

## CASA DEL SOL NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2023

Hello Casa residents,

We have completed the busy January calendar and will be moving on to February, but first a quick look back to give our thanks to those who helped us to enjoy the first month of 2023. After a rousing New Years Eve party (thanks to Larry and Gail, Danny and Jo and others) our volunteers are really taking care of business by removing and storing the Christmas decorations (thanks to Jerry and Sandy and others), providing pancake breakfasts (thanks to the Baker crew), staging a Meet & Greet (thanks to Bob and Sally & Frank & Sue), arranging ladies activities (thanks to Peggy Q.), and helping us with our computers (thanks Jim J.) We also enjoyed movies (thanks to Jim and June and crew). After several years of no musical jam sessions, new residents, Heinz and Linda Asmuss and friends, have stepped forward to lead some afternoon jams. January was truly a very busy and enjoyable month.

The action continues in February. Refer to the calendar for regular events and times. Special Events include another MEET & GREET, a DANCE (bring your VALENTINE!) and a SUPER BOWL PARTY as well as the regular schedule. EXTRA SPECIAL: THE PARK-WIDE SALE on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> (see below).

Of special importance to our residents are the two HOA Membership meetings: Town Hall Discussion on 2/21 and the Regular Membership meeting on 2/28. Please refer to the package you received for further information.

Janice Wright has assumed the leadership role in setting up the ALL- PARK SALE. This is the biggest source of funds that we have to provide for all of our activities as well as the broader community charities and services to which we contribute. MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Residents are reminded that they may choose to have their own sales on the same day. All donations are appreciated. Those of us who wish to donate our White Elephants (NO CLOTHING PLEASE) to the Park Sale are urged to bring their items to the clubhouse on Wednesday, 2/22 after Coffee or Thursday 2/23 in the morning for pricing. "THEME BASKETS" for raffling off are needed. Help will be needed for arranging tables, pricing, hot dog prep and sales, food service, traffic control, etc. C'mon down to participate and to help an amazing group of people who are working for the betterment of Casa Del Sol.

Just a reminder: We give to Hospice in honor of each member on their passing. We donate to the fire station crew across the street. We help the HOA keep Casa beautiful, providing shrubbery, etc. Our Quilters provide warmth to newborns. We have bought the furniture on the pool deck and contributed to the maintenance of the clubhouse floor and the shuffle board courts. Most of these benefits would not be available without the ongoing support from such events as the All-PARK SALE.

By the way, Peggy Quinlan reports that our members have contributed \$500.00 to be used to provide school lunches to under-privileged children at the West Zephyrhills Elementary School. This now annual, collection of our members' contributions is a continuation of a program begun by Mrs. Mary Smith, one of our long term residents, now passed. Mary saw a need and stepped up to care, truly in the tradition of Casa Del Sol. Another by the way: Did you know that the United States Postal Service has a program that will send you a daily e-mail informing what mail is to arrive that day? You can subscribe to this service on the Postal Service website. Look for the "INFORMED DELIVERY" reference.

Recent schedule changes: The Square Dancing has been discontinued. The Men's Coffee, held for years on Mondays, has been moved to Tuesdays beginning February 7<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM.

Best Wishes for a safe and healthy February and beyond,  
Bill P