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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.

Introducing Spoonbill Cares

We are excited to introduce a new group called "**Spoonbill Cares**", to support neighbors needing a little extra assistance or friendship during a stressful time. When someone is dealing with an illness, recovering from surgery, experiencing a loss, or just going through a difficult time, we would like to offer a card, meal, ride, phone call, or a friendly check-in. We would love to have a group of volunteers we can reach out to when a need arises. There is no set commitment, and you can help whenever and however it works for you. If being a good neighbor and helping others sounds like something you'd enjoy, we would love for you to join Spoonbill Cares! Please contact Lorri Maloney at lmaloney58@gmail.com for more information.

Save the Date!!!

The annual Spoonbill Neighbors Christmas party will be on **Sunday, December 6**. **Please save the date** for an evening of Christmas cheer, good food, and fun with neighbors and friends.

- **Community Outreach** – [The Homeless Coalition of St. Johns County](#) is hosting a one woman show, [Ophelia, Florida Suffragist](#), on Saturday, August 8, benefitting the coalition. Please consider attending to support this organization.
- **American Sign Language Conversation** – With the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind in St. Augustine, you may notice many of our businesses have deaf employees. Wouldn't it be nice to be able to say hello, thank you, or a few other greetings using ASL. One of our neighbors has agreed to teach us some basics. We began meeting in July and will determine a schedule once we see who wants to participate. If interested, please contact Meri-Kathryn Peed at mkpeed@aol.com.
- **Book Club** - Book Club offers interesting and lively discussions and is a wonderful way to connect with neighbors through a shared love of reading. We are on hiatus during August. The next meeting is scheduled for September 8 to discuss *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans, an epistolary novel. Please RSVP by August 15 if you plan to participate. To join this group and enjoy thoughtful conversation, please contact Louise Nelson at lzn@mindspring.com.
- **Dining In** - Dining In will reconvene in September. This is an intimate group enjoying food, friendship, and conversation in the comfort of our homes. Couples (and singles) 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 in September. Keep an eye out for invitations and kindly RSVP if you are joining us. Contact Lisa Stern at sternl2001@aol.com if you would like to join this group and explore local restaurants in good company.
- **GoGos 2.0** – The GoGos are on vacation until September when the fun will resume. Upcoming events include:
 - September 17** - POKENO. This game is fun, fast, and can become crazy.
 - October 15** - A food and wine tasting tour.

Details to follow. Space is limited, so be on the lookout for additional details soon and reserve your spot for these "can't be missed" outings. For more information about the GoGos, please contact Tish Jolly at letitiajolly@gmail.com. Come join the fun!

- **Happy Hour** – There is no Happy Hour in August, but the fun will resume in September! Happy Hour is held once a month on a Friday evening at a host's home in Marsh Creek. Guests bring their beverage of choice and a delicious appetizer to share while enjoying a fun and relaxing evening. Please contact Lorri Maloney at lmaloney58@gmail.com to join this group or to share ideas on how to make it even more special.
- **Lunch Bunch** - Lunch Bunch meets monthly at local restaurants for good food, great conversation, and fellowship. The next event is August 27 at [The Back 40 A1A](#) on the island. Interested in joining? Contact Angela Siragusa at staug15@gmail.com.
- **Mexican Train** - This month's train meets August 4. Mexican Train is a women's group that meets once a month at a host's home for fun, fellowship, and friendly competition. This popular domino game is easy to learn and enjoyable for all skill levels. If interested in playing, please contact Penny Jones at dpjones02@gmail.com.
- **Walking Group** – The Walking Group welcomes all who enjoy walking and connecting with others. Each walk features a new location and offers a wonderful opportunity for exercise and friendship. The next event is in September. Interested in walking with us? Contact Sue Whittle for more information at sue@whittle.com.
- **Welcome Committee** – The Spoonbill Welcome Committee dropped off information packages at five homes this month. If you are interested in being on the committee and welcoming new neighbors, please contact Bonnie Farmer, who has recently taken the reins for this group. You may contact her at bonniefarmer22@gmail.com.
We would like to thank Meri-Kathryn Peed for her service as chairperson of the Welcome Committee. Not only was she a great ambassador for the program, but she was always thinking of innovative ways to encourage new homeowners to experience all that Spoonbills has to offer. Meri-Kathryn has a grace and style that will be hard to replicate.

- **Whiskey Group** – Whiskey lovers enjoy sampling whiskeys and other spirits from different regions of the world. Anyone interested in joining may contact Mike Blaker at mike.blaker@gmail.com.
- **Wine Lovers** – Mark Turgeon and Tamara Cushing hosted their Annual Summer Patio Party with a Portugal theme. There was a diverse cross-section of the wines of Portugal, and everyone brought delicious foods from Portugal. The next event will be hosted by Lisa and Terry McGlynn on Saturday, August 29. 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

