

APRIL 2026 SPOONBILL NEWSLETTER



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.

- **American Sign Language Conversation** – The ASL group will meet April 1. Members will meet monthly in neighbors' homes to learn American Sign Language (ASL) with the goal of being conversant. If interested, please contact Meri-Kathryn Peed at mkpeed@aol.com.
- **Book Club** - The Club will meet April 14 to discuss *The Queen's Gambit* by Walter Tevis. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month from 2-4. The discussions are interesting, lively and a great way to meet your neighbors. Please email lzn@mindspring.com by April 11 to confirm attendance for the April 14 meeting.
- **Dining In** - Dining In is a fun way to enjoy good food and friendship in the comfort of our homes. For more information about this group please contact Meri-Kathryn Peed at MKPeed@aol.com.
- **Dining Out with Neighbors** - Thank you to Lori Konkel for arranging a great evening March 26 at Raintree Restaurant. The group will not meet in April, but look for an invitation early in May with details about our next gathering. If you are not already a member of our group, please consider joining! Contact Lisa Stern at sternl2001@aol.com.

- **GoGos 2.0** - Springtime is here, and the GoGos are on the go! Our March events were enjoyed by all!
 - A big thank you to Lisa Stern for coordinating our outing to the *Journey Americana* performance by The Saint Augustine Community Chorus. The program had us dancing in our seats!
 - Thank you also to Penny Jones who planned an overnight trip to the World Equestrian Center. The trip included an amazing horse show and a walking tour of the beautiful gardens at Cedar Lakes Woods. The gardens have an incredible history of transformation from an abandoned mine and polluted swamp to a stunning attraction. See pictures at the end of the newsletter. cedarlakeswoodsandgarden.com/history

Upcoming events include:

- April 16 - Dianna Christakos arranged a special. tour of the St. Photios National Shrine for Thursday, April 16. You may have walked past this historic location at 41 St. George St; the building is one of 30 remaining houses within the historic district pre-dating 1821 and was once the site of a Minorcan Chapel. We will lunch at Columbia Restaurant at 11:30, prior to the tour. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to letitiajolly@gmail.com.
- May 11 - We will have a private tour of the St. Francis National Guard Barracks, Museum, and Cemetery Monday, May 11 at 1:00. The barracks originated as a Franciscan Monastery in the early 1700s and presently serves as the Florida National Guard Headquarters. Parking has been arranged in the lot across the street. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to letitiajolly@gmail.com.

If you'd like more information about the GoGos, please contact Tish Jolly at letitiajolly@gmail.com. Come join the fun!

- **Happy Hour** - The Happy Hour group will meet Friday April 17. There is already a wait list for this fun event, so add your name to the list if you would like to take the place of any last-minute cancellations. Anyone interested in signing up for this fun group, please contact Lorri Maloney at lmaloney58@gmail.com.
- **Lunch Bunch** - Lunch Bunch will meet Thursday, April 23 at 11;30 at Purple Olive. Interested in joining? Contact Angela Siragusa at staug15@gmail.com.
- **Mexican Train** - This month's train will play Tuesday, April 7. E-mail invites will go out to the group. If interested in playing Mexican Train, please contact Nancy Hill at sunrosefam5@msn.com.
- **Walking Group** - The Walking Group will meet at the Yacht Club Tuesday April 21 at 9:00 for a "Yachts to Quarries" walk. From the Yacht Club we will walk through a neighborhood, into the State Park trail to the Spanish Quarries and

possibly beyond! Interested in this group? Contact Sue Whittle for more information at sue@whittle.com.

- **Whiskey Group** - Whiskey lovers will meet in April. Date and theme are TBD. An email will be sent to the group when details are available. If anyone is interested and would like to join us, contact Mike Blaker at mike.blaker@gmail.com.
- **Wine Lovers** - Wine Lovers will meet Friday April 24 at 6:00. This month our hosts are Chris McGlade and Mimi Ianuzzi. The theme is TBD! Connect with Mark Turgeon at turgeon.mark@gmail.com for more information or to join this group.
- **Welcome Committee** - If you would like to be a part of this team and welcome new neighbors, please Email Carol Lorenc at chlorenc@comcast.net.

Until next month--



Cheers!!!
Lorraine and Patty

Pictures from the GoGos trip.

