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Out and About—Helping Out

Pardon me for a moment while I reflect. I've been writing this column for almost 3 years now and, while I don't get a lot of direct feedback, I occasionally hear that some of you enjoy it. Thank you for that, but it occurs to me that, by and large, I've written about going places and doing things that are fun... self-engaging, you might say. This month, I'm taking a bit of a turn away from self-entertainment to something that was equally as much fun but maybe even more rewarding. Early in May, I had the opportunity to join my wife, Merry Lee, as a volunteer at Stirrups 'n Strides, a therapeutic horse-riding operation. More on them in a moment, but for now, let me set the proverbial stage.

Merry Lee has been volunteering at Stirrups 'n Strides every Wednesday morning for many months. She leaves our house around 7:30 a.m., drives 35 minutes to the stables, and helps to prep the horses for their duties as mounts for people with disabilities. She then leads the horses around the arena or through obstacles and challenges each rider to connect with his or her horse. As you might suspect, some of the riders are more capable than others, and some can handle the horse without being led but are accompanied nonetheless. After several hours of walking and trotting around the arena, Merry Lee helps to put the horses up for another day, arriving home in the early afternoon. From my viewpoint at home, I'm proud of her but, until recently, was still somewhat unaware of the whole program.

Late in April, she asked if I would be willing to help out for a horse show they were doing at S 'n S, to which a few similar clubs had been invited. I was given the fortunately not challenging task of cooking hot dogs and hamburgers for the participants and guests for lunch. To give you an idea of the scope, we cooked more than 100 hot dogs and more than 100 burgers.



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Upcoming Events 2021

(subject to change)

Board Meetings

Jun 8, Jul 13, Aug 10

General Association

Jul 20, Sep 21

Association meetings are being held at Friendship Park until further notice.

Minutes are posted on the website after all Board and Association meetings:
www.mwfpoa.com

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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It's a New Year!

Well, we are on to a new year for the Association. It was great to see those of you who made it to the General meeting. Despite the veiled threats of protests, lawsuits, and recounts, we were able to successfully hold the election of your new Executive Board.

I want to thank Lisa Yanes for her hard work as Treasurer. She is moving on to other adventures, and we will miss her on the Board. Also, many thanks to Leslie Pope-Hall who, as our Past President, has provided great advice and counsel to me and the Board this last year. Also, many, many thanks to all of our committee chairs and members for all the things they do to make our neighborhood a great place to live.

I am honored that you have entrusted me as your President for another year. I've met so many new people and have learned so much about where we live. I look forward to the promise of meeting more of you at our events this coming year.

Congratulations to the new Board! Merrilee McGinnis is continuing as our Vice-President. Karen Reade has shifted jobs and is our new Treasurer. Sandy Mollberg is our new Secretary. I think I speak for all of us on the Board in saying that we are looking forward to the coming year; it holds the hope and promise for lots of activities for us to enjoy. Help us to help you by making suggestions on things you might like to do or speakers you might like to hear. Even better, how about volunteering a bit of your time to help with some of the activities or committees? The contacts are listed below. Just ask how you might help. Your time and energy help all of us have a better place to live.

Finally, we need a couple of volunteers to audit our financial records, as required by the Bylaws. If you are at all familiar with QuickBooks, it won't take very much of your time. Let me know if you are interested. And while I've got your attention, please remember to send in your membership dues. Thanks!

Jim Thomas

President MWFPOA

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**Community Matters:
Proposed Change to Bylaws**

The following wording is to be added as **Section 3** to **Article III: Election of Officers:**

The Executive Board Officers, by way of affirmative vote of a majority of the officers then currently in office, may remove any individual officer without cause at any regular or special meeting, provided that the officer to be removed has been notified in writing.

The rationale for this change is that our current bylaws have no process in place to remove an officer. This amendment gives the officers a method to remove an officer, if necessary. While this is certainly not going to be used often or capriciously, it may at some point be a required course of action. Most other associations have in their bylaws some method to remove an officer.

Association members will vote on this at the July 20 general meeting.



**Meadow Wood Farms
Communications**

Website: www.mwfpoa.com

The newsletter is available in **color** on our website:

- ◆ From the main page, click on **Newsletter**, and then select the month.

eMail

To join the Meadow Wood Farms email blasts and conversation, send a note 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 service is offered by a private member of the association. It is extremely useful, and we are grateful to them.

Facebook

Ask to join our private groups on Facebook:

- ◆ **Meadow Wood Farms**
- ◆ **Meadow Wood Farms Equestrian Club**
- ◆ **Meadow Wood Farms Garden Exchange**

Neighborhood Sunshine

Sunshine cards were sent to:

- ◆ Send happy thoughts and well wishes to **Henry Legg**, who is now home
- ◆ Say thank you to **Jean Stout**
- ◆ Say thank you to **Lisa Yanes** for her service to the MWFPOA



If you are aware of someone who could benefit from receiving a card, please notify Jennie Adams at 352-854-1914.

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.

To submit a request for assistance, email: MWFAngels@gmail.com or call Jim Bain (352) 615-2572. The Angels will contact you and obtain additional information in order to evaluate the request.



Calendar of Activities — Jun 2021



- ◆ NEW DATE Saturday, Jun 5 (9:00 am—noon): **Chalk Couture Workshop** (Friendship Park) — All are welcome!
- ◆ Tuesday, Jun 8 (7:00 pm): **MWFPOA Board Meeting** (via Zoom)
- ◆ NEW DATE Wednesday, Jun 9 (7:00 pm): **Meadow Wood Farms Equestrian Club** (Friendship Park). Help us celebrate our 1 year anniversary; BYOB and food to share. It will be a short meeting, with extra time for socializing .
- ◆ Sunday, Jun 20: **Happy Father's Day**

June 2021						
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27	28	29	30			

If you would like to schedule an event in Friendship Park, please contact and coordinate with our Activities Chairperson, Carolyn Camp, at (352) 304-8506 or leorabs@aol.com.

Suggestions for other events are welcomed!

*Do you like coordinating social activities?
Contact Carolyn to let her know of your interest!*

Just a reminder...

We'll be updating our Directory soon. Please review your listing information and, if changes or additions are needed, notify Carolyn Camp.



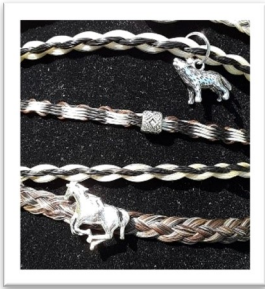
LINE DANCING!

Line dancing is back in Friendship Park: every Tuesday and Saturday, from 10 to 11 a.m. New dancers are always welcomed.

Instructions and walk-throughs are available. (We would also love to see some male dancers again.)

Questions -- Contact Sandy at lenelew@aol.com or 352-861-9622.

Equestrians Club Hosts Artisan Shelley Miller



Members and non-members alike were able to enjoy the day on Saturday, May 9, as Shelley Miller introduced us to her craft of making horse hair jewelry. She brought several examples of her beautiful, one-of-a-kind creations, which we all admired before sitting down to try our hand at a new type of braiding.

Many thanks to Lindy Kanoza, who was kind enough to bring mimosas, and to Lynn Zachary, who provided delicious breakfast muffins. Little did we know how we would need that sustenance for the day ahead. Hahaha!

Shelley provided all of the supplies needed, excluding the horse hair. Each of us was more than happy to bring clippings from our favorite horse. Some even retained and brought hair from the tail of a horse they had lost, so their completed bracelets were extra special keepsakes.



We first walked through the process of selecting the longest strands of hair, separating out the shorter pieces until we had four individual selections of hair that were roughly equal in thickness and length.

This proved to be more of a challenge than one would think, and many of us ended up with more hair on the ground than on the table. It also took a lot longer for the learners than for the teacher; what she was able to demonstrate in minutes—with painstaking precision, I might add—took us several hours to accomplish. (Thank goodness for the recently installed porta-potty at Friendship Park!)

Next, we were introduced to braiding and then gluing the ends of our masterpieces. As noted above, the braiding was done a bit differently from anything we were familiar with. However, we learned that a four-part round braid is more forgiving in its results. (I can attest that the completed product is holding together well despite some obvious flaws.)

As Shelley patiently and attentively walked us through the entire process, we gained even more admiration for the amazing works that she produces. We were also happy to learn that you can provide horse hair to Shelley and commission her to design a piece, but we sure had fun learning the process.

Thank you, Marilee, for organizing this entertaining event! And hats off to Shelley. What a trooper! (Find her on Facebook: Horse Hair Jewelry by Shelley.)

Sydney Smith

WEC Update

By now, most MWF residents have heard of, seen, or actually visited the nearby World Equestrian Center (WEC). The long-awaited Equestrian Hotel is now accepting room reservations (rates between \$330 to \$480). The zero-entry pool is stunning, with a pool bar for quick bites and refreshing beverages, as well as an animal sprinkler area for a whimsical touch.

Inside the hotel, the *Yellow Pony* offers a casual pub atmosphere inside and an outdoor patio with fireplace, along with live music coming soon. Be sure to try their signature cocktail, Sudden Impulse, named after Mrs. Roberts' champion stallion. It's not only delicious, but has an artistic flair on top!

Their fine dining restaurant, *Stirrups*, is also now open for both breakfast and dinner. The lovely appointed room overlooks the outdoor Grand Arena. They boast of (and deliver on) elevated service. Mark's US Prime will certainly have some competition.

Emma's Patisserie is an exquisite touch of French class, presenting macarons, tartelles, and breads, all made fresh onsite. Next to Emma's, visit *Mr. Pickles and Sailor Bear Toy Shoppe*, named after Mrs. Roberts' dogs. Several of the wooden rocking horses are replicas of Queen Elizabeth's horses. Any Breyer horse enthusiast will love the variety and selections available. Be sure to see what the greeting dinosaur can do!

Lugano Diamonds has opened as well. They are founding partners with the Roberts family and remain exclusive in the equestrian lifestyle. The hotel spa opens on May 19 and will, no doubt, be amazing.

Finally, don't forget to download the WEC app. You can watch live streaming from the Grand Arena, Stadium Arena, and inside arenas. Look up events, music, entertainment schedule, menus for all seven eateries, and more.

I truly feel this place, only 6 miles from Meadow Wood Farms, will quickly become our most popular claim to fame. It's open 7 days a week, with or without a horse show.

Deni Buetow

Writers, Photographers, and Social Butterflies— Your Input is Needed and Always Welcome!

We have had a pretty steady year, with regard to the newsletter; COVID-19 did not stop our publication and, I believe, the newsletter helped to keep us connected while we couldn't get together physically. As we were able to slowly and creatively move back to social gatherings, the newsletter has helped capture those special occasions.

Meanwhile, our neighborhood continues to see a lot of transition and growth, with many new residents joining us in recent months. To that point, I would love to get one or more people to interview new (or not-so-new) neighbors, so that we can highlight the many different talents, hobbies, and careers that we have here in Meadow Wood Farms.

Note that there will be some minor modifications this summer. First, there will be **no July publication**; it is typically a slow month as we head into summer. We do plan to pick back up in August, but we will likely have abbreviated editions until Fall. Please help: keep those articles, photos, and advertisements coming in!

Sydney Smith



Challedon (April 1936 – January 1958)

Challenger II (IRE) x Laura Gal (USA), by Sir Gallahad III (FR)

If you look in the archives for past newsletters, you will see that a series of articles highlighted several of the horses for which many of our streets are named. I thought it would be fun to revive that series and tell a few new stories, beginning with a handsome, well-balanced bay from Maryland (my home state). Challedon stood at only 16.1 hands, which I guess was tall at the time. He was said to have had a perfect disposition and a commanding presence.

The pride of Maryland, Challedon was the first Maryland-bred to capture the Preakness Stakes in 50 years. He also became the first horse to earn back-to-back Horse of the Year titles since the beginning of official polling in 1936. He had 44 starts, 20 wins, 7 seconds, 6 thirds, and won a total of \$334,685.

Today, the Challedon Stakes is a 7-furlong sprint for Maryland-bred horses aged 3 and up on a dirt track at Laurel Park. Another fun fact is that one of Maryland's top golf courses is named for the champion: The Links at Challedon.



Challedon had powerful quarters but suffered from tendon trouble and quarter cracks. Because of these infirmities, his last two seasons of racing were a sad anticlimax.

Challedon stood at Gallaher Farm in Kentucky and, according to Jockey Club records, he sired 208 winners (73.2%) and 13 stakes winners (4.6%) from 284 named foals. He did prove an influence for stamina but failed to really distinguish himself as a sire.

Sadly, he broke a leg in a paddock accident in 1958 and was humanely destroyed.

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Sydney Smith



Interested in meeting and interviewing new neighbors? Have an article to share? Want to share helpful tips and tricks related to your favorite hobby?

Please email your input to:

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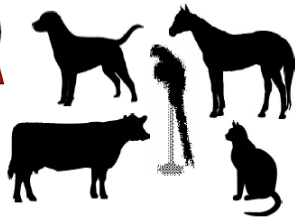
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1/2 page	\$30/ month	\$45/ month	\$150	\$225
Full page	\$70/ month	\$80/ month	\$350	\$400

...Helping Out (continued from page 1)

I can't begin to tell you how drop-jawed I was at the volunteers, the organizers, and especially the participants. Again, the riders, who ranged in age from under 10 to nearly 50 or 60, all had some degree of disability. Some were more demonstrative than others, but one could simply not help but see and feel the joy they experienced while doing something that "normal" people do and, in some cases, that they used to do when they were "normal." Some have had disabilities since birth, some have suffered strokes or accidents; either way, they are just regular people with unusual challenges. Candidly, I don't mind admitting that this was a stretch for me. Did I mention how proud I am of my wife and all she and the other volunteers do for the kids and adults as they ride? It was truly heartwarming to watch and interact with all of them.

Back to Stirrups 'n Strides—their home page (www.stirrupsnstrides.com) says this:

What makes therapeutic riding so special?

...For the physically handicapped rider, horseback riding gently and rhythmically moves horses' bodies, naturally mimicking the human gait. Studies have shown that therapeutic riding provides the following benefits:

- *Psychological bonding and relationship building*
- *Lifting of the spirit, improved self-esteem and self-confidence!*
- *Increased attention span and social interaction*
- *Improved balance, posture, and flexibility*

(Author's note: In 1980, Kathy was kicked in the head by a horse when very young, causing permanent brain damage. Very soon after, her mother, Betty, became a certified therapeutic riding instructor, working for years with her daughter and others. In 2007, Betty opened Stirrups 'n Strides, with her husband and daughter, and continues to run it today.)

In addition to the website, they have an active Facebook presence, which helps to spread the word.



Whether you can help or not, it will warm your heart to see what some willing volunteers do to help some very brave people of all ages feel great about themselves. Check out the website. Check out the Facebook page. Donate to this wonderful, local, horse-centered not-for-profit organization. Or, better yet, decide what you are passionate about, get **Out & About** and participate in this or the hundreds of other opportunities to help others in Ocala and Marion County. I guarantee you won't be sorry.

Jim Bain



Membership Information

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 find out if you've paid? Contact Karen Reade at 352-622-2030 or email her at at20146@earthlink.net.

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