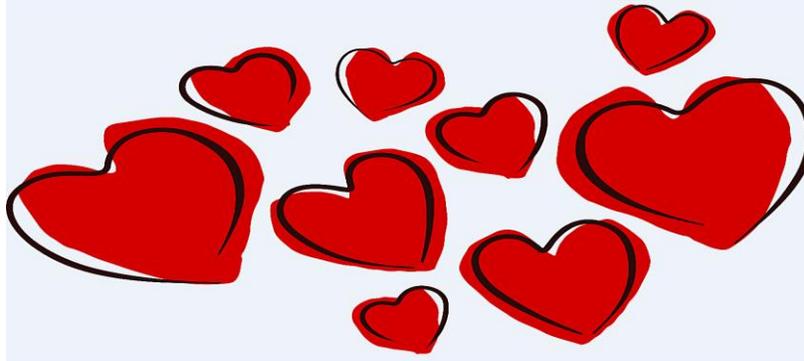


SPOONBILL NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026



SPOONBILL EVENTS:

Group members will receive invitations for events from the group leaders. You will be able to RSVP in response to that email. If you are interested in a group, please email SpoonbillNeighbors@yahoo.com for information on groups and how to join.

- **Dining Out with Neighbors**-The Dining Out group will not meet in February. Invitations and details will be sent to group members in early March for our next get together. Everyone is welcome whether you have a partner or come solo! For more information on the group, email Lisa Stern at sternl2001@aol.com.
- **Book Club** – The next meeting of the Book Club will be Tuesday, February 10 at 2:00 at Louise Nelson's home. The Club is exploring different genres of books from fiction (fantasy, historical fiction, mystery, horror....) and nonfiction (history, biography, science...). There are selections for all book lovers. The discussions are interesting, lively and a great way to meet your neighbors. Please email Louise Nelson at lzn@mindspring.com if you are interested in joining. The book selection for February and March respectively, are:
 - **The Art of Racing in the Rain** by Garth Stein (love story about a man and his dog!)
 - **The God of the Woods** by Liz Moore (mystery)

GoGos 2.0 – The Marsh Creek GoGos (Girls Out Goofing Off) have quite the lineup to kick off the new year. If you'd like more information about the GoGos, please contact letitiajolly@gmail.com. Come join the fun!

In January, the GoGos toured the new St. Johns County Mosquito Museum, officially known as the Anastasia Mosquito Control District's Disease Vector Education Center. Our tour included a helicopter flight simulator modeled after mosquito control spray missions, a "bug wall" with insects, and microscopes for

viewing these pesky critters. We also learned about the mosquito life cycle, diseases like Zika and West Nile, and the role of local mosquito control. Pictures from this outing are featured at the end of the Newsletter.

On February 12, the GoGos are returning to the Elks Lodge to play BINGO at 5:45. Last year, we had several ladies rolling in dough with their winnings. If you haven't signed up yet, please RSVP to Tish Jolly at letitiajolly@gmail.com.

It will be a patriotic outing in March as the GoGos attend the *Journey Americana* performance by the St. Augustine Community Chorus on March 8 at 3:00 at the Ancient City Baptist Church. The performance is scheduled to include songs from multiple genres and decades and uniquely reflect the United States and the people who live here. Each individual planning to attend needs to purchase her own ticket individually in advance. Early bird tickets are \$25 before February 8. Please RSVP to Lisa Stern at sternl2001@icloud.com and Tish Jolly at letitiajolly@gmail.com if you plan to attend and let us know you have purchased your ticket.

An overnight trip is planned for The GoGos to Williston and Ocala to see the horses on March 21-22. Penny Jones has put together a wonderful outing to explore the World Equestrian Center and the Grande Liberte Farm in Willison for a live performance featuring magnificent horses and world class riders, dancers, aerialists, and musicians. On Sunday, a visit to the Cedar Lakes Woods and Gardens is planned for an easy walking tour of the gardens. Overnight accommodations are \$277 for 2 in a room, \$35 for the show, \$12 for the gardens, as well as Saturday dinner and Sunday lunch. If you haven't signed up yet, please contact Penny Jones at dpjones02@gmail.com or Tish Jolly at letitiajolly@gmail.com for more information.

- **Happy Hour** – The Happy Hour group will meet Friday, February 20. Anyone interested in signing up for this fun group, please contact Lorri Maloney at lmaloney58@gmail.com.
- **Lunch Bunch** – Lunch Bunch will meet Thursday, February 26 at a restaurant TBD. Interested in joining? Contact Angela Siragusa at staug15@gmail.com.
- **Whiskey Group** - Whiskey lovers will reschedule the January Penelope tasting and get the word out to group members. If anyone is interested in joining this group, contact Mike Blaker at mike.blaker@gmail.com.
- **Wine Lovers** – Wine Lovers will meet Saturday February 28 for a Wine tasting with food to match. Connect with Mark Turgeon at turgeon.mark@gmail.com for more information or to join this group.

- **Mexican Train-** This month's train will play on Tuesday, February 17. E-mail invites will go out to the group. If interested in joining, please contact Nancy Hill at sunrosefam5@msn.com.
- **Dining In –**The four couples in Spoonbill Neighbors Dining In Group began the 2026 season enjoying a delicious meal of chicken quesadillas appetizer followed by pork tenderloin, roasted sweet potatoes, broccoli and a decadent chocolate mousse cake. After dinner we played a game of Apples and Apples which took a tie breaking round to determine the winner. Dining In is a fun way to enjoy good food and friendship in the comfort of your home. For more information about this group please contact Meri-Kathryn Peed at MKPeed@aol.com.
- **Walking Group-** Interested in this group? Contact Sue Whittle for more information at sue@whittle.com.
- **Welcome Committee-** If you would like to be a Welcome ambassador, there is room on the team. Please email Carol Lorenc at chlorenc@comcast.net.

Until next month—



Cheers!!!
Lorraine and Patty

Some pictures from the GoGo's outing!

