

NAPLES GARDENS AROUND THE PARK SNIPPETS

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Today we had our last Monday morning park meeting of the 2010 season - the end of which came too soon. Have a safe trip home and we will see you next November.

Tony Gambardella wishes to thank everyone that sent cards and called over the past few weeks. Tony said, he received over 100 cards. He also, said the flowers were beautiful and commented on the message on the banner which read "Deepest Sympathy From Your Friends at Naples Gardens."

Please keep Betty Weddle and her brother-in-law Jerry's family in your thoughts and prayers. Jerry passed away last Saturday in Winter Haven. Jerry was Dale's brother and has visited our park in past years.

Also, keep Marie Van Schyndel and her brother Don's family in your thoughts and prayers. Don passed away recently.

Diana Bland wants to thank everyone for contributing to a wonderful season. Diana's Mom Norma Theriac is in the hospital and asks that you keep her in your prayers.

Sally and Bruce Johnson had to terminate their leisurely return and rush home due to the untimely death of their nephew.

Jack Essling sends along the following note,

After six months of Chemo the doctor has declared me cancer free. I began to increase stamina last week and each day I get stronger. They are still concerned about liver and have me coming in for blood work. Basically they are hoping with no further treatments my ALT AND AST blood counts will return to normal. Thank You for your prayers, jokes and encouragement over these past six and an a half months. God Bless You one & all.

On a side note, Mary and I, after a brief discussion and quick review of condo's and homes for sale in our Naples neighborhood, have purchased a home. Leaving the camping life in Florida should not be that hard. We still intend to do our normal 2 months traveling to and from Florida. Great news Jack, and good luck to you and Mary with your new acquisition.

Approximately 37 Naples Gardens residents and friends attended the Guys and Gals "not so mystery" lunch at HB's on the Gulf. I have placed pictures, taken by Sarah Grosz, in the April Photo album.

Former residents, Leo and Bettye Haas spent last season at Imperial Wilderness have returned to Naples Gardens to their old Site # 314 which they had for several years before going to Imperial. Welcome back Bettye and Leo.

I spoke with Jean Ream yesterday and she told me she is moved in to her assisted living apartment but has yet to unpack all of the boxes. She sounded cheerful and says she really misses you all and wishes she could be back in Naples. Those wishing to communicate with her may do so at,

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I received an email from Billie (Vernon) Bryant the other day. Billie says, "Getting old is for the birds! It takes me twice as long to get done what I did when I was younger." She and Vernon are still in an assisted living apartment in Toledo and that Vernon is not doing so good. He goes to an Alzheimer Day-care unit 3 days a week which Billie says helps a lot. He has difficulty walking and is becoming more disoriented. She misses you all and wishes she could be back coordinating the Aquacize sessions.

We need ideas for our annual "Theme" party so let us hear your ideas for that as well as any outside the park adventures you may want Alice to pursue. Alice Puetz our Activities Director wants to hear from you with your ideas. Alice is reachable by phone or email at, 239.200.5752 cell or email at alleysangels@yahoo.com

Alice reports that the Rec Hall Attic has been cleaned out, literally emptied, debugged, deverminized, bleached, and vermin entrance holes wire caged shut. All of the usable activities material has been cataloged and moved to the Satellite Storage shed adjacent to the picnic area.

Jack and Mary Essling Site 222 have reduced the price of their unit to \$10,000. The new price does not include next season's lot rent.

We are also lining up some "Life Experience" presentations for next season. We are planning to begin next January and already have tentative commitments from three prospects Marge Tunnell's Ecological trip to the Galapagos Islands, Barbara Rose' China Trip, and possibly a presentation on Mid-west farming.

As stated in previous newsletters, the presentations can be on most any subject that you think may have some general interest to our park residents. Foreign travel/vacations, previous work experience, such as farming, neurosurgery, etc, are some of the topics we are looking for. I will provide help in using the video projector along with your laptop for any photos you may want to show in your presentation.

I will leave the 6 monthly albums of pictures from our season's activities on my web-page until the end of September after which they will be removed. However, I do have all of the pictures that were taken during the 2009 – 2010 season in a 2 gigabyte file on a thumb drive that I will keep in case anyone wishes to copy the pictures when they return next season. Or for that matter if you send me a 2 gig thumb drive

with appropriate prepaid return USPS shipping packet, I will load the pictures and return it to you.

I just added some pictures to the April Photo Album which are viewable by clicking on my web-page link at the top left of the first page.

Dick Wilson has joined the Naples Gardens maintenance staff. Dick replaces John Golino who along with wife Kathy left for their summer work-camper locations. Welcome to Naples Gardens Dick.

My in park reporting assistant says he believes we have a first in the long history of the park. The Newport family announces the birth of son Joshua. What makes this a first is that Joshua was delivered by a Midwife right here in the Newport trailer. Congratulations to the Newport family.

The 50-50 weekly raffle available balance as of our last drawing of the season is \$63.50 and will be carried over to the 2010 – 2011 season. So come up with some ideas for additional projects.

If anyone wishes to have names added or for that matter removed from my email list, send an email to the address in the header above with your wishes.

If you do not have a computer but wish to add the email address of a friend or relative, drop a note in the Office Mail slot addressed to me with your information.

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers, as each deal with their individual family loss or medical concerns: Jean Ream, Tony Gambardella, Dot (Jim) Greenwood, Connie Cook, Marilyn (Walter) Kaehler, Tony (Jeanette) Bucci, Jack (Mary) Essling, Sally & Bruce Johnson, Marie Van Schyndel and brother Don's family, Betty Weddle and brother Jerry's family, Norma Theriac (Diana Bland's Mom) and all our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.