most dynamic social group in the Cape. We welcome you!

For additional information, visit the NRC website at:

www.capecoralnewresident.com, or contact Robert Pruiett, 512-923-9886

Spring Training Baseball

Hammond Stadium

We have 75 first-base-line seats for each of these PRIME, hard-to-get-tix-for games.

Tuesday, February 27th Twins vs Red Sox Evening game. \$23 pp (\$25 credit card)

Saturday, March 22nd <u>Twins vs Yankees</u> Afternoon game. \$27 pp (\$29 credit card)

SIGN UP NOW

Seats go on sale at the January General Membership Meeting, then online at: CapeCoralNewResident.com, or

email Nancy Cohen at CapeActivities@gmail.com

HOCKEY- Wednesday, February 28 - Germain Arena

Our Florida *EVERBLADES* vs the Jacksonville *ICEMEN*. We have 35 seats in the comfy Club Level, Section 102, Rows 3-6. We will have a great view of the game. \$2 Hot Dogs, Drafts, and Wine. \$28 pp (cash or checks) \$30 (credit card)