

C.O.C.A. NEWS



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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you to all volunteers and members for making this community so special.

C.O.C.A. FUNCTIONS & SOCIALS

(Submitted by Dana McGrath)



A big thank you from McG and the Social Committee! Our Tricky Tray was a success. A million thank yous to all who contributed and eleven million thank yous to those who dedicated their time and energy towards pulling it off! We made approximately \$4600 for the clubhouse!

Plans are already in the making for next year. Due to prior commitments, some of those who worked tirelessly to make Tricky Tray a success are unavailable next year early March. Therefore we are shooting towards a mid February date for our next one, 2025.

Coming up we have:

Bruncheons will now be Linner (a combination of lunch & dinner). This will allow more folks to attend on Sundays. We had our first Bruncheon on March 17, Everyone's Irish! Our very own Rick Mertz was the lucky winner of the door prize. Had you seen him later on in the day, you might have had a "pint on him"! Next one is coming up...

Speaking of coming up:
IN APRIL AND MAY:

- 4/5 @2pm Social Committee meeting
- 4/20 @9:00am Earth Day Clean Up
- 4/21 @9:00am finish up clean up Earth Day
@3:00pm Earth Day Linner
- 4/22 @5:00 pm Planting and Passover
- 5/3 @2:00pm Social Committee meeting
- 5/4 @5-6:30pm May the Fourth Be With You
Cocktail Party
- 5/26 @3:00pm Memorial Day Celebration

Sign up sheets will be available two weeks before the activity for attendance and food. We will also be working on a way to best communicate our activities. Email snail mail; we have to find a way that is conducive for all. We want y'all to join in the fun!

Best-
McG and the Social Committee

If anyone has ideas for upcoming events at the clubhouse or is interested in hosting an event, please reach out to the Social Committee. Our meetings are held at the clubhouse on the 1ST Friday of each month at 1pm. We welcome your input and are happy to assist in any way possible. Thank you!

ATTENTION ALL C.O.C.A. MEMBERS

WHO USE THE POOL!

THE POOL WILL NOW REMAIN OPEN AND ACCESSIBLE DURING PRIVATE RENTALS BUT YOU "MUST" ENTER THE POOL AT THE RIGHT-SIDE GATE ONLY!

IF THERE IS A "PRIVATE RENTAL" SIGN ON THE FRONT DOOR, DO NOT ENTER THE CLUBHOUSE THROUGH THE FRONT ENTRANCE DOOR.

THE CLUB'S BACK DOOR LEADING OUT TO THE POOL WILL BE OPEN AND YOU WILL HAVE ACCESS TO ONE RESTROOM ONLY.

TO USE THE RESTROOM INSIDE THE BUILDING.....

THE MEN'S ROOM SIGN WILL BE TEMPORARILY CHANGED TO A UNISEX RESTROOM FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN DURING THE RENTAL.

A LOCK HAS BEEN INSTALLED ON THE RESTROOM DOOR. PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOCK IT WHEN YOU ENTER THE RESTROOM.

THE LADIES ROOM WILL BE INACCESSIBLE TO POOL MEMBERS DURING THE RENTAL PERIOD AND WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE TO THE RENTAL PEOPLE AS A UNISEX RESTROOM ALSO.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

C.O.C.A. IS COMMITTED TO KEEPING OUR MEMBERS HAPPY AND THIS IS ONE WAY TO ENSURE THAT YOU CAN STILL ENJOY OUR POOL AREA DURING CLUB RENTAL EVENTS.

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL CAROL @ 267-939-3724

*THE CODE FOR THE POOL GATE IS **4958** (checkmark mandatory)*

C.O.C.A. ACTIVITIES

SUPERBOWL SUNDAY AT THE CLUBHOUSE



TRICKY TRAY AT THE CLUBHOUSE



ST. PATTY'S DAY AT THE CLUBHOUSE



We are currently looking for someone to take over LUNCH BUNCH event. The task entails arranging the outing. Please call Carol Mertz for further details 267-939-3724.

LITERARY SOCIETY

This is really POKER Night, every Monday night at 6:45 pm at the Clubhouse. Ladies and gentlemen are both welcome to join us. If interested, come down to the Clubhouse and enjoy a fun night and maybe go home a little richer.

BINGO NIGHTS

The first, second and third Thursdays of every month are Bingo Nights. Come try your luck and meet members, both old and new. The fun starts promptly at 7:00 PM (Door opens at 6:30 PM). Please HELP by bringing small denomination bills. Don't forget to bring bingo chips or pennies or something to cover the numbers.



SHUFFLE BOARD

All shuffle-board equipment is kept in the storage room outside in the pool area. So come on out and enjoy yourselves knocking some pucks around like the good old days.

LENDING LIBRARY

For those who are new to C.O.C.A. we would like you to know that we have a lending library of magazines and books in the Clubhouse. **NOTICE:** Due to limited space in the C.O.C.A. library, please do not leave magazines over 6 months old, or any catalogs, or financial reports. Please use your own discretion when bringing books or magazines to the library. Also, do not put returned books back on the shelf; please return them to the Return Bin. All books are organized and alphabetized by author. Thank you. -- C.O.C.A. Board

TO ALL C.O.C.A. MEMBERS:

Remember, when leaving the Clubhouse, doors, windows, and the Pool Gates **must remain locked** at all times. **LIGHTS AND FANS OFF--OUTSIDE AND INSIDE.** Failure to do so, will cost us to spend more money. Clubhouse security lights come on at night and are off at 6:30am. If for some reason the alarm is tripped while you are in the Clubhouse, please wait for a Board member or a representative from the Clubhouse. or a representative from the Police Dept. to respond before you leave the Clubhouse. Thank you..... C.O.C.A. Board.

TO ALL C.O.C.A. MEMBERS

According to C.O.C.A. Rules and Regulations, member families may bring two (2) guests into the Clubhouse. However these guests may not be Crystal Oaks residents. All Crystal Oaks residents who access our Clubhouse must be C.O.C.A. members. The rationale for this rule is if one wants to use the Clubhouse, they should join C.O.C.A..... C.O.C.A. Board.

SUGGESTION BOX

Please drop your suggestions and comments, for consideration by the Board, in the Suggestion Box located near the front door. Please remember to give your name Thank you.....C.O.C.A. Board

CLUBHOUSE SIGN-IN BOOK

Please don't forget, when you come into the Clubhouse for any reason sign-in with your name and the name of any guests. **DO NOT WRITE DOWN YOUR CODE NUMBER.** This is true for anyone in your household who uses your code. There is now a separate book for the pool users. Thank you. C.O.C.A. Board.

COMMITTEES

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Dana McGrath	Social Director	845-430-4977
Al Jannen	Building & Grounds	631-487-5768

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Keith Williams 352-584-3625

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Carol Mertz 267-939-3724

Sunshine Chair:
Betty Westerfield 352-527-3270

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT

Keith Williams, 352-584-3625, is in charge of the RV compound. If you happen to be walking by the Clubhouse at night, please check that all is well. Make sure lights are out and the doors are locked. Do not confront anyone. Call a board member or 911.

C.O.C.A. RENTAL CHAIRPERSON REPORT

(Submitted by Carol Mertz)

Our Clubhouse is also available for party rentals, weddings, luncheons, including funerals and Celebration of Life memorials, get togethers etc. Please pass this info to friends. Rentals for non-members, for a four hour party, will be \$250.00 + tax; members, \$125.00, + tax; any additional time will cost only \$20 per hour. A returnable \$100 security deposit will be necessary. Set-up and clean-up time before and after parties is still one hour each. Call Carol Mertz 267-939- 3724.

SUNSHINE LADY REPORT

(Submitted by Betty Westerfield)



Deepest sympathies to Roberta Jefferey and Dee Truskowski on the Loss of their Brother.

Get Well Card was sent to Janice Cantino after surgery.

Please notify me if someone should receive a card.
Thanks, Betty Westerfield; 352-527-3270



"FRIDAY NIGHTS ON THE
C.O.C.A. POOL LANAI"

Join us on Friday evenings at 7 pm out on the pool lanai for some good conversation and music. Meet your neighbors! Make new friends! Bring your favorite snacks and beverages. **All members invited!** Hope to see you there!
C.O.C.A. BOARD

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

(Submitted by Janet O'Brien - Membership Chairperson)

Thank you to all those who have renewed their membership for 2024. We currently have 101 members and I'm looking forward to signing up more folks this year. As always, please refer new neighbors to me for a club membership. Note to current members, watch for notices on activities that are planned at the clubhouse. I'm sure many will enjoy! It's our club, join in the fun! and I'm looking forward to signing up more folks this year. As always, please refer new neighbors to me for a club membership. Note to current members, watch for notices on activities that are planned at the clubhouse. I'm sure many will enjoy! It's our club, join in the fun!

Janet O'Brien, Membership Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT:

(Submitted by Treasurer Rick Mertz)

Balances Effective as of **March 2024:**

Checking Account Balance:	\$67,386.65
Cash Bank:	<u>\$400.00</u>
For a Combined Operating Account Balance:	\$67,786.65
CD Account:	\$76,800.10
Money Market Account:	<u>\$15,436.83</u>
Total balance of all accounts:	\$160,023.58

The checking acct for **February 2024** has been balanced.

If you have any questions regarding club finances, please call Rick Mertz at 267-992-3724. Thank you



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APRIL 2024





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>Happy April Fool's Day</p> <p>Literary Society 6:45pm</p>	<p>Hand & Foot 1-4pm</p> <p>RENTAL 5:30-8pm</p>	<p>RENTAL 6-9pm</p>	<p>Hand & Foot 1-4pm</p> <p>BINGO 7pm</p>	<p>SOCIAL COMMITTEE MTG 1pm</p> <p>HAPPY HOUR AT THE LANAI 7-9pm</p>	<p>RENTAL 11-6pm</p>
7	<p>Literary Society 6:45pm</p>	<p>Hand & Foot 1-4pm</p> <p>RENTAL HOA MTG 7pm</p>	<p>Clubhouse Closed For Cleaning From 8:30-11am</p>	<p>Hand & Foot 1-4pm</p> <p>BINGO 7pm</p>	<p>RENTAL 10:15-11:15am</p> <p>HAPPY HOUR AT THE LANAI 7-9pm</p>	13
14	<p>BUNCO 1-4pm</p> <p>Literary Society 6:45pm</p>	<p>Hand & Foot 1-4pm</p>	<p>RENTAL W.I.N. 4-6pm</p>	<p>COCA BOARD MTG 10am</p> <p>Hand & Foot 1-4pm</p> <p>BINGO 7pm</p>	<p>HAPPY HOUR AT THE LANAI 7-9pm</p>	<p>EARTH DAY CLUBHOUSE CLEANUP TIME TBD</p>
21	<p>EARTH DAY LINNER 3-5pm</p> <p>Literary Society 6:45pm</p>	<p>Hand & Foot 1-4pm</p>	<p>Clubhouse Closed For Cleaning From 8:30-11am</p>	<p>Hand & Foot 1-4pm</p> <p>C.O.C.A. GENERAL MTG. 6:30pm</p>	<p>HAPPY HOUR AT THE LANAI 7-9pm</p>	27
28	<p>Literary Society 6:45pm</p>	<p>Hand & Foot 1-4pm</p>				



MAY 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 RENTAL 6-9pm	2 Hand & Foot 1-4pm BINGO 7pm	3 SOCIAL COMMITTEE MTG 1pm HAPPY HOUR AT THE LANAI 7-9pm	4 MAY THE 4th BE WITH YOU COCKTAIL PARTY 5pm
5  RENTAL 12-6pm	6 Literary Society 6:45pm	7 Hand & Foot 1-4pm RENTAL 5:30-8pm	8 Clubhouse Closed For Cleaning From 8:30-11am	9 Hand & Foot 1-4pm BINGO 7pm	10 HAPPY HOUR AT THE LANAI 7-9pm	11  ARMED FORCES DAY
12  HAPPY Mother's DAY	13 BUNCO 1-4pm Literary Society 6:45pm	14 Hand & Foot 1-4pm RENTAL HOA MTG 7pm	15 RENTAL W.I.N. 4-6pm	16 C.O.C.A BOARD MTNG 10am Hand & Foot 1-4pm BINGO 7pm	17 HAPPY HOUR AT THE LANAI 7-9pm	18 RENTAL 12-6pm
19	20 Literary Society 6:45pm	21 Hand & Foot 1-4pm	22 Clubhouse Closed For Cleaning From 8:30-11am	23 Hand & Foot 1-4pm C.O.C.A. GENERAL MTG. 6:30pm	24 RENTAL 4-11pm	25
26	27  HAPPY Memorial Day MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC 1pm	28 Hand & Foot 1-4pm	29	30 Hand & Foot 1-4pm BINGO 7pm	31 HAPPY HOUR AT THE LANAI 7-9pm	

"KITCHEN KORNER"

(Submitted by Ellen Carson)

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE JELLY ROLL



Ingredients:

- 1- 5 cups of sliced strawberries (approx. 2lb.
- 2- 1/2cup of white sugar
- 3- Cover and chill
- 4- Preheat oven to 400*
- 5- Coat a 15 x10" jelly roll pan with cooking spray line bottom with Parchment Paper, spray paper with cooking spray set aside
- 6- 2/3 cup all purpose flour
- 7- 1 teaspoon. Baking Power
- 8- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 9- Stir with whisk . Set aside
- 10- ½ cup white sugar
- 11- 5 Egg Whites
- 12- 3 Egg Yolks
- 13- 2 teaspoons grated lemon rind
- 14- 1 teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- 15- 10 oz (Approx). Strawberry Seedless Jam (prefer Smucker's)
- 16- 60z(Approx) Lemon Curd
- 17- Whip Cream

Directions:

- Place ½ cup white sugar and egg whites and egg yolks in large mixing bowl, beat with mixer at high speed until pale and fluffy (about 5 to 6 min).
- Stir in lemon rind and vanilla
- Sift half of flour mixture over egg mixture
- Fold in flour. Repeat procedure with remaining flour mixture
- Spoon batter into prepared pan evenly.
- Bake at 400* for 10 mins or until cake springs back when lightly touched in center.
- Remove from oven.
- Loosen all sides from edges of pan.
- Turn pan over on dish towel that has been dusted with powdered sugar (use small strainer or sifter for this sugar dusting).
- Carefully remove Parchment paper.
- Cool for a few minutes.
- Roll up cake and towel together.
- Set aside to cool completely.
- Unroll cake very carefully.
- Spread Lemon Curd on cake.
- Spread Strawberry Jelly leaving about 1/2"border around edge.
- Reroll your cake very carefully, holding it firm

and straight.

- Place on serving plate with seam at bottom to hold it closed.
- Slice and serve with your fresh sliced berries and Whip Cream. Serves 8. **ENJOY!**

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WELCOME... SEE YOU AT THE CLUBHOUSE!



Janet O'Brian- Membership Chairperson

APRIL/MAY BIRTHDAYS



April's birthstone is the Diamond which symbolizes Innocence and May's birthstone is the Emerald which symbolizes Love & Success.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Spike Streicher
- 2 Brian Swiggum
- 3 Mary Ann Bailey
- 5 Eileen Ambrozaitis
- 6 Kevin Daley
- 6 Toni Prins
- 7 Sue Vivian
- 9 Billy Howington
- 19 Phillip Kunselman
- 20 Dianne Shreve
- 23 David Soluri
- 24 Gloria Croteau

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Ellen Dilworth
- 6 Jeff Vogel
- 8 Gracie Ropes
- 9 Judy Grantham
- 13 Deena Afflerbach
- 14 Riley Williams
- 15 Glynnis Thompson
- 21 Peggy Golicz
- 23 Randy McMahan
- 28 Cynthia Campbell

Birthdays and holidays are wonderful to look forward to; but each little moment has its own magic.

Enjoying a sip of cider, reading a good book, raking leaves with children--we can find something to celebrate in every day,

APRIL/MAY ANNIVERSARIES



Best Wishes and Happy Anniversary to all of you.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Susan & Edward (Ed) Viera
- 16 Sherm & Glynnis Thompson
- 22 Jay & Mary Goddard
- 27 Dan & Maggie Rohring
- 28 Alex & Toni Prins

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 26 Mike & Windy Ditri
- 26 Rick & Carol Mertz
- 27 Ken & Christine Mette
- 28 Ronald & Linda Shaw

