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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Electronic Newsletter

By now you all know that the monthly newsletter is available online by visiting the Meadow Wood Farms web site at **MeadowWoodFarmsOcala.com**. With the transition to an online format, direct home delivery by neighborhood volunteers will end with this issue, January 2011. To accommodate those who would prefer to continue to receive the paper version starting in February, direct delivery will be available by subscription. Delivery will be courtesy of the U. S. Postal Service.

Association members may subscribe without additional charge. Non-members of the Association may subscribe at the rate of \$10 per year. A few Association members have chosen to not only subscribe but to generously donate \$10 to help defray the mailing and printing costs. A special thanks to those folks!

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President's Message January 2011:

Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe that another year has flown by and here we are in the year 2011. I'm sure that I'm not the only one to notice that as we get older, the years go by faster and faster. Can you believe it? 2011 and still no flying cars. But, I am holding out hope for next year. Even if Santa didn't completely fill your wish list I hope you at least had a chance to spend some time with friends and family. Or, if not, you went on a trip to someplace warm and wonderful -- and with the weather we had in late December that probably meant a trip out of state!

Children's Parties to End

It looks like Santa's visit to Friendship Park on December 11 for the Children's Holiday Party may have been his last. As I mentioned in the December newsletter the Association is seeking an interested volunteer to coordinate Children's events in the Park. If anyone, particularly parents of small children, is interested, please contact me at 304-8871 or via email at ocalafolks@gmail.com. The next Children's event would normally be for Easter. I'm sure the Easter Bunny would love to attend, but we will need a volunteer to keep the Children's Parties going!

Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Still Needed!

At the risk of being repetitive I must ask again for a volunteer to help organize a Neighborhood Watch program. The Sheriff's Dept. is prepared to help with training and other support. And, we already have folks interested in participating in patrols. If you would like to discuss how you might be able to

help, please contact me at 304-8871 or ocalafolks@gmail.com.

Steve Waller

Women's Self Defense Course

Taught for free by Marion County. We need 20 or more women for our own Meadow Wood training course. The course will show a video of situation awareness and we will be instructed in basic self defense. You must be at least 18 and seniors are welcome. This is a 1 day course which will require about 2 to 3 hours to take. We are planning for a date sometime in January. For more information and to get signed up, please contact Terry Chaponis at 425-4013. (See attached flyer.)

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. Must show your membership card. Some Restrictions apply - some items are not Discounted such as feed, hay, shaving, 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

Silver Springs State Park Horse Trails Update – Horse Trails are now officially open. A sign is up on Hwy 40 by the fence, and trails are open from 8 am until sundown. A map is posted at the kiosk, copies are in the mail box for riders to take along on the trail. People are also welcome to walk the trails.

Over the Fence

Friends and Family –

Here we are, at the tail end of the holiday season. Many of us have overeaten at Thanksgiving, overspent at Christmas, and overindulged on New Year's Eve. Many of us have been more reserved and sensible. But most of us have celebrated the holidays, in one form or another, with our friends, our family, or both. My father always said that "friends come and go, but family is forever." In my experience over the years, I think that's true, but backwards. I think that we can define those people in our lives that come and go as friends, and those that stick with us through thick and thin as family. It really has nothing to do with biology or genetics. Heck, there's a guy who visited with us over the holidays who is much more of a brother to me than my own twin. Why? Because we have been there for each other. We have shared happy times and sorrows. We have fought on a few occasions and disagreed on others. We have laughed. Oh my, how we have laughed. But I choose to be friends with him and he chooses to be friends with me. We may not be related by birth, but we are definitely family.

Who is in your family? My wife and I have five sons, two daughters-in-law, two grand children on the way, one brother, one sister, nephews, nieces, and cousins thrown in, and three of our four parents still living. This is our biological family – and we love them all. But we also have our church family, our family of friends, and our Meadow Wood Farms family.

There's an old joke that says a friend will bail you out of jail but a really good friend will be sitting next to you saying "darn, that was fun!" And maybe that's the difference. Our family goes through all of it with us.

We choose our work place. We choose where to live. We choose our church, or our softball team, or our favorite hobbies based on the people we meet. We choose our friends. Our priorities, our loyalties, should lie with those whom we consider to be our family. While that can be, and hopefully includes, our biological family, it most certainly can include people from right here in Meadow Wood Farms, former classmates, or people from our church. Either way, I look back at 2010

and am thankful to have family *and* friends that I can call family. In 2011, with any luck, that group will get even bigger. How about you?

I'll see you around the neighborhood.

Jim Bain – Feel free to e-mail me with questions, comments or ideas for stories at: jbain2@cfl.rr.com

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WHEN I AM OLD

I shall wear diamonds
And a wide brimmed straw hat with ribbons and flowers
on it
And I shall spend my Social Security on white wine and
carrots and sit in the alley of my barn
And listen to my horse's breath.
I will sneak out in the middle of a summer's night
And ride the dappled mare across the moonstruck
meadow, if my old bones will allow.
And when people come to call, I will smile and nod,
As I walk them past the gardens to the barn and show,
instead,
The flowers growing there in the stalls fresh-lined with
straw.
I will learn to shovel and sweat and wear hay in my hair
as if it were a jewel,
And I will be an embarrassment to all who look down on
me,
Who have not yet found the peace in being free to love
a horse as a friend,
A friend who waits at midnight hour with muzzle and
nicker and patient eyes
For that's the kind of woman I will be
WHEN I AM OLD!

By Lou Cadwell

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Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to.
~Bill Vaughn

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves. ~Bill Vaughn

Many people look forward to the new year for a new start on old habits. ~Author Unknown

Standing Committees

- Beautification – Sandee Franz, Chairperson – 237-6931, Arthur Eide – 861-3831
- Control Committee – John Trinckes, Chairperson – 854-1856, Pete Bradbury – 854-6333, Richard Jancewicz – 873-6817
- Directory – Lee Chamberlain, Chairperson - 873-8520, Maggie Berardi, 861-1448, Nancy Marks – 291-2730
- Membership – Sammie Candullo, Chairperson - 861-2910, Lorraine Stachura, 237-1802
- Newsletter – Pat Anderson, Chairperson – 237-2521, Tom & Nancy Marks – 291-2730
- Parties – Linda Trinckes, Chairperson – 854-1856
- Recycling – Mary Hopper, Chairperson
- Refreshments – BK Sawyer, Chairperson – 861-8883,
- Sunshine – Marie Singer – 237-0576
- Welcome – Sammie Candullo, Chairperson – 861-2910

OFFICERS OF MWFPOA

- Steve Waller – President – 304-8871 – Ocalafolks@gmail.com
- Lucretia VanVorst – Vice President – 304-8417 – glenandlucretia@gmail.com
- Connie Story – Secretary – 369-0809 – constancestory@msn.com
- Dick Woodrome, Treasurer – 861-2364 – rdw218w@aol.com

MINUTES ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE SHORTLY AFTER THE BOARD MEETINGS AND THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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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. You can do this by giving her a call at 861-9622.

PLEASE JOIN

MEADOW WOOD FARMS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. by simply sending your check for \$55.00 (Annual Dues effective 1 Jun 2010 with this form to: Meadow Wood Farms Property Owners Assoc., Inc., P. O. Box 77-1896, Ocala, FL 33477-1896

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Phone: _____

_____ Put my/our information in the directory.

_____ Do not put my/our information in the directory.

A directory is distributed to MWFPOA members at no charge. It may be purchased by non-members for \$5.00.

PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR CANS TO BENEFIT MWFPOA TREASURY

Bring all of your aluminum cans to our recycle point at the front entrance to the Park on Lake View Drive East. Barrels are provided for that purpose.

Cans that are rinsed, tab top removed and crushed are our favorites.

Tab tops may go to any charity you know or bring them to meetings for Shands Juvenile Kidney Foundation.

ALUMINUM CANS ONLY PLEASE.



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 just 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's on 60th 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

Executive Board Meeting

January 11, 2011

Next Association Meeting

January 13, 2011

All meetings are held at St. John's Methodist Church ~ County Road 328 ~ 7:00 PM

Baked goods brought to Association Meetings would be greatly appreciated. If you can bring something, please let BK Sawyer know by calling her at: 861-8883 or by email at: JSawyer27@cfl.rr.com

A big thank you to those who have contributed.



Don't let what you can't do stop you from doing what you can do.

John Wooden

Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

Confucius

If we could see the miracle of a single flower clearly, our whole life would change.

Author Unknown

Sometimes attributed to Buddha, but this is disputed.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Condolence cards were sent to:

Clair Lativola, 77 Lake View Dr. East, on the passing of her husband Tony.

Shirley Burch, 22 Woodridge Dr., on the death of her husband, Perry

Get Well Cards were sent to:

Billy Doyle, 8 Wintergreen Way

Connie Story, 8 Needles Dr.

Marie Singer

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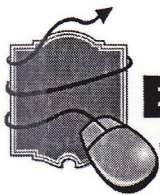
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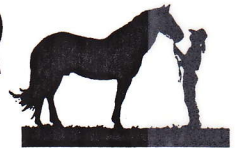
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