



The Choice is Yours

I suppose that everyone who writes a column at this time of year for any publication, whether it's the New York Times or the Meadow Wood Farms Newsletter, is inclined to either reflect on the previous year, talk about goals for the coming year, or both. Not only could I do that, but I probably have – more than once in my many years of sharing my thoughts in writing. But this year, I feel like taking a slightly different route – the road less traveled – if you will.

Lately, I have been focusing on growth. Personally, I think we should all be growing as each day, week, and year, passes. Admittedly, there are a couple of areas in my life that I really don't want to grow – around my middle is a good example. With that as a rare exception, I can think of so many areas that I would like to grow.

What is growth? In my mind, we grow when we learn new things. We grow when we find new ways to help our fellow man (and woman). We grow when we entertain new ideas, seek new experiences, and try new things. We grow when we examine ourselves a little more closely and make efforts to be better people than we were.

Since Merry Lee and I have retired, personal growth is something we have actively sought. We've done so both individually and collectively. As examples, Merry Lee volunteers at Stirrups N Strides, a therapeutic horse-riding facility. I've gotten involved with the Ocala Civic Theater. We've traveled to several fascinating locations, both at home and abroad. We've grown in our faith. We've read more books for fun. In short, we are doing everything we can to live our lives to the fullest.

So, I ask you. What will you do in the next week, the next month, and the next year to make sure that you are growing in some way? Will you reach out to someone in need? Will you expand your mind? (Legally - not like we did in the 60's). Will you seek out new friends in our neighborhood? Will you look to leave the world a little better than you found it?

In the coming year, leave the excuses behind. Make some bold choices. Do SOMETHING different. GROW! I assure you; the choice is yours.

I'll see you around the neighborhood -- Jim

Upcoming Meetings
(subject to change)

Executive Board Meeting

January 10th - 4pm

General Association

January 17th - 4pm

Meetings will be held at Friendship Park under the Pavilion.

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

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and I wish that 2023 is the best year ever for all of us! A new year also means our new Meadow Wood Farms website will be up and running and available to all! The address is still the same as the old one, www.mwfpoa.com and will include everything as before, including our Newsletter, Activities/Event calendar, Meeting minutes etc. There are a couple of differences with the new updated website. The directory will be available on-line to MEMBERS ONLY, and you will also be able to view from mobile devices such as your phone or tablet. Simply click on the Member Roster button under “Resources” and a registration button will pop up. Enter your information as requested and as soon as it is reviewed, you will receive your acceptance. If you are not yet a member, it is never too late to fill out the membership form and send it in. Karen Reade, Michele Schuler, and myself have been working together on the new and improved website so don’t hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions. Happy New Year!

Gena DeCamella

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Community Matters

Calendar of Activities — January 2023

- ◆ **New Year's Day** - January 1st
- ◆ **Executive Board Meeting** - Tuesday January 10th Friendship Park 4 pm
- ◆ **General Association Meeting** - Tuesday January 17th Friendship Park 4 pm
- ◆ **Book Club** - Monday January 16th Friendship park 6:30 pm
- ◆ **Equine Club Meeting**- Thursday January 19th Friendship Park 7pm
- ◆ **Trivia Night** - Thursday January 31st Friendship Park 7:00 pm
- ◆ **Line Dancing Has Returned!!** Saturdays Only 10am

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Trivia Night

Trivia Night Come join the fun!! We hope to see you there.

For more information contact: Kim Cooper, Carol English or Frenchie Bisiaux
 (Ltfrenchie16@hotmail.com)

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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.

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Facebook

Ask to join our private groups on Facebook:

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

Neighborhood Sunshine



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

If you would like to schedule an event in Friendship Park, please contact and coordinate with our Activities Chairpersons,

Kim Cooper kandmcooper@comcast.net
 or Carol English caenglish55@gmail.com.

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.



Meadow Wood Farms Equestrian Club Poker Run

The idea for a Poker Run ride around the neighborhood was suggested by Tiffany Corson after news that the Christmas Cavalcade for this year was cancelled. It was planned out to have a Christmas theme, complete with a potluck dinner and Dirty Santa afterwards when the winner(s) would be announced. The idea unfolded under the teamwork of Tiffany and Frenchie and the event was held Sunday, December 18th.

14 riders signed up for the ride, paying \$5 each to participate in the poker run. The fun started at the park with adult beverages for the riders who were then escorted by Marilee McGinnis, Pam Hebert and Debbie Sosa in an elaborately decorated golf cart. The cart was resplendent with a beautiful Christmas tree and the Equestrian Club banner. Several bicycles and golf carts fell in beside the riders. Residents in the neighborhood were encouraged to come out and see all the horses and riders decked out in their Christmas finest.

There were four stops along the way, where poker chips would be handed out, with the fifth chip given at the park. Jonathan Beard and his wife Catherine at stop number one had set up a small refreshment stand at the end of their driveway at 17 Norther Dancer Drive. They handed out wine and beer for the riders and apples and carrots for the horses, along with their daughters Naomi and Millie. Stop number two was Lisa Lyn's house at 9 Needles Drive. Keith and Savannah Corson manned this stop to hand out the poker chips.

Stop three was 22 Nashua Way. Nancy Barclay and Catherine Beard gave out the chips at Pat Van Nostrand's place. At stop four, Keith and Savannah once again handed out the poker chips at Sara Hurst's house.

The ride itself was about a four-and-a-half-mile long run, taking about two hours to complete. Riders then went home to take care of their mounts and reconvened at the park at 6 pm. Tiffany did an amazing job decorating tables and the park pavilion complete with a giant blow up horse. The chilly weather did not dampen any spirits as Tiffany provided a fire pit to warm the evening and Christmas music to set the mood.

Potluck dishes ranged from chili to macaroni and cheese and ziti. Adult beverages were in abundance. The participants handed in their poker chips and then drew their hand of cards from a deck spread out in front of Frenchie.

The winners of the Poker Run were Lynn Vina in third place, Shelley Simpson for second, and Frenchie taking the top honors.

The Dirty Santa game saw lots of great gifts, with some stealing of the more sought-after items.

Friends and club members alike had a great time, riding together and partying afterwards. A special thanks to Tiffany Corson, Frenchie, Lynn Zackery, Jim Bain and everyone else who pitched in to make this an enjoyable event.

Submitted by:
Pat VanNostrand

CHRISTMAS POKER RIDE



GENERAL ASSOCIATION MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

Due to the hurricane the General Association Meeting was moved to December. Following an informative meeting, attendees were greeted by a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus as well as a collection of delectable desserts and coffee.



TRIVIA NIGHT

Fun and laughs were had by all at our last Trivia night on December 8th. We had some neighbors attend for the first time, so please come out and join in the fun. The winners of the evening were the Snow People.



Trivia Night - Tuesday, January 31st at the Park 7:00 pm. See you there!!

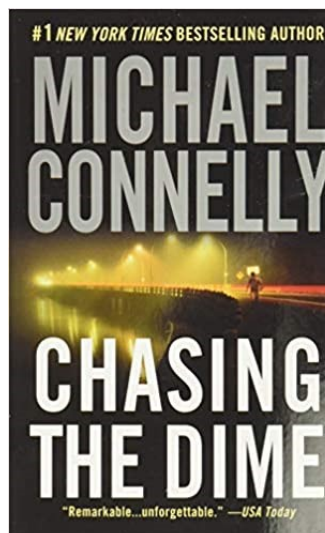


Book Club - Monday, January 16th at 6:30 pm at the Park

We have selected the book to be discussed at the January book club meeting. It is “Chasing the Dime” by Michael Connelly. Below is a description of the book as on the back cover:

Henry Pierce has just moved into a new apartment but the first time he checks his phone messages, he discovers that someone had the number before him. The messages are for a woman named Lily – and she is in some kind of serious trouble. Pierce is inexorably drawn into Lily’s world, a night-time world of escort services, websites, sex and secret identities. Every step Pierce takes leads him to abandon his own orderly life in a frantic race to save the life of a woman he has never met, to the point where it could cost him everything. . . .

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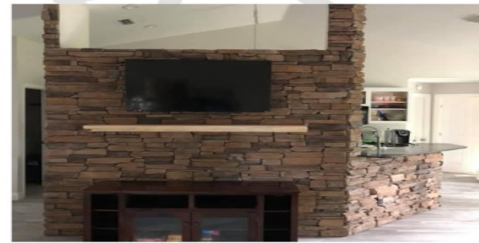
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It pays to read the WEC calendar of events posted on their website.... I didn't.

<https://worldequestriancenter.com/events/>

Snuck in there was a notice for a car show at the WEC Expo Center #2.

12/17/22 | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Convention and Tradeshow | Free Special Event

Come join us at Expo Center 2 at the World Equestrian Center from 10am-2pm on December 17, 2022 for The Hotrods of Christmas Cruise-In. We've invited Hotrods off all types throughout the automotive timeline to attend. Get in the spirit with some awesome Hotrods and all World Equestrian Center has to offer. Event admission is free.

Slightly embarrassed, I contacted Doug Nelson at the last minute and asked him if he wanted to go. Doug said "Sure!", so we headed over the WEC Saturday morning for this short car show. There were about 150 very nice cars and trucks put on display. The Ocala Street Cruisers car club brought a gaggle of pristine cars to show off.

<https://www.facebook.com/ocalastreetcruisers>

This facility is fantastic. Polished cement floors, impeccably clean, warm inside when it is cold out. Air conditioned when it is hot out. Spotless clean bathrooms. Great venue. Doug Nelson and I drove into the huge facility and were parked by the event staff. Plenty of room between cars/trucks so nobody was crowded. The show was fairly short, as shows go. 10:00am until 2:00pm. Still had time to do other things on a nice Saturday. There was no entry fee, but donations were accepted for some good charities. We had a grand time wandering around and looking at all the great cars. I would put this on the 'to do' list when the next show comes around.

Jeff Rice

Saddle Drive



Jeff Rice – 1937 Studebaker J5 Coupe Express



Doug Nelson – 1956 GMC Suburban 1/2 Ton P/U



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.

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