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# MERRY CHRISTMAS



## Minstrels a Christmas Poem by William Wordsworth

The minstrels played their Christmas tune  
To-night beneath my cottage-eaves;  
While, smitten by a lofty moon,  
The encircling laurels, thick with leaves,  
Gave back a rich and dazzling sheen,  
That overpowered their natural green.

Through hill and valley every breeze  
Had sunk to rest with folded wings:  
Keen was the air, but could not freeze,  
Nor check, the music of the strings;  
So stout and hardy were the band  
That scraped the chords with strenuous hand.

And who but listened?--till was paid  
Respect to every inmate's claim,  
The greeting given, the music played  
In honour of each household name,  
Duly pronounced with lusty call,  
And "Merry Christmas" wished to all.



Meet the Owl Guys from the Ocala Wildlife Sanctuary (OWLS) they will be our guest speakers at our General Membership meeting on January 12th, 2012. A presentation will be given by "Bird of Prey" expert, Keith Belisle, President and Kenny Lane, Vice President of O.W.L.S. Our special feathered friend guest, "Hobie" the Great Horned Owl will be there as well. About 11 years ago Hobie was rescued and was an animal cruelty case. She is the diva of the sanctuary. O.W.L.S. is an all volunteer bird rescue center specializing in birds of prey. They currently have 33 owls and over 40 other rescued friends. They do over 150 free programs and tours yearly. Keith and Kenny are now expanding and rebuilding the sanctuary. A new rehab cage is in the process of being built to house an eagle.

They need your support through volunteering your time, and any donations are appreciated and thank you "For giving a hoot".

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### **It Pays to Come to The Meetings!**

It has always "paid" to come to the MWF Membership Meetings. We share information about our neighborhood, solve many of our problems, hear some great guest speakers, have fun and enjoy each others' company.

Now it can REALLY pay to come to the meetings. Beginning with our meeting on January 12, 2012, we will be drawing for a cash prize. Here's how it works.

The MWFPOA will put up \$50 to start. One name will be drawn at the meeting from the entire membership list. If that person is present, they win the pot of \$50.

If that person is not present, we will add \$25 to the pot for the March meeting and repeat the drawing. Again, if the winner is present, they take home the pot of \$75.

The process will repeat itself until the last meeting of the year in May. At that meeting, we will draw names until someone who is present wins.

We will then start the process over in July of 2012. Any time we have a winner, we will start the pot again at \$50.

So now it REALLY pays to come to the meetings. See you in January. **Jim**

### Circle of Life

I am usually pretty upbeat in my column and in my life. If you'll bear with me, I'll get there in this one too, but I simply have to start in a place much more sad than happy. We learned about 2 months ago that my father, at 87 years young, has lost his five year battle with prostate cancer. It is now only a matter of time. Inasmuch as he is both a proud and private man, he would be mortified if he knew that I actually put something like this in writing. I cannot, however, *not* think about it – all of the time.

Many of you have been there, having learned that someone you love is, all too quickly, approaching the end of their life. It causes us to reflect on our lives with them; the joys, the sorrows, the love, the lessons, and the fun. In my Dad's case, because he has reached 87 years of age, it also brings the circle of life to mind. An only child of Scottish immigrant parents, Dad fathered 3 sons. Collectively, we have fathered 4 more sons and a daughter. To date, my sons have fathered Dad's only two great grandchildren, both boys, born this year.

My father has had a great life. In many ways because of him, my twin brother and I have also had great lives (regrettably, we lost our older brother to cancer at the age of 31). Largely because of our father, our kids have had great lives. Not only are his grandchildren the recipients of some pretty good genes, but they have had the benefit of the lessons taught to us and passed down the generations.

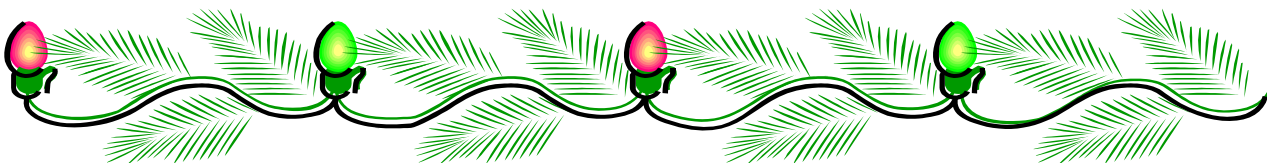
As Dad nears the end of his life here on Earth, he, and Mom of course, are responsible for a lot of happiness, a lot of success - by any measure, and an ever expanding positive impact on the world in which he has lived.

I think many of us underestimate the impact we have on the people we encounter. Sure, not all of us can be Nobel Prize winners or Hall of Fame members in our chosen professions, but we all impact everyone we touch. We can no more choose whether we will impact someone than a pebble can choose whether it will ripple the water when tossed in. We can only choose whether that impact will be positive or negative.

Your family, your church, your town, your neighborhood – all of the “communities” in which you live - need for you to *choose* to make a positive impact. Doing nothing to contribute to these groups has an impact, a negative one. Stepping up to make any of the communities in your life better will take some of your time, some of your talent, and maybe some of your money. But they will be resources well invested – maybe for generations to come.

Thanks Dad. It's been a helluva ride!

I'll see you around the neighborhood – Jim



**The Christmas food & gift drive will be Dec 10th in the morning between 8-11am.**

We are sponsoring 6 families. Below I have listed their ages, sizes, needs/wishes so if you purchase gifts for them, I need you to **please indicate the family # on the gift or gift tag** so I know what box to put it in. Also these children are on Christmas break & have no access to breakfast/school lunch programs normally provided to them so please keep this in mind in terms of food items.

**Family #18 - 2 adults & 2 Male (ages 8 & 6) 1 Female (10)**

Pants size 6 & 7 boys & 0 women's

Shirts sizes medium boys & large women's

Shoes size 1 children's & 7.55 women's

Wish/needs list - socks, underwear

**Family #22- 1 adult & 3 Females (ages 7,6 &3)1 Male (age 1)**

Pants - sizes 7,6 & 5X girls ,18-24 Boys

Shirts sizes - 7,6 5X girls, 18-24 Boys

Shoes - size 6 & 13 girls & 8 toddler

Wish/needs list item - Hannah Montana guitar, Princess Toddler sheets & blanket, walker for male toddler

**Family #23 - 1 adult & 2 Females (ages 11 & 6)**

Pants - sizes 14 Reg. & 7 girls

Shirts - sizes medium juniors & 8 girls

Shoes - size 8 women's & 3 girls

Wish/needs list - underwear

**Family # 26 - 2 adults & 3 Males (ages 14,10 &8)**

Pants - sizes 6-7 slim, 7-8 slim

Shirt size - 7/8 boys, medium men's

Shoes - 11.5, 12 boys & 10 men's

Wish/needs list - Bakugans/Beyblades, Halo Legos, boxers, socks

**Family #27 -2 adults/2 Males(ages 10 & 9) 2 Females (12& 3)**

Pants - sizes 6 boys & 6 junior girls, 4T for toddler

Shirts - sizes 6 boys, 6 junior girls & 4T

Shoes - sizes 1 boys, 6 boys, 2 women's 9 toddler

Wish list - make-up, music, video games

**Family #37 - 2 adults & 2 Males (ages 14 & 5)**

Pants - 5/6 boys & 30X32 men's

Shirts - 5/6 boys & men's mediums

Shoes - 13 kids & 12 men's

Wish/needs list - Truck, Disney DVD movies, NOW 38 CD, gift card for music, socks & underwear

If you want to deliver any items in lieu of leaving them out at the mailbox, please bring them to **15 Lake View Drive West any time prior to 12/12** or I can arrange to pick up as well.

**Maggie Berardi 861-1448 or 208-5114**

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**CERT UPDATE - NOV 1, 2011**

Another 4 weeks of training is under our belts. Next month I'll be able to share our final evaluation exercises and graduation. I think everyone has been able to walk away with more insight and understanding about the value a team like this can be for a neighborhood. We are not replacing the need for police or fire, and certainly the necessity to call 911. Honestly, we all hope we never ever have to use our skills and training. Nonetheless, there is comfort in knowing we have a group of caring individuals who join together as a whole to make MWF a better place. Something I don't believe many of us think about is the mental effects a person can endure when faced with a disaster. The example scenario that stood out for me was explained like this; Mr. A is sitting on a curb sobbing into his hands. Behind him his roof has minor damage and a few broken windows are noticeable. Mr. B sits on a curb and doesn't appear upset at all, yet behind him is a home completely demolished, barely anything remains that would indicate a home once stood there. Your first reaction would be to wonder why Mr. B isn't more distraught. To you, it appears that Mr. A should be thankful that "it's not worse" yet he's clearly beside himself. The real story is what we don't see. Mr. A, though he has minor damage, is close to bankruptcy, his homeowners insurance has lapsed and he can barely pay his bills. Mr. B however, is financially well off and knows he can rebuild with little worry. So, you can never compare crises to crises, disaster to disaster. However, you can offer support, encouragement and sensitivity. A great deal of help can be given by simply being there to listen. A big myth is not to talk about what just happened. But, talking about what just happened is a healing process so listen and let them talk. My tip for this month comes from another member;

Always keep two sets of pictures of your animals and the content of your home; Keep the second set outside your home in a secure place.

Be safe, Deni Buetow

## “Tim Tam”, What’s in a Name.....

Why do race horses have such strange names? There doesn't seem to be any real format, although some of them try to incorporate part of the monikers of their famous sires or dams. “Tim Tam” was supposedly named after a British nobleman, or, he might also have been named after Mrs. Gene Markey’s Yorkshire Terrier “Timmy”. See what I mean? Mrs. Markey owned Calumet Farm, one of the most legendary racing barns in history, where Tim Tam was bred and trained. Noble name or not, he was the son of racing royalty. Both his sire, Tom Fool, and dam, Two Lea, were members of the Hall of Fame. Two Lea’s sire was Bull Lea and her dam was Two Bob, so, OK, I get that one, sort of. Anyway, Tim Tam had a late start in his training, because another yearling fell on him in the paddock. The injury delayed his career. In his only start as a two year old with famed jockey Bill Hartack in the saddle, he came in fourth, but showed real promise. Because of his lack of experience he was forced to run more often in the preparation for the Kentucky Derby than any other winner since. His most victorious races were in FL: the Everglades, Flamingo, Fountain of Youth Stakes and the Florida Derby. This probably contributed to his place in the “Meadow Wood Farms Roads of Fame.”

By Derby Day, Tim Tam had run ten times as a three year old and won eight of those races, but the big star of the show was “Silky Sullivan” with Bill Shoemaker on board. Another favorite was “Jewel’s Reward”, whose jockey was Eddie Arcaro. Both jockeys were legends that, even I recognize. Unfortunately, Bill Hartack lost his mount on Tim Tam. The week before, the filly he was riding, tried to flip over in the starting gate breaking the jockey’s leg. Ismael Valenzuela replaced Bill and guided Tim Tam past the favorites to win by half a length. It was the seventh Kentucky Derby victory by Calumet Farm. Silky Sullivan came in twelfth. Jewel’s Reward was fourth.

At the Preakness, Tim Tam battled the same stars to win again by a length and a half. This put him in position as favorite for the third leg of the Triple Crown. By the third turn, in the Belmont, he seemed a sure winner, when he suddenly veered left and right and then flattened out altogether. Valenzuela pulled him up and he was whisked into a waiting ambulance. A radiograph revealed a badly shattered sesamoid bone in his foot. His life was saved, but his racing career ended. Despite that fact, he was named Champion Three-Year- Old Colt and eventually entered the Hall of Fame in 1985. He returned to Calumet to stand successfully at stud. He passed away in 1982 and is buried at Calumet. His trainer, Jimmy Jones, said, “....whenever they talk about a thoroughbred and all that term implies in the way of courage and class, I’ll always think of Tim Tam....” Sometimes a name takes on it’s own meaning.

Contributed by Jodie Gebhard



## LOOKING BACK AND FORWARD

I moved to Meadow Wood Farms in August 2004 from Rockledge, Florida, adjacent to “the new city” Viera, in Brevard County. My first visitor was Hazel Bowen who welcomed me to Meadow Wood Farms and immediately solicited me to join the association. She was very lucky to receive my dues check that day, as all the furniture was still in the garage while the house was being renovated from top to bottom. Hazel was indeed a gem!

I was very surprised upon attending the association meeting for the election of officers in May of 2005 to discover that no one was willing to step up to fill the vacancies of President and Treasurer. I volunteered for the Treasurer’s position and was elected. Then it was decided that someone else would take that position and viola I was the President for 2005-2006. This was not a position foreign to me as I had been president of our homeowner’s association in Rockledge. That association was a mandatory association, unlike the MWF association which is voluntary. I was fortunate to be able to serve only one term because Jim Bain, a new resident in 2006, volunteered to serve as President and was elected. A great choice.

In 2006 I became the editor of the Newsletter. I have also been very active in many other ways in the association and have enjoyed serving.

Now it is time for me to step aside and give someone else the opportunity to edit the Newsletter. Fortunately Jodie Gebhard has volunteered to serve and I wish her all the best as she takes over with the January issue.

It is my fond hope that more folks will see the benefit to being active in the association – and not necessarily just “newcomers”. It is a good organization but requires participation. There are currently openings for several Chairpersons. I would love to see a room filled to capacity at the association meetings. It is great to greet the same folks at just about every meeting, but would be much more rewarding to have a full house. The meetings are generally fun, the guest speakers are good, the refreshments are great, and the meetings do not usually last much more than an hour in length.

It is my pleasure to be a part of the Meadow Wood Farms neighborhood and I hope to see many of you at future gatherings.

Pat Anderson

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Standing Committees

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THANK YOU!

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

December 15, 2011

NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

January 12, 2012

All meetings are held at St. John's Methodist Church - Highway 328 at 7:00 P.M.





**SUNSHINE REPORT**

Sympathy cards were sent to:

Mary Ann O'Connor, 22 Nashua Way on the death of her husband Patrick.

Leslie Hall, 20 Needles Dr., on the passing of her husband Jim.

Denise Cromer, 29 Lake View Dr. West on the death of her husband Jerry.

Vicki Robertson, 29 Lake Wood Circle, on the passing of her husband Dennis

A Speedy Recovery card was sent to Tina Ringfield, 19 Meadow Wood Dr.

If you are aware of someone who could benefit from receiving a card, whether due to illness or other reason, please notify Sandy Mollberg, at [lenelew@aol.com](mailto:lenelew@aol.com) or by phone at 861-9622.

**PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS TO BENEFIT MWFPOA TREASURY**

The recycle point for your aluminum cans is at the front entrance to the Friendship Park on Lake View Drive East. Barrels are provided for that purpose.

Cans that are rinsed, tab tops removed and crushed are our favorites. Tab tops may go to any charity you know or bring them to meetings to go to Shands Juvenile Kidney Foundation.

**ALUMINUM CANS ONLY PLEASE!**

**Meadow Wood Equine Club Inc (not affiliated with MWFPOA)** is a social group of horse oriented people. Guests/Visitors are welcome.

Membership is open to anyone – you do not have to live in Meadow Wood Farms or own a horse to join. Membership is \$5.00 a year. Members receive a 10% discount off “most in store items” at Seminole, Tack Shack and J & J Tack. You must show your membership card. Some Restrictions apply – some items are not discounted such as feed, hay, shavings, and warehouse items, ask store for their details.

For more information, please call: Secretary-Treasurer Kathy Rohlwing at 861-7405, or Vice-President Carol Shockey at 873-4719, or President Leroy Conro at 873-2153.

**Pet Registry & Rescue**

If you have FOUND or LOST a pet, you can contact Sandy Mollberg at the number shown below. This service is not part of the Association, but rather is a personal service provided free to the residents of Meadow Wood Farms.

Sandy does not take any pets in as a rescue, nor does she place pets in homes for people. If you wish, you can register your pet with her so that she will have them on file if she gets a call for a lost pet. Sandy Mollberg, phone number:

861-9622



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Hebert, Wayne & Pamela  
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Check out Ocala Flight Sim Club. We’re a small informal organization of Microsoft Flight Simulator enthusiasts. Our Club has no dues or membership fees. We are

happy to help those getting started and are equally pleased to have experts. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome. Computer or piloting skills are not prerequisites.

We meet at 6:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month at Landmark Aviation at the Ocala Airport. It is on 60<sup>th</sup> Ave.; in the same building with the Tailwinds Café. Ask at the desk for directions to the conference room.

Come join us at any meeting or contact John Allard (33 Wintergreen Way) by email at [allardjd@earthlink.net](mailto:allardjd@earthlink.net) .

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**For Association Members who have not yet received their 2011-2012 Telephone Directory they will be available for you to pick up at the January 12th Association meeting. Non members may purchase the directory for \$5.00. Members who would like to have an extra copy may purchase one for \$2.00.**

**We made every effort to deliver the Members directories, so if you were missed, please let it be known to one of the Board Members or at the next Membership Meeting.**

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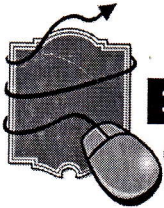
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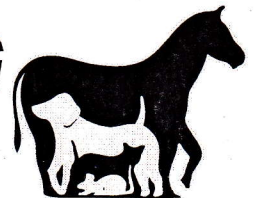
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All becomes best  
Thanks to the holidays  
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By Christina A.

Christmas is the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart.

Washington Irving