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Dancing Under The Stars—A Huge Success!

Fun, Frolicking, Fifties Evening Benefiting the Participants and the Meadow Wood Farms Property Association too!

Tickets sold: 82. The most ever sold for this event. DID YOU KNOW: Dancing Under the Stars is a fund raiser for the Meadow Wood Farms Property Owners Association? Yes it is. And it makes the Divas, Sandy Mollberg, Linda Trinckes, Connie Story and Grace Jancewicz, proud to say that for the last five years the “party committee”—(the four Divas)” have not had to use the Association funds that are allowed in the Meadow Wood Farms Deed Restrictions (Article II, Section 1, item 6) for Dancing Under the Stars. The total net proceeds, from this event over the last six years: \$913.58, have gone to MWFPOA’s general fund for normal MWFPOA expenses of operation while keeping the cost of the tickets the same every year.

The event started at 7:00 PM with a 1950’s theme. Decorations included table cloths with 50’s cartoon characters and many 50’s trivia points such as popular TV shows, athletes, statistics and much more. (Table cloths were done by Sandy & Connie) A “50’s Diner” scene including a jukebox provided the backdrop for Billy Bongo and

his Band. Prizes were given to the best 50’s dressed participants:
Female—Jodie Ratner,
Male - Robert Zachary.
Of course we must mention Sandy Mollberg’s great waitress costume--
--Wow! She looked authentic! Many door prizes were given out. There were two classic cars: 65 Chevrolet Impala - owned by Ray and Vicki Phillips and a 71 Buick Riviera - owned by Jeff and Bonnie Miller.

The event was catered by Taste Buds Catering: Fresh grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, baked beans and corn on the cob. In the past, the four Divas did all the cooking besides the planning, decorating, and entertaining. This year was much easier on the four ladies! They made fewer dishes which took off a bit of stress. Even though dinner was catered, additional items were prepared and included macaroni & cheese (Grace J), grilled chicken Caesar Salad (Connie S.), cole slaw and chili for hot dogs, mini cup cakes (Linda T), cookies, “Mounds” brownie bars (Sandy M), and pumpkin pies (Jodie Ratner). Our apologies regarding the slight delay of dinner as there had been an accident in the caterer’s family. In

spite of the accident, they showed up and provided a good “diner” type menu along with the great smell of it cooking on site.

The entertainment was provided by the famous “MWF Divas” and Artie Ringfield performing the song “Mr. Sandman”. Thanks to Artie for being our “Sandman”. There were so many great dancers “jiving” to the music and each other’s company. We have a great community and enjoyed meeting our new neighbors who attended: Vicki & Ray Phillips, Lyn & Robert Zachary, Mary & James Wilson, Rebecca & Steve Morin, Ron & Ricky Kaplan, Tom & Ellen O’Connell. Of course we loved seeing the usual suspects too. A big thanks to all who bought tickets. Although we have other gatherings throughout the year, DUTS is the only MWFPOA fund raiser. These funds help to keep the Association dues low and still cover operational expenses. We hope to see all of you back next year and bring a few more neighbors and friends!

Connie Story

Upcoming Events

Next Board Meeting—

November 8, 2012 -

Thursday —7:00 PM

Next Assoc. Meeting_

November 15, 2012

Guest Speaker:

Sgt Kern, OPD

“Identity Theft”



The Divas & “Sandman” Artie

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President's Message: Autumn In Florida



Elizabeth Waller—

President

Meadow Wood Farms
Property Owners Assoc.

When I first moved to Ocala from Northern Virginia, I was told by other recent immigrants that the thing they missed most was the changing of the seasons and the variety, renewal, and rebirth that accompany this natural cycle. After four Florida summers, I can honestly say that no Northerner EVER antici-

pates the arrival of autumn more eagerly than we do down here. That first morning in mid-October when you step out the door and your skin feels the amazing touch of cool, dry air instead of a wall of hot, damp heat—what could be more welcome? The cloudless skies, the still-green landscape, the open windows and doors and convertible tops—it seems as though all of a sudden we remember why we came to Florida in the first place.

For most people, spring is considered the season of new beginnings. For me, it has always been autumn that signals a rising energy, a renewed commitment and a fresh enthusiasm for undertaking new projects. After the doldrums of a long, hot summer I feel like I can tackle anything and the only limiting factor is the shorten-

ing of the daylight hours. The dogs and horses are likewise feistier and more willing to engage in long walks, serious workouts and even more serious playtimes. Even my 26 year old Appaloosa has been kicking up his heels in the pasture now that the heat has broken.

So let's all take a look around at what needs to be done, in our homes and our lives and our relationship to the world. Let's not wait until New Year's Eve to make our resolutions, but take advantage of the change in the weather to focus on one or two things we can each do to make our lives and the lives of those around us a little bit better. And don't forget to include reaching out to our old and new neighbors, encouraging them to become involved in the community and join the Property Owners As-

sociation (you knew I would fit "Each One Reach One" in here somewhere, didn't you?). We have many new neighbors—let's turn them into new friends and members!

Take care,
Elizabeth



**Thank You
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To The Association Meetings.**

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Directory Information

For Association Members who have not yet received their 2011-2012 Telephone Directory they will be available for you to pick up at the next 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.

Membership & Newsletter

The current membership year runs from June to the end of May next year. Please renew your membership ASAP and request that the newsletter be sent to you if you want to continue to receive it. There is a month's grace period before your address will be dropped from the Newsletter mailing list. It will always be available online, but we need your dues in order to support the costs of printing and mailing.

One more reason to get your dues in now. Your membership also supports the many functions held at Friendship Park and the improvements to our community. We need all of you to help keep Meadow Wood Farms the wonderful place to live that we enjoy. Finally, don't forget that as a member you have a voice and are encouraged to participate in all aspects of the Association.

Need to check if you've paid? Contact Dick Woodrome at 861-2364 or email him at rdw218w@aol.com.



PET Registry & Rescue

If you have FOUND or LOST a pet, you can contact **Sandy Mollberg** at 861-9622.

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 photo with her so that she will have them on file if she gets a call for a lost pet.

Sandy (and all of us) welcome the help of new assistant, Jasmine Diaz.

Sunshine Report

[A card wishing a speedy recovery was sent to Lois Bridenbaker.& Linda Trinckes.](#)

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
phone at 861-9622.

Recycle Your Aluminum Cans

To Benefit MWFPOA Treasury

MWFPOA is partnering with the Girl Scouts, who will get 25% of the profits for their efforts. Our local scout, Emily Woolf will be heading up the project.

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!

Important: Mail In Ballot Update



Some of you may have gone ahead and requested a mail-in (absentee) ballot after attending the last Association Meeting or reading the October newsletter. Since then, questions have been raised in the local and national media about the reliability of the mail-in ballot process in Florida. Personally, I continue to have faith in the Marion County Board of Elections and their ability to protect the integ-

rity of the mail-in process. In fact, I mailed my ballot just yesterday (with the required \$0.65 postage attached).

However, should you be concerned enough to decide NOT to vote by mail, please try to remember to take the UNUSED ballot with you to the polling place, where you will be asked to turn it in so that an election worker can officially cancel it before authorizing you to vote. If you do NOT bring the ballot with you, the election worker will have to place a telephone call to the Supervisor of Elections office so that they can verify that your absentee ballot has not already been voted and counted. Obviously this can lead to a major delay, as the phone calls will be

placed from every precinct in Marion County and answered in turn.

I hope this hint can prevent any additional delays at the polls. See you there on Tuesday, November 6th!



Vandalism in Friendship Park

Hello neighbors,

I am writing to alert you to some recent damage at Friendship Park, and to ask for your help in protecting this beloved and valuable neighborhood asset.

Several weeks ago, someone smashed the lock securing the electrical box, turned the power on, and left the fans all running in the pavilion. We don't know how long they were running, since it was discovered by chance.

Last Sunday morning (October 21) a resident discovered that person or persons unknown had again broken into the electrical box. They had also been throwing bricks or cinderblocks at the lights, smashing one, and they stood on our picnic tables in order to pull wires down from the ceiling and break one of the recently purchased ceiling fans. As a final gesture, they emptied the garbage cans and left them strewn about the park.

The Association has filed a police report with the Sheriff's Office and has been promised spot patrols of the area. Granted, the damage is relatively minor at this point, but is certainly disheartening to the many folks who have worked so hard to make the Park and the pavilion safe, attractive, and useful to all of our residents. I can imagine that our volunteers will have much less enthusiasm about improving neighborhood features if their work will be continually damaged.

We have had various reports of children (young and not-so-young) amusing themselves by throwing bricks, sticks, and other items at stationary objects in the park, though there is no way to know if they are the same young people responsible for the recent problems. Please, if you have children, impress upon them the need to respect community property. Know where they are in the neighborhood and what they are doing. And please, if you happen to drive by at any time and you see activities that look potentially destructive, either investigate yourself OR call the MCSO Non-Emergency number, 732-9111 to give a full description of what--and who--you saw. We would hate to see this become a pattern.

Thank you in advance for your help.
Take care,
Elizabeth Waller
President, MWFPOA

Meadow Wood Equine Club

(not affiliated with MWFPOA)



This is a social group of horse oriented people. Guests or Visitors are welcome. Join us for discussions, find someone to ride with, good food, camaraderie, etc.

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 as some items are not discounted such as feed, hay, shavings, and warehouse items. Ask store for details.

For more information, please call: Secretary/Treasurer—Kathy Rohlwing @ 861-7405
Or VP— Carol Shockey @ 873-4719

Or President —————
Leroy Conroe @ 873-2153

Nov 2-3, 2012 – Marion County Chili Cook Off – Southeastern Livestock Pavilion

Nov 4, 2012 – Mexican Rodeo – OEC (Ocala Equestrian Complex)

Nov 10 & 11, 2012 – Ocala Country Days Festival – Silver River State Park – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm . Experience old time music, storytellers, and historical reenactors portraying North Central Florida during the 1800's. Traditional crafts such as sugar can syrup making, blacksmithing, quilting, spinning, wood-working and more are demonstrated. Vendors also offer unique crafts and food for sale. Explore the Silver River Museum and the Cracker Village buildings, tour a Civil War Encampment, meet Seminole Tribal members and learn about Native American culture in Florida. The park entry fee is waived. Entry to the festival is \$5.00 per person. Contact the park for more information 236-7148.

Nov 10 & 11, 2012 – Dixie Reined Cow Horse Show –

OEC (Ocala Equestrian Complex)
Nov 15, 2012 – Farm City Week Farm Tour – UF/IFAS

Marion County Extension Service is participating in the Farm City Week Tour, hosted by the Farm City Week Coalition. The tour will leave Ocala Breeder Sales and travel to Florida Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association for a light breakfast and tour of their facility. The tour will continue to Ocala Stud Farm, where you will see a working thoroughbred farm including facilities for care and training of young horses. Upon return to Ocala Breeders Sales you will learn about elements that support the equine industry including transportation, tack, vet care and feed. The tour will end with a luncheon of locally grown products and the induction of Mr. Arlen Jumper into the Marion County Agriculture Hall of Fame. Registration: \$30, Registration Deadline: Nov. 8, 2012. For more information 671-8400

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Dec 1-2, 2012 - Southern Regional Paso Fino Horse Show – Southeastern Livestock Pavilion

Dec 1-2, 2012 - Tack Shack Horsey Yard Sale and Store Wide Sale Dec 2, 2012 – Tack Shack of Ocala Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival - Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair featuring local Artisans who have hand made work that is unique and unusual (held in conjunction with the Tack Shack of Ocala Famous Horsey Yard Sale and Store Wide Sale)



Come to the Meeting and Win \$100.00!

A drawing will be held at the next MWFPOA General Meeting for \$100. If the winning resident is not present, his/her winnings will be added to the pot along with another \$25.

At the following general meeting another name will be drawn to win \$125.00. If that person is not present, another \$25 will be added and so on.

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 at the November Meeting, won't we?

Neighbors,

We live in a beautiful community with an active Property Owners Association. One of the functions of the association is to keep everyone informed about the neighborhood activities.

In the past we delivered the monthly newsletter to every home in Meadow Wood Farms. However it was pointed out that putting anything in or even attaching it to a mailbox was a violation of federal law.

One action taken was to put the newsletter online at our website, www.Meadowwoodfarmsocala.com. This is a great idea, but the coverage is not really effective. Association member can request it be mailed, but this is less than 90 homes of the 450+ in the subdivision.

We have a new proposal which is the focus of this letter. We plan to go back to delivering the newsletter with a new procedure. The folks who already have a separate newspaper box or slot on their mailbox will have the newsletter delivered to the box or slot. A MWF sticker will be placed on the box to let us know that you would like the newsletter delivered to your home. For those without either we have you covered. With your written permission the association will provide you with a PVC tube with MWF stenciled on it for attachment to your mailbox.

If it cannot be attached to your mail box a separate post will be provided with the tube attached. A sample of the tube attached is included in this letter. If you don't feel you are able to attach it yourself we will give you a hand... do it for you.

We do need your permission to proceed. So if you would like to get a copy of the monthly newsletter fill out the attached form and **mail it to MWFPOA, P.O. Box 77-1896, Ocala, FL 34477.**

Thank you,

Meadow Wood Farms Property Owners Association
 Newsletter Delivery Committee

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 Newsletter Delivery Committee**

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Name

Address

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Meet The CERT Members

Every month we will be profiling a CERT member, so that in an emergency you will be able to identify them to give you help or offer to help them as they aid others. All team members have CERT ID cards with photo.

Dick Woodrome

Not much to tell. Born in Atascadero, California while dad was in the service. Home base East St Louis and Bellville, Illinois. Moved to Miami when I was 9.

My first real jobs were in several grocery stores while I finished high school and started college. I became a purchasing clerk then agent with Wometco Enterprises. After a couple of years moved into their auditing department again for a couple of years. The data processing department head had a lot of computer smart folks, but no one who understood accounting, so I changed departments again.

This was a great change. Wometco was a conglomerate that had interest in Theaters, Film, Radio and Television (WTVJ in Miami), Coke Bottling, Vending, Amusements, Restaurants and much other interest. I was fortunate to be able to design, write and install computer systems for most of them. This gave me a diverse view of how accounting worked in different businesses. It also afforded the opportunity to travel all over the county as well as Puerto Rico and Newfoundland. I worked there for over 21 years and then the company was sold in the first billion dollar

LBO, Leverage Buy Out. At that point everyone got a package.

I actually drew an unemployment check and was back to work at Southern Wine and Spirits, currently the largest liquor distributor in the world, in about two months. My boss at Wometco brought me as this company had no structured accounting system and were writing most of their checks by hand.... A three billion dollar company at that time and growing like wildfire and totally in the woods in keeping records. I was tasked with installing a small accounting system with their liquor importing company which did their books completely by hand to see if I could cut it. Then it was on to their biggest site in San Francisco to design and install a complete accounting system from a blank piece of paper. This went on for 17+ years and 3 more as a consultant.

Always an avid sportsman played most all sports with my favorites being Jai Alai and snow skiing. I organized ski trips for some of my close personal friends with 96 folks on one trip.

We soon realized Miami was changing to the point that it was not going to be our final home. We had been in Ocala for a state bowling tournament and decided we liked the area and in 1996 we started



looking. We came up on a three day visit to find a lot and once we came into Meadow Wood Farms it was over. We fell in love with the neighborhood and well here we are.

For the last 5 years I have been treasurer of the property owners association honing my accounting skills.

I've been asked why I joined CERT. Tough question, but I think the best answer for me is it just seems like the right thing to do. In the event of an emergency and we are mobilized, we go throughout the neighborhood to render assistance to folks in need.

This group of dedicated folks took the course taught by the Marion County Emergency Management and were all certified. We hold meetings regularly to discuss procedures, plans of action, etc. Being unfunded we also look for ways to raise money to pay for materials and supplies through events like our September Fish Fry and soliciting donations at the meetings.

We are always looking for new folks to join our team in fact, we have two new members that have just finished the course and are now certified. You can contact me or any member of the CERT and we will get information and an application to you.

Thanks for your time.

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Join The MWF Buddy System

PHONE BUDDY PROGRAM COULD SAVE LIVES

Local resident and MWFPOA member Judi Lentz knows what it's like to live alone, and she knows that there are a lot of us in MWF in the same situation. Judi is interested in creating an informal Phone Buddy system for residents to provide a daily phone call to check on the wellness of those who are on their own. This type of program is often utilized in senior communities, but even those of us who don't consider ourselves seniors could benefit from a daily contact to make sure that everything is all right!

If you are interested in helping Judi to put together this program, please contact her directly by phone at 352-509-7442 (home) or 956-357-0152 (cell) or by email at horsejudi@aol.com

Here is a link to a You Tube Show of Photos (with music from the DIVA Dance) at Dancing Under The Stars. Enjoy. John Trinckes

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MHUoNP5a6PM>

Romeo Elementary Annual Holiday Food & Gift Drive

-FOOD ONLY-

SATURDAY NOV. 17TH

TIME: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

**FOOD & GIFTS OR
GIFT CERTIFICATES ETC**

SATURDAY DEC 8TH

TIME: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Dear Neighbors,

Meadow Wood Farms is sponsoring five families in need from Romeo Elementary School for both Thanksgiving & Christmas. More details will be provided for the Christmas items needed in the December newsletter & the MWF email in November.

The November drive is food only – non perishable & **please no glass containers**. I cannot deliver glass to the school.

Turkeys are donated every year by the same MWF neighbors. I have not been able to make direct contact this year to confirm prior to newsletter cut-off however, I am assuming they will provide the 4 as always & the fifth one has been spoken for.

If needed, I will advise if we need to cover 4 turkeys in case things have changed regarding the usual donors.

These families not only require food for the holiday but also the days when the children are home & are not fed breakfast or lunch at school during the breaks.

Items like tuna, macaroni & cheese, snacks etc. are also a great help.

Please leave your donated items out by your mailbox on Saturday morning Nov. 17th for pick up between 8am – 11am OR you can drop to 15 Lake View Drive West anytime before Nov. 20th in the morning.

Items needed:

Large strong boxes – wide not tall
Several volunteers to assist in the actual pick-up – each person (s) will be assigned a specific area of MWF to pick up the items

All donations & volunteers are greatly appreciated!



Membership Form & Information to Access Our Website, etc.

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Ocala, FL 34482
Ph: 352 390-3739
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Send payment for ads to
Dick Woodrome
MWFPOA, P.O. Box 77, Ocala, FL 34477-1896

It's time! Annual membership dues for the MWFPOA are due now. If you aren't a member, we would love for you to join us. The MWFPOA provides all kinds of services for your neighborhood (including this newsletter). Please use the form below to accompany your check. Need to check if you've paid? Contact Dick Woodrome at 861-2364 or email him at rdw218w@aol.com.

To Join The Meadow Wood Farms Email Blasts and Conversation go to Meadowwoodfarms1@aol.com and ask the site master to add your email address. Please respect the rules...no politics, or religion or any attachments or offensive material. This site is offered by a private member of the association. It is an extremely useful tool and we are grateful to that person.

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www.meadowwoodfarmsocala.com
From main page, click on **Neighbor to Neighbor**- Neighbor to Neighbor Directory
From main page, click on **Newsletter** - and then the month.—Newsletters

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