

# The Grove Fun Times

January 2019

**HAPPY NEW  
YEAR - 2019**

Sign-up sheets on bulletin  
board across from library



## **End of the Year Activities**

Christmas Cards boxes are full of cards from your friends and neighbors waiting to be picked up. Please stop by the library to pick yours up.

## Ornament Hanging Party

*On Friday, November 30th the Grovers were honored by the management of the Grove at the annual resident ornament hanging party. Each resident was represented by an individual ornament with their last name written on it was hung on the two Christmas trees.*

*Patty Etheridge impressed us all with her delicious homemade Chicken Pot Pie loaded with tender tasty chicken and vegetables and covered with a golden crust. All in attendance enjoyed the pot pie, salad Christmas cookies, spiced cider, coffee and tea.*

*Thanks to all that made this a joyous time at the Grove.*

## **Our crafty ladies show off snowflakes they made in one of the Craft Classes.**

Our December craft was to learn to make snowflakes from paper towel and toilet paper rolls. Everyone was very creative with their design. Morgan designed a cat face and Maureen designed an angel. It was a fun class with lots of laughter. And they learned a technique that they can make many other decor items other than snowflakes. **Our craft classes are the 3rd Monday at 1:00. Sign up for the class in the craft room. Dianne is working on a fun project for January.**



## The First Annual *JOYFUL FRIENDS* CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX EVENT

The First Annual *JOYFUL FRIENDS* CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX EVENT was held on December 9 at our clubhouse. An overwhelming attendance of 52 Grove ladies along with some of their friends showed up toting boxes filled with Christmas gifts to be delivered to children in Florida that were affected by Hurricane Michael. The ladies enjoyed a frenzy of wrapping gifts, door prizes (including gift certificates from Whacked Out Weiner and Gelato Joe's), cake, punch and lots of laughs. A "Blessing of the Boxes" took place where the ladies held hands and prayed over the boxes for safe delivery to the children receiving them.

Over 110 boxes left our clubhouse and were delivered to Pastor Judd Sessions of Foley Assembly of God ... then the number of boxes was increased by 75+ from members of his congregation! Finally, our boxes were then transported from Foley to Malone Elementary and Sneads Elementary Schools in Sneads, Florida to be distributed to the children.

Special thanks to Leslie Miller, Jeff Miller, Nancy Woodward, Joyce Scheuer and Fred Shelton who stepped in to help during the fun day – it was greatly appreciated!

Grove ladies, you demonstrated what big hearts you have - so full of kindness, generosity and willingness to help others. Each of you should be very proud to be a part of something so meaningful. I'm thankful for each of you and I pray that you and your families receive God's richest blessings for a happy and healthy 2019.

Barbara Shelton, Founder *Joyful Friends of Lower Alabama* (See [daily inspirations on our \*Joyful Friends\* Facebook page](#)). **"In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" ~Acts 20:35~**



## JOYFUL FRIENDS...



### **Important.... Please attend**

The next Grove Volunteer Activities meeting is Thursday - January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 to discuss existing and new events for 2019. This your opportunity to participate in open discussion of various plans and ideas to be offered to us in 2019. Everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting and to sign up to help with upcoming events.

**TENTATIVE EVENTS HAPPENING AT THE GROVE IN JANUARY.  
 FURTHER DISCUSSION AT THE COMMUNITY MEETING  
 JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>.**

<b>1/9</b>	<b>Wii bowling picking teams 1:00</b>
<b>1/16, 1/23 &amp; 1/30</b>	<b>Wii bowling 1:00</b>
<b>1/12</b>	<b>Silent Auction 2-4</b>
<b>1/18</b>	<b>LRC 7:00 PM</b>
<b>1/21</b>	<b>Meet &amp; Greet Pizza Party 4:00 PM</b>
<b>1/22</b>	<b>Testing 1,2,3 9AM-12 - in all rooms except Billiards Room</b>
<b>1/25</b>	<b>Single Mingle 6-8PM</b>
<b>1/26</b>	<b>Winter Wonderland Dance 7-10PM</b>
<b>1/29</b>	<b>ABC's of Medicare 10:30 AM</b>



519-2259.

## Reports.....

### GROVE VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES MEETING

Tuesday, December 4, 2018  
Community Center 10:00am

Meeting was called to order by Patty Etheridge with approximately 85 Grove residents present. Patty announced that due to the growth of The Grove, she (Patty) will be focusing primarily on sales and Kathy Olewiler will be taking over as Social Director. Kathy then took over as chairperson for this meeting.

**Treasurer** – Joanne Smith reported a current balance in the Grover's' fund of \$4,032.70. This includes an expenditure for a bike rack (\$359.12) and income and expenses for the new directories.

#### Activities –

Happy Hour – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month. Mary Abel reported that attendance is increasing.

Calendar – (Dolly K.) The deadline is the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month. Dolly is assuming that if a regular event falls on a holiday, that event will be canceled for the month.

Newsletter – (Pat Weaver) The deadline is the 24<sup>th</sup> of the month. Pat asked that articles and pictures be emailed to her at [grovenews19@gmail.com](mailto:grovenews19@gmail.com) or text her at 601-

Art with Wally – Wally completed a 5 week class on watercolors. He will teach another watercolor class Jan 17 – February 28. A sign-up sheet will be posted. Cost is \$30 for supplies, unless you wish to use your own.

Exercise – (Dianne P.) Chair exercise continues at 9:00 am on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The class is now doing a yoga version every other Wednesday and a walking class after each chair exercise class. (Maria F.) Aerobics class is at 8:30 am on Tuesday and Thursday.

Trivia – (various hosts) 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Volunteers are needed to host in 2019. A sign-up sheet is being posted.

Bingo – Still being played on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 6:30 pm.

Ladies Lunch – (Mary R.) 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday. If you have signed up, please check in at the clubhouse prior to 11:00 am. Christmas lunch at Luna's.

Men's Breakfast and Lunch – (Rod C.) Breakfast will be at 7:45 am Dec. 6 at MJ's in Elberta. Lunch is at Longhorns at 11:15 am Dec. 11. Will start again in January.

Bunko – (Mary R.) 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:30 pm. Will not be held on Dec. 24. Good attendance

– about 20 people last time. Bring \$3 to play, a snack to share (optional) and beverage of choice.

Crafts – (Kathy O./Dianne P.) 1<sup>st</sup> Monday is Open Class. Yesterday was our project class – making snowflakes. We had 16 ladies present and had a lot of fun.

Game Night/Dominoes/Polish Poker – Game night is Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Card games are dwindling; dominoes (every Thursday at 7:00 pm) are increasing in attendance. Polish Poker is the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6:00 pm.

Bible Study – (Jerry W.) Every Thursday at 10:00 am. Now studying the Book of Romans. Everyone is welcome. Recent attendance has been about 24 people.

Ideas for New Activities/Events – We have some ideas to work on, but will be posting a new sheet for more suggestions.

## UPCOMING

Homeowners Insurance – Barbrena Johns from First Baldwin Insurance will be here Thursday, December 6, at 2:00 pm to talk about insurance – things that are changing, what you need to know, etc. Even if you do not have insurance with her, she will be happy to answer your questions.

LRC – Connie McCandless will be hosting the

LRC (Left-Right-Center) game beginning in January. LRC will be every month at 7:00 pm on a Friday night. There will be 5, 10 and 25 cent tables. Bring nickels, dimes or quarters to play.

**Mingle for the Single** – **New Event**– A get-together for single Grovers will be scheduled in January. The purpose of this event is to offer all singles a chance to discuss challenges that a single person may encounter and a chance to organize activities that appeal to singles.

Christmas Dinner – (Mary R.) Christmas Day at 1:30 pm. Nan reported that there will be a sign-up sheet posted. Ham and desserts will be provided. Bring a side dish to share.

Dirty Santa – (Nan and Mary R.) Wednesday, Dec. 12, 6:00 pm. A sign-up sheet is posted – Dec. 8 is the cutoff date. Bring a gift of \$15-\$20 if you want to play, or just come and watch the fun. There will be an Ugly Sweater Contest and door prizes. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be there.

New Year's Eve – (Susan C.) Monday, Dec. 31, 6 – 9 pm in the clubhouse. There will be catered appetizers, champagne punch for toasting, and music. Bring your own hats, horns, cameras, etc. and BYOB for additional imbibing. A vote was taken and the expenses will be covered by the Grovers' Fund. A sign-up sheet will be posted.

Christmas Eve Caroling – Susan Crowell volunteered to organize a Golf Cart Caroling

event. Lyrics will be provided. Shut-ins and others will be visited. Decorate your golf cart and meet at the clubhouse at 3:00 pm, Monday, Dec. 24.

### **123 Testing –New Event**

Kathy has arranged for the 123 Group (doctors, nurses, pharmacists) to come to the Grove on Jan. 22, 2019, from 9 am to 12 pm. They will be doing confidential testing of individuals for memory and balance issues. It is a free service; no insurance required. Takes about 20 minutes to determine if you have issues that need to be discussed with your doctor. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Wrap Party – Barbara Shelton has organized a program for volunteers to fill shoe boxes with items for kids from 2 to 10 years old. She is working with the Foley Assembly of God, who will take the gifts to an area north of Mexico City, FL for distribution. The “wrap party” (gift wrap the boxes) will be Sunday, Dec. 9, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm – expecting about 30-40 ladies to participate.

USO Party – Althia announced that \$929 was raised at November's event to give to a Vet in need. She has identified a recipient, a Navy vet who lives in Robertsdale. He is 78 years old, in a wheel chair, and has no family. The money could be used for his electrical bills, a Walmart gift card, and some pocket money. A vote was taken and approved to make this donation, as the money was deposited in the Grovers' Fund.

Sassy Seniors – (Rose Jordan) This large tap dance group will perform on stage at the Grove at 3:00 pm on Sat., Dec. 22. Rose will be featured in several solos. The Grove will provide cookies and juice. Donations are appreciated.

Ice Cream Social – (Beverly P.) The Ice Cream Social will continue every Sunday at 6:30 pm.

Fish Fry – (Gary Walbridge) There will be a Fish Fry on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 2019.

Clean-up the Clubhouse – Bill Groves requested that the large trash cans behind the clubhouse be used by post event clean-up groups. Debbie Adams expressed her appreciation for the good job being done by these groups and others who use the clubhouse for any activity.

Use of Grovers' Fund – Discussion was held about using money from the Grover's' Fund. Expenditures should be voted on and approved by this committee, such as, was done for the Bike Rack. However, it is not always possible to do so due to the time frame of money needed, for instance, for an event that was not planned well in advance. The subject was tabled until the next meeting at which time a procedure may be approved for this purpose.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 3, 2019, at 10:00

## **Introduction of our new Social Director**





Kathy Olewiler

*"I am very excited to be hired as Social Director for the Grove. We moved to the Grove in June of 2014 from Spokane, WA. Over the years I have planned 1 or more Halloween, Mardi Gras, Christmas, and July 4<sup>th</sup> parties. I have worked on Memorial Day and USO parties. Also was the Welcome person for 2 years and team leader for the welcome team for 1 year.*

*Here's an overview of my past work experiences. I managed Northwest Fabrics and Crafts for 18 years. Was hired as a cashier and 1 year later promoted to store manager. Some of the events we were involved in were spring & fall bridal fairs, spring and fall home & garden expo, quilt shows and Spokane Interstate Fair. Planned craft classes, advertising and all events. Was teacher liaison for School District 81 For the next 6+ years I was customer relations manager for 4 car dealerships In that position I was responsible for maintaining high CSI and SSI scores for each dealership. Scheduling training as needed. Planned the Christmas parties and monthly meetings. Handled all customer complaints for sales, service and body shop resolving to maintain customer retention. My last 8+ years I was a marketer and move-In*

*coordinator for Fairwinds Retirement Community. We were the pilot program for the new Move-In Coordinator position and I designed the program and helped train other move-in coordinators for the company. I set up a wait list program for seniors not ready to move yet, planning special events for them. Scheduled advertising and meeting with many community groups. Assisted the move in process for all residents, independent and assisted. Worked with the assisted living nurse and staff as needed. Over those 8+ years I planned many events too numerous to list.*

*I'm looking forward to working with team leaders and teams to fill the calendar with exciting new events. This is a new era and with your input of ideas and working together we can enjoy adding more events, speakers, entertainment and simply enjoying each other's company. Stay tuned for a FUN FILLED 2019!"*

Kathy Olewiler

**Check the bulletin board across from the library to sign up for upcoming events!!!**

**New Grove Golf Schedule at Foley Golf Links**

By Diana Nichols

**Grove Activities Reports**

"I have renegotiated our tee times and firmed up the discount rate for Grove Golfers.

We now have every Tuesday for Grove golfers to get the Grove rate. Tee time is from 0800-0900.

The Grove rate is \$20.00+tax for 18 w/cart - (this is a great discount over the regular rate of \$27.50 +tax) and for those who just want to do a quick 9 the rate is \$15 +tax for 9 with a cart.

In order for Golf Links to know how many Grovers to expect, and when, **PLEASE call the day before to make your tee time.**

Give your name and that you are a Grove Golfer, tee time you will be there, and if 9 or 18 holes.

This will offer more chances to play at the reduced rate.

All Grovers are welcome to join the Grover Golfers on Tuesday mornings at Foley Golf Links which is 5 min from the Grove on CR-12 and AL HWY-59.

If there is an interest in having a scramble sometime in the future or after a few weeks of play, let me know and I will work with Golf Links to set something up.

The new day and time will be effective next week, December 11 and every Tuesday thereafter. Grovers--please pass this info to any new residents. A new flyer will be posted on the bulletin board."

## **Pool Available 24/7**



Pool table is located in the Community Center which is open all the time. Residents can either practice alone or get a game started whenever.



## **Grove Library and Computer Access 24/7**

Pick out a book or cruise the internet anytime you want. The Grove Library is open for your convenience to select a book to take home to read on the honor system. Wifi is available at the

Community Center for you to use your laptop or to use one of the computer in the library.

## **Sunday Ice Cream Social 6:30 pm**

What a sweet way to end one week and start a new week. Beverly & Martin Prokop are the hostesses and they provide several flavors of Blue Bell ice cream and toppings while others bring in cakes or cookies to serve with the ice cream. Decaf and regular coffee is available.

Grovers usually spend about an hour visiting with each over ice cream and coffee. A donation basket is on the counter for those who wish to donate a dollar. Come to visit with others over ice cream.

## **Chair Exercise & Walk a Mile - Monday-Wednesday-Friday mornings at 9 am**

**Led by Dianne Pawlawski**

“Chair exercise class is a low pact exercise that strengthen the abdominal core and improves balance and flexibility in all areas of the body. Anyone can benefit from this 30-minute class. Immediately following chair exercises a video instructed class to walk 1 mile to walk off the pounds or Sunday night ice cream which last about 20 minutes.”

## **Low Impact Exercise Class Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am**

**Led by Maria Flanagan**

“Start your Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings at 8:30 am by attending my low impact exercise class. I use a chair and light weights or no weights (depending on exercise). You can do as much as you can - no drill training here. All the exercises here can be done on a chair. My goal is to just get

everyone moving.. . So come and join our 45 minutes of aerobics toning, balance, and stretching.-  
See you there. ~Maria”