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ELECTIONS ON MAY 16, 2019

SUPPORT YOUR BOARD! COME OUT & VOTE!

Meadow Wood Farms is looking for nominations! Just because a person currently holds a Board office does not necessarily mean they will run again. You can help make a difference in MWF by volunteering a bit of yourself and a bit of your time. There are a lot of new residents in MWF, which means a lot of new ideas and talent. Anyone interested in serving on the Executive Board as President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, please let me know.

The proposed election slate for next year is :

- *President*—Leslie Pope-Hall
- *Vice President*—Heidi Boynton
- *Secretary*—Karen Reade
- *Treasurer*—Lisa Yanes

Elections for the Executive Board will be held during the General Meeting on May 16. Nominations may be taken from the floor at that time for any member in good standing. The newly elected officers' terms begin June 1, 2019, and extends through May 31, 2020.

If you are interested in serving contact Dorothy Henry, Election Chair, care of mwfpoanewsletter@gmail.com. You can read the duties of officers in the By-Laws, available in your directory or online at www.mwfpoa.com.

Thank you,

Leslie Pope-Hall

President MWFPOA

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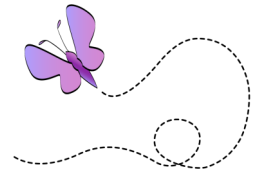
Next Board Meeting

May 9, 2019



Next Assoc. Meeting

May 16, 2019



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ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



"Who Let the Dogs Out?"

Remember that popular song from a few years ago? Seems we have our share of loose dogs and lost owners these days.

Driving home tonight, there was a cute little white terrier on the road. A few days ago, a gang of three large dogs was frolicking in my back yard, swimming in my pond, and antagonizing my dogs that were responsibly fenced in. Two or more dogs running loose becomes a "pack," and that can quickly become a bad situation. It doesn't take much for "pack mentality" to set in. A small dog yips, a baby cries, a jogger runs, or a horse trots by... a potentially dangerous situation for all involved. Even the nicest dog can change his temperament in a heartbeat. Sadly, loose dogs can get hit by cars, wander out to Rt. 328, be attacked by coyotes or a bobcat (especially the small dogs), or even shot by residents who don't want them on their properties.

Unfortunately, we no longer have our Pet Rescue Chairperson and committee. As wonderful as it was to have local guardian angels returning lost pets (Thank you again, Stevie and Sandy!), it is still the owners' responsibility to keep their animals fenced in and on their property. If it takes double fencing, do it. If "no climb horse fencing" doesn't cut it, try chain link. If you truly love your pet, please see that he is protected.

If you see a loose animal, take a photo and send it to the Meadow Wood Farms Facebook page, with the current location of the animal. Hopefully, it will be reunited with its owner quickly. That's all we have now to help our pets get home, but the responsibility starts with you.

Leslie Pope-Hall

President MWFPOA

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Thank you to our generous members who contribute delicious goodies to our meetings, making them even more festive and social!



**We appreciate ALL of our volunteers!
Thank you!**

Sunshine Report

If you are aware of someone who could benefit from receiving a card, whether due to illness or for other reasons, please notify Jennie Adams at 854-1914.



Membership & Newsletter

The newsletter is ALSO available in color on the website: www.mwfpoa.com

The current membership year runs from June to the end of May the next year. Please renew your membership ASAP. Your membership supports the monthly newsletter, along with many events and improvements to our community. We need all of you to participate in keeping Meadow Wood Farms the wonderful place to live that we enjoy. Finally, don't forget that as a member you have a voice and a vote and are encouraged to participate in all aspects of the Association.

Need to check if you've paid? Contact Lisa Yanes at 291-0509 or email, stokey@cfl.rr.com You can have the good feeling that comes from being an involved and contributing member of your community.

The Newsletter will be delivered to everyone in MWF who requested it. Mailing tubes have been attached to your mailbox stand in order to make these deliveries legal in the eyes of the USPS. If you're not getting one and/or need a tube, contact Karen Reade at 352-622-2030 or email at at20146@earthlink.net. Please include your contact phone number or email.

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Do we have good times in Meadow Wood Farms?

Although we have lived here in MWF since 1997, my husband and I attended our first outing at Friendship Park in the fall of 2007. It was called "Dancing Under the Stars." We found it to be a well organized, fancy gathering with a great variety of food and many friendly neighbors. What a great way to develop new friendships!

The following year, thanks to meeting some great neighbors, the "Divas" were formed through the party committee leader, (the late) Linda Trinckes. This little group included Linda, Della Brock, Connie Story, Grace Jancewicz, and myself. We took on the job of making sure everyone in MWF was invited to attend. We organized the food menu, chose a theme, and decorated the pavilion.



That year, the Divas had overwhelming acceptance from the audience when they performed "Mama Mia" to live music. In 2009, the Divas performed "The Sisters Sledge."

In 2010, the audience was surprised by a visit from the Blues Brothers.

In 2011, the Andrews Sisters performed Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, with Grace doing a fantastic solo.

In 2012 Mister Sandman, portrayed by Art Ringfield, was accompanied by the Divas. And in 2013, Margaritaville was enjoyed by a full crowd, who also participated in a conga line.

Sony and Cher visited a full house of neighbors in 2014, followed in 2015 by the group from Hee Haw.

The divas took a break in 2016, but the Cabaret dancers (Jim Bain, Tony Lemisch, and Dave Kane) brought great laughter and applause from the audience.

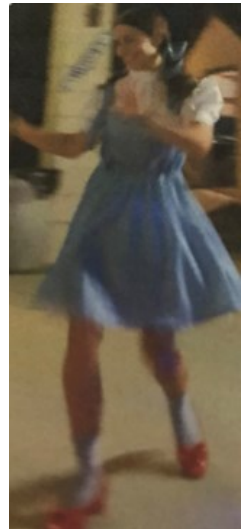
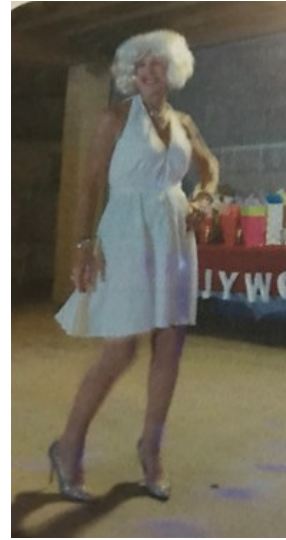
2017 introduced Hollywood Follies with Marilyn Monroe, Lucille Ball, Judy Garland, Mae West, The Lone Ranger and Tonto, Indiana Jones, and Inspector Clouseau, who all walked the "red carpet."

Unfortunately, Dancing Under the Stars 2018 had to be cancelled because of heavy rains and flooding.

Well, it's 2019 and the Divas are back on board with great plans for this year's Dancing Under the Stars scheduled for some time in the Fall! I hope to see many of you there. It definitely will be something to see and enjoy!

Sandy Mollberg





Dear MWF Friends and Neighbors,

As some of you already know, I have sold my home, "Slow Turning Farm," on Northern Dancer Drive. I can only hope that Chris and Brian, the new owners, will be as happy there as I have been for the past 11 years. I have often said that MWF was the neighborhood I have been looking for all of my adult life. Living here was the first time I actually felt part of a congenial group of people with the shared goal of making our community a better, kinder, and safer place.

So many of you have helped me in so many ways. Some have helped me search in the woods for lost dogs; some have cut down fallen trees without being asked (I am terrified of chainsaws!). Some have nurtured my need for human companionship by providing opportunities to socialize and expand my circle of friends. Some have helped me care for my farm and my pets on VERY short notice; some have joined me in the fight against Alzheimer's. One particular individual managed to keep my farm equipment running, which kept ME running, for more than 10 years. Without exception, you were all right there when I needed you.

During a dark time in my life, my three terms as Association President gave me a purpose and a focus that I very much needed. When you are feeling pretty useless, it is so important to feel responsible for something larger than yourself and your own problems. Participating in the MWFPOA gave me that and so much more. I continue to feel honored that you allowed me to serve, and to heal, and I heartily recommend volunteering for the Association as the best way to knit yourself into the fabric of this very special place.

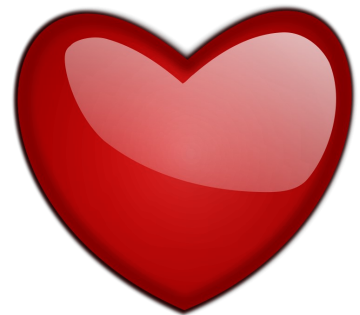
The time has come for me to make some changes. I have remarried and relocated to NW 90th Avenue and a beautiful 11-acre farm, where I will be building a new house. Thankfully, it is only a 15-minute drive to MWF, and you haven't heard the last of me just yet. I continue to help with the newsletter and will assist with the new Telephone Directory editor in preparing the 2019-2020 edition. And of course, my friends—all of you—will remain close to my heart. Oh yes—the Meadow Wood Memory Walkers have already registered as a team for the 2019 Walk to End Alzheimer's!

Thank you from the top, bottom, and center of my heart for all that you have done for me. You will never know how much you have contributed to my personal journey.

Stay in touch.

Elizabeth (Waller) Woods

elizabeth@slowturningfarm.com



Dear New MWF Friends and Neighbors,

I thought I would write just a little about myself as we begin a new journey together with the MWF Newsletter. My husband and I moved in at the end of February and have already met a number of you. And a big thank you for being such a welcoming, friendly community! You have provided help, guidance, and simple waves and smiles that have made it easy to settle in to our new home on Never Bend Drive.

Like most of the people we have met in Ocala, we are not native Floridians, having moved from Maryland. (My husband, David Campbell, was born in Maryland. I am an Army brat and moved quite a bit in my youth, but I settled in Maryland near my parents in 1980.) David is a retired plumber and had been with the Washington, DC, Metro system for more than 20 years when he retired in July 2017. With his retirement, our vacation home near Cocoa became our permanent residence in October 2017. I was fortunate to be able to continue working from home as a management consultant for GP Strategies, even though company headquarters were in Maryland. Our unspoken motto "Have laptop, will travel" continued to prove true in Florida as it did in Maryland.

It was fun to observe and live a Florida lifestyle through Fall and Winter for the first time. I was thrilled with the neighborhood traditions of decorating and preparing for just about every holiday, including Halloween. And I have never seen so many costumed children for an evening of Trick or Treating! (Our Maryland home was set back pretty far in the country, which discouraged children from venturing out to knock on our door.) We enjoyed our first Florida Thanksgiving with lobster, oysters Rockefeller, and shrimp and our first Florida Christmas with a walk on the beach.

My parents came to visit in January and we enjoyed that time together. However, they both encountered major health challenges while visiting, and all of our lives quickly changed. Ultimately, they passed away within 2 months of one another – July and September – just a few months shy of their 63rd wedding anniversary.

Life changes like that often prompt lots of reflection, as well as additional life changes. And so it was for me and David; we decided to chase some of our dreams a little harder. And here we are in MWF, with property where David can train and work his dog and we both finally have horses. We're learning lots along the way and loving the experiences. I also retired from my job, effective March 1, and now look forward to filling some of that gap by exploring the Ocala area and by serving in my new role as Chair of the MWF Newsletter.

Sydney Smith

Do you know of a Meadow Wood Farms neighbor in need? The Meadow Wood Farms Angels is a group of anonymous volunteers who are ready to help with those small, one-time projects that our neighbors cannot do by themselves by reason of age, illness, disability, or lack of funds.

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OUT AND ABOUT

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Near the end of the run, several of our friends from MWF got together and went Out & About. The agenda for the evening was enjoying dinner at Outback, attending the play, and having a nightcap at Charlie Horse, a respectable honky-tonk bar (if there is such a thing) on the east side of Ocala. As I was getting ready to do the show, I can't comment on the outing at Outback, but with this crowd of my wife, Merry Lee, Grace Jancewicz, Maggie Berardi, Teresa Dunlap, Elizabeth Waller, Terri Overholser, and Grace Andry-Lee, you can guess that they probably entertained both themselves and all of those around them. If you don't know this bunch, let me just say that they know how to have a good time.



After seeing the show, we all met in the lobby afterward for a few minutes and laughed some more. Our nightcap at Charlie Horse followed. And it is the Charlie Horse bar that got my attention. We got there late, about 10:00. Karaoke was going on inside, and a terrific musician/singer was winding up out on the deck. It was late Thursday night and the place was rockin'. Merry Lee and I had been there once before to watch a friend of ours play the drums in his band, but that was years ago. Once again, the mere fact that Charlie Horse is on the other side of town allows it to slip from our minds when thinking about doing an evening Out & About.

If you like live music, as we do, this is a place to go. I can't speak for the food, although I am told it's pretty good "bar food." But for a truly honky-tonk party feel, good music, a good bar, and a fun vibe, this is definitely a place to put on your list. The one-man band that we got to see was just winding up his last set. Because our MWF beauties entered the house and asked, he stayed on to do two more tunes, a genuine Cajun fiddle and squeeze box number and a fantastic rendering of one of my all-time faves, *Unchained Melody*. He was awesome. I only wish that we had gotten there sooner to hear more of him playing his extensive collection of instruments and singing along with equal talent. In short, we will be going back to Charlie Horse.

If you are looking for ideas for a fun evening Out & About in May, consider tickets to the Ocala Civic for *Addams Family – The Musical*. The show is both clever and fun and is sure to be a professional production. Catch dinner at any one of many fine restaurants on the east side of town, and close the evening out with a quick stop at Charlie Horse. Or, if you are just in the honky-tonk mood, go straight to Charlie Horse. You won't be disappointed. Have fun being Out & About.

Jim Bain

We have a plethora of interesting and creative people among us. We thought you would like to meet them or get to know them better. Likewise if you have someone you think we should feature, let us know at mwfpoanewsletter@gmail.com.



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