

JUNE 2026

SPOONBILL NEWSLETTER



SPOONBILL EVENTS

Group members receive event invitations from group leaders. Please be sure to RSVP if you wish to attend so hosts may plan accordingly. If you RSVP in the affirmative and need to cancel, kindly advise the group leader and host as many events have a waitlist. Interested in joining a group? We'd love to have you! Simply email SpoonbillNeighbors@yahoo.com for information on groups and how to join.

- **Community Outreach** – We are exploring new volunteer opportunities. No outreach projects are currently scheduled.
- **American Sign Language Conversation** – This group is practicing basic American Sign Language in a relaxed, home-based setting. Monthly classes are guided, with a focus on participants' goals. Meetings are currently on hold; we hope to resume soon. If interested, please contact Meri-Kathryn Peed at mkpeed@aol.com.
- **Book Club** - The Book Club will meet June 9 at 2:00 to discuss *The Girls in the Still House* by Kelly Mustian. Please RSVP to lzn@mindspring.com to confirm attendance. Book Club will be on hiatus during July and August. To join this group

and enjoy thoughtful conversation, please contact Louise Nelson at lzn@mindspring.com.

- **Dining In** - Dining In is an intimate group enjoying food, friendship and conversation in the comfort of our homes. Presently, four couples meet once per month at a member's home for a delicious dinner prepared by everyone in the group. New members are welcome. For more information about this group, please contact Meri-Kathryn Peed at MKPeed@aol.com.

- **Dining Out with Neighbors**

The next gathering of Dining Out with Neighbors will be July 9. Keep an eye out for invitations later this month and kindly RSVP if you are joining us.

Sixteen neighbors enjoyed a delicious evening together at the French Pantry in May. Thank you to Brian and Louise Nelson for organizing this event. If you are not a member of the Dining Out group, we'd love for you to dine with us! Contact Lisa Stern at sternl2001@aol.com

GoGos 2.0 – Sharon Wasmer coordinated a sunset cruise aboard the *Schooner Freedom* on Sunday, June 28. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the *Schooner Freedom* directly to check ticket availability.

The GoGos enjoyed a private tour of the St. Francis National Guard Barracks, Museum, and Cemetery on May 11. The Barracks originated as a Franciscan Monastery in the early 1700s and presently serves as the Florida National Guard Headquarters. For 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, June 19 at 5:00. Bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share. You are encouraged to show off your cooking skills, although it is not required. Kindly introduce yourself to new members and give them a hearty Spoonbill welcome. No Happy Hours are scheduled in July or August, but the fun will resume in September! Please contact Lorri Maloney at lmaloney58@gmail.com to join this group or to share ideas on how to make it even more special. See pictures from our last Happy Hour at the end of this newsletter.
- **Lunch Bunch** - Lunch Bunch will meet Wednesday, June 24 at 11:30. Location is TBD. Interested in joining? Contact Angela Siragusa at staug15@gmail.com.
- **Mexican Train** – Ladies Mexican train is Tuesday, June 2 at 1:00. Many thanks to Nancy Hill for coordinating the Mexican Train group. Penny Jones graciously assumes the lead in June. If interested in playing Mexican Train, please contact Penny Jones at dpjones02@gmail.com.

- **Walking Group** –The May walk, “Underground Jacksonville” with Gary Sass of AdLib Tours was postponed and will be rescheduled. No walk is scheduled for June but we hope to resume in July. Interested in this group? Contact Sue Whittle for more information at sue@whittle.com.
- **Welcome Committee** – Every month, a team of two visits new neighbors and delivers a welcome bag with information about Marsh Creek, Spoonbill Neighbors, Marsh Creek Country Club and St. Augustine. Many thanks to Carol Lorenc for leading this team. If you would like to join us as we welcome new neighbors to our community, please contact Bonnie Farmer, who assumes leadership of this group, at bonniefarmer22@gmail.com.
- **Whiskey Group** – Whiskey lovers enjoy sampling whiskeys from different regions of the world. The group will taste tequilas in June, date and time are TBD. Anyone interested in joining may contact Mike Blaker at mike.blaker@gmail.com.
- **Wine Lovers** – Karen and Tom Smith will host a Bavarian German celebration on June 13 at 5:30. There will be German food, wine, and games. Many thanks to Sharon & Ken Wasmer for hosting fabulous wines and foods from Spain in May. The food offerings were wonderful. Connect with Mark Turgeon at turgeon.mark@gmail.com for more information or to join Wine Lovers.

Spoonbill Neighbors is more than a social organization; it’s a place of connection, friendship, and shared experiences. Thank you for being part of what makes this community so special.

Until next month,
Cheers!!!

Karen and Patty



