

Casa del Sol *** What's Up? ***** April 2022**

Life is all about perspective. If I were home in Ontario, turning the calendar to “April” would conjure thoughts of buds swelling on the trees, green shoots pushing up through the ground and birds singing their best songs to prospective mates. Yes, there is mud, but we have had enough of winter’s beauty by now, so we say “Bring it on”. Here in Casa del Sol, April means hugging friends good bye and the streets and clubhouse getting quieter again. Winter is over. For those of us who have missed seeing our friends because of Covid lockdowns, it has been wonderful to return.

Jim Baker and his army of men served breakfast again this winter and returned us to a sense of normalcy. Thanks guys for a job well done. They also made \$887 profit for our park, even though understandably, attendance was down.

Frank Brooks, Sandy Connisso and another legion of volunteers served up Strawberry Shortcake to 92 residents and we also held the Survivor Draw that lovely afternoon, adding another \$400 to the club coffers. Thanks to everyone who donated and supported these fundraising events for our community.

We jigged for St. Patrick’s Day with a dance (Thanks to Bob and Sally Peterson and crew) and raised even more funds.

March made us happy and it was fun to see family visitors in the park again.

The Ladies held their Birthday Tea and honored Pat Berei’s 101 years. The Zephyrhills Pregnancy Center was presented with a vanload of toddler clothing and items to carry on their much-needed mission.

So here we go into April. The **Activities meeting** April 6 9:00 am will be important because we make decisions on how we wish some of our funds will be spent.

The **HOA Board meeting** has been moved up to Thursday, April 7 at 10:00 am. This will be the last in-person meeting until the fall but your board members do not take the summer off and will be attending to your business all year.

There will be a **Pot Luck Dinner** Wednesday, April 6 at 5:00 pm. On the menu will be a variety of dishes from the kitchens of our talented Casa cooks, including “must-goes” which are created from items we need to use up from our pantries. (Be sure to read that correctly – I almost made a typo!).

Quilting will continue through April but **regular Bingo** will end April 11, to be replaced by 10 cent Bingo.

There will be no more **Wednesday scheduled movies** until the fall.

Casa del Sol Ladies (Mondays, 1:00 pm)

April 4 - Lunch at Outback Restaurant Leave clubhouse at 12:30 Please sign up to attend.

April 11 - Bunco Bring 25 cents. High stakes here!

April 18 - 10 cent Bingo Bring \$2.00 in dimes and a quarter.

April 25 – TBA – could be a movie, 10 cent Bingo or lunch out

Walter Lougee will once again teach **modern Square Dancing** on Wednesdays at 1:00pm beginning in January 2023.

It is fun, good exercise, makes you think and there’s always a few laughs, so take it from a former student – plan to keep Wednesday afternoons open next winter.

Frankenmuth, Michigan Get-together Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Zhenders Famous Chicken Dinners Restaurant

Gather at 11:30 am for hugs and chatter. Dinner at noon, followed by socializing.

Thanks to Peggy Quinlan for arranging this reunion. Please help her by registering by August 2.

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To our friends in Casa, please keep yourselves safe and healthy this summer until you are able to be together again in our happy community. Thank you for giving Arnold and I the privilege to be part of the Casa family over the past many years. We are so blessed. We’ll never forget the wonderful times and the forever friendships we have made. Miles won’t keep our hearts apart.

Hugs, Gail