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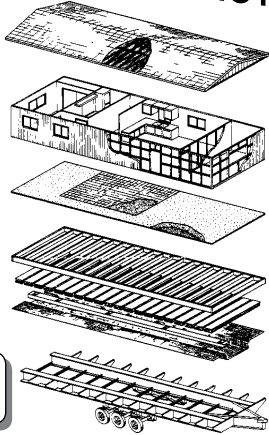
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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Submitted by Jan McCoy*



**D**irectors are actively assuming their roles for the high season and are working on plans to update the clubhouse to include kitchen storage reorganization, kitchen equipment updates, electrical and plumbing, library seating and bringing some ADA enhancements to the common space in support of our residents. Check out our new committee list in this month's newsletter. Volunteer sign-up sheets are posted. We are looking at what outdoor multi-use courts might consist of as we prepare a preliminary view for resident feedback before the end of the season. Our new Infrastructure committee passed the baton to continue efforts on three priorities: back-up power generation for the Clubhouse and 2 lift stations, rebuilding the two large water mains damaged from the hurricane that openly cross the canal and adding hurricane protection shutters to the Clubhouse windows and meetings with volunteers have begun.

Thank you to all who generously donate time and knowledge in support of improving our community. You are valued and appreciated.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to those in need.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan McCoy

President, Board of Directors

## MANAGER'S CORNER

*Submitted by Marilyn Corazza*



**I**t's getting to be that time of year when our "snowbirds" are making arrangements to leave the park and go back to their northern homes. Before you leave, make sure that you are taking care of the following items to help you, your neighbors, and the office.

1. Have someone take care of and check on your property in your absence.
  - Don't forget the weeds!
  - Make arrangements to have someone take care of your flower boxes so they don't become overgrown with weeds while you are gone.
2. Come to the office and fill out a Sign Out Sheet.
  - Take the time to fill out the form completely.
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3. Do you have a key at the office if you need someone to have access to your home in your absence?
4. Outdoor Items: Walk your property and make sure that you have removed any loose items and potted plants and have secured decorative items that can become projectiles during a storm.
5. Do not store chairs or other loose items alongside your home – these items should be stored in your shed or screen porch.
6. Secure your home:
  - Inspect tie-down straps and anchors to prevent your home from being lifted or damaged by high winds.
  - Secure loose roofing, siding, and skirting to ensure your home is weather tight.
7. Follow utility safety guidelines for water, electricity and gas.
8. Have the U.S. Post Office forward your mail.
  - You can go to the post office or online to USPS.com to forward your mail.

Completing these items and making preparations *before* you leave the Park will give you and your neighbors “peace of mind” while you are gone.

Have a safe trip home!

Marilyn Corazza, LCAM

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*Submitted by Pastor Nelson Blount*



“Hey, don’t forget the eggs!”  
“We just got eggs! I’m not paying that price again!”  
“I’m talking about plastic eggs. They’re colored too. It’s kind of sad not to have the kids help us with boiling and coloring but... We’ll put candy in the eggs!”  
“I agree. They may not mind. We must be positive about how beautiful the colors are and of course when they discover the candy inside, that’ll put the icing on the cake!”  
This year we are all in shock regarding the price of eggs. Right? The interesting thing is that for Easter we can choose fake eggs for a lot less.  
Kind of like people. Kind of like character. The real deal cost a lot more. In real life it takes effort and some tough decisions to be the real deal. There is a price for authenticity.  
Being real means no cover ups. It takes hard work and honesty.  
The genuine person knows of his imperfections and doesn’t hide behind a smoke screen of being plastic. Authenticity includes honesty, treating people the way you would want to be treated (the Golden Rule); it’s a heart issue which is an issue of conscience.  
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As we have entered spring may you have a sense of renewal in your life. Be encouraged! Be authentic. Strive to be better and not bitter.

If we are to have a positive influence, we must be committed to our convictions. Our lives are often the only example of God given principles other people will see.

Yours truly,

Nelson

Your non-religious Jesus people pastor, Rev. Nelson Blount

P. S. By the way if you ever need additional prayer support or are hospitalized, just know I'm available to provide support. It's God's call on my life.

## CHANGES TO THE WEBSITE

*Submitted by Maggie Stokes*

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**T**he Residents Tab of the Sunset Palms website (SunsetPalms.org) has been updated with new and improved ways to access information about Sunset Palms. When you click on tab, you will see the following choices:

- Resident Information
- Residents Directory
- Governing Documents
- BOD Reports
- Committee Reports



### **Resident Information** (sign-in not required)

This page contains forms for many purposes. This page is still under construction and will be upgraded this summer to include many more documents. We will keep you informed about its progress.

### **Residents Directory** (sign-in required)

This page lists the current residents of the park. Names and addresses of residents are listed and may be sorted by name or address. Telephone numbers and email addresses are listed, if the residents elected to have them published.

### **Governing Documents** (sign-in required)

This page contains the document that we have referenced as "the Prospectus." It contains the master lease, current year budget, by-laws, the rules and regulations of the park and other

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documents. Committee charters may be found on this page as well as links to Florida Statutes that are applicable to Sunset Palms.

### **BOD Reports** (sign-in required)

The Board of Directors Meeting Minutes and supporting Reports are available to view on the page. The newest documents are listed first.

Shareholder meetings and reports are also listed on this page.

### **Committee Reports** (sign-in required)

Minutes, reports and charters of Sunset Palms committees are available here

- Share/New Unit Installation Approval
  - o Monthly summaries
  - o Weekly reports
- Exterior Alteration Approval
  - o Monthly summaries
  - o Weekly reports
- Finance/Budget
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Every effort is made to post the data and reports promptly and accurately. If you believe that corrections need to be made, please contact the office.

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

*Submitted by Bet LeBrun*



### **I**MPORTANT!

*If you want your submission to appear in the Spotlight, then please respect the deadline of the 10th of the month prior to publication. The earlier I receive it, the better. Before I submit the newsletter to the publisher, the articles are reviewed for approval, so timing is crucial.*

Thank you for your attention.

You can email me with articles, pictures, resident interest stories, etc. or if you have an idea for a monthly newsletter article. Please send all newsletter submissions by the 10th of the month prior to the month of publication. Email: [sunsetpalmseditor@gmail.com](mailto:sunsetpalmseditor@gmail.com)

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Many thanks to all who helped with and contributed to this month's newsletter.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS - COMMUNICATION/AGENDA REQUESTS

*Submitted by Patricia Osmond*

**Y**our Board of Directors strives to keep residents informed and create an environment of open communication. It is important that information is accurate and timely. We encourage you to read email communication, check the bulletin boards for postings, and read our newsletter Sunset Palms Spotlight. The minutes of all Board of Directors meetings and minutes of all Committee meetings are posted on our website: <https://sunsetpalms.org/residents/annual-membership-meeting/>.

The Board of Directors has established an additional means for communication. If a resident has a question or requires clarification, they may submit the question, suggestion or agenda request by completing a **Board of Directors-Communication/Agenda** Request form. The form is available outside the office in our Clubhouse and is available online on our website under the Resident tab. The link to the form is: <https://sunsetpalms.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/10Feb.25-BOD-Comm-Form.pdf>. Completed forms may be dropped in the mailbox outside the office or emailed to [sunsetpalmsBOD@gmail.com](mailto:sunsetpalmsBOD@gmail.com). The mailbox is checked weekly. Every effort is made to respond to every form that is received. You do not have to be present in the park to submit forms – simply print the form available on the website, scan the form or take a picture and send to the [sunsetpalmsBOD@gmail.com](mailto:sunsetpalmsBOD@gmail.com) address. We will respond to you via email. If you do not



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## ELECTRONIC NOTICES OF PARK BUSINESS

*Submitted by Maggie Stokes*

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**A**s a shareholder, you have the option to receive official notices via email, rather than by surface mail. Such notices include the Year-End Financial Statements, proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations of the park and the proposed annual budget. This is entirely separate from the electronic voting form. It is a different option that is offered to shareholders. We encourage you to sign up for this option as it has several benefits.

- The documentation is received on a timelier basis.
- The documentation may be viewed anywhere and at any time.
- It saves the association, thus you, money.

If you haven't already signed up for this option and would like to do so, please pick up the form from the office. The form may also be downloaded from the website ([SunsetPalms.org](http://SunsetPalms.org)). Click on the first option of the Residents tab (Resident Information and download the form labeled "Consent to Receive Electronic Notifications." Please fill out the form completely and return it to the office. The form may also be scanned and sent to [SunsetPalms3401@gmail.com](mailto:SunsetPalms3401@gmail.com).

Please note that ALL shareholders must sign the form and only ONE email address may be used for the notices. The email address used must be receiving emails from the SunsetPalms3401 email address, i.e. you have not unsubscribed from receiving emails.

A verification email is planned to be sent to shareholders who have signed up for the option on Thursday, March 27, 2025. If you did not receive this email and wish to sign up for the option, please follow the above steps.

## LINE DANCING

*Submitted by Darlene Arsenault*

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**F**or the month of April...

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Darlene Arsenault

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### **Sunset Palms Spotlight is on the website!**

Keep up to date on park events while you are away for the summer.

There is no need to login.

Just click the "Newsletter" tab on the Sunset Palms Website (SunsetPalms.org)

The newsletter is available on the 1st of each month.

Check it out!

## **SEWING AND QUILTING GROUP**

*Submitted by Maggie Stokes*

**T**he group meets on Mondays from 9:15 am to 3:15 pm.

All types of fabric handcrafts are welcome to join us. Bring your sewing machine, knitting needles, crochet hooks and embroidery handwork to the clubhouse. Make some progress on your projects in the company of like-minded individuals. The group has ironing boards, irons and cutting boards available for your use.

Coffee and tea are available.

We take a midday break, so bring your lunch!

Come and check us out.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

*Submitted by Bet LeBrun*



**U**pcoming events for 2025 - I hope to add more to this Calendar as I receive the info!

### **April**

- Pancake Breakfast – 12th
- Luau at the Lake - 12th
- Karaoke - 13th (7 to 10)
- Music Bingo – 18th

Volunteers spend countless hours working on your behalf; this is why we are always requesting more help. And this is why we need you. When everybody does a little, it keeps others from having to do a lot. Spreading out our responsibilities makes things easier and a lot more fun for all.



# SIGNING INTO THE SUNSET PALMS WEBSITE

*Submitted by Maggie Stokes*

Many of the options on the Sunset Palms website do not require signing into the site. However, some of the options do require sign-in. The address of the website is [SunsetPalms.org](http://SunsetPalms.org).

## No Sign-In Required

- Newsletter
- Calendar of events
- Board of Directors contact information
- Properties for Sale
- Links to local attractions

## Sign-In Required

- Request for events to be placed on the calendar
- Resident Directory
- Board of Directors and Committee Minutes and Reports

## Sign-in Procedure

- Go [SunsetPalms.org](http://SunsetPalms.org)
- Click on the Login Button located at the top right portion of the screen
- Enter your Email address or Username
- Enter your password
- Click the Login button



If you have forgotten your password, click on the password reset link and follow the steps. If you still are unable to get on the website, please contact the office.

# BINGO AT SUNSET PALMS

*Submitted by the Bingo Ladies*



We would like to thank you for your continued support and hope to see you on Monday night for Bingo!

We have a canteen with beverages and hot dogs/snacks for purchase.

Doors open at 4:30 and Bingo starts at 6:00pm.

**Please bring small bills – no \$100, no \$50, no \$20!**

**NOTE:** Last Bingo of the season will be **APRIL 14th 2025** and will resume on **DECEMBER 8th 2025**.

Bingo ladies: Darlene Arsenault, Ada Bagatin, Bet LeBrun and Renee Farrington

# Did You Know?

April Fools' Day was started in France in the 1500s?

The famous quote, "Houston, we've had a problem!" occurred on April 11, 1970?

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
For the most up-to-date listing, go to <a href="http://sunsetpalms.org/events">http://sunsetpalms.org/events</a> Or click the "Calendar" tab on the Sunset Palms Website SunsetPalms.org)		
8:00 AM Clubhouse Floor Cleaning 10:00 AM Church Service (L)	6 7:45 AM Exercise Class 9:00 AM Pool Exercise 9:15 AM Sewing & Quilting Crafts 1:00 PM Hand & Foot (L) 1:00 PM Social Shuffle (S) 4:30 PM Bingo 6:00 PM Bridge (L)	7 7:45 AM Exercise Class 9:00 AM Pool Exercise 9:00 AM Sewing & Quilting Crafts (M) 1:00 PM Hand & Foot (L) 1:00 PM Social Shuffle (S) 5:00 PM Pool Exercise 6:30 PM Social Shuffle 7:00 PM Bridge (L)
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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>Exercise Class 1</div> <div>Pool Exercise</div> <div>Board Approval Comm</div> <div>Social Committee</div> <div>Billiards (L)</div> <div>Cornhole</div> <div>Shuffleboard Lessons (S)</div> <div>Arts</div> <div>St. Patrick's Day</div>	<div>Exercise Class 2</div> <div>7:45 AM Exercise Class</div> <div>9:00 AM Pool Exercise</div> <div>10:00 AM Euchre Lessons (L)</div> <div>12:30 PM Art Class</div> <div>4:00 PM Happy Hour</div> <div>7:00 PM Poker (L)</div>	<div>Exercise Class 3</div> <div>7:45 AM Exercise Class</div> <div>9:00 AM Pool Exercise</div> <div>1:00 PM Craft Club (L)</div> <div>6:00 PM Bible Study (L)</div> <div>7:00 PM Oh Hell! Card Game</div> <div>7:00 PM Bunco (L)</div>	<div>Exercise Class 4</div> <div>7:45 AM Exercise Class</div> <div>9:00 AM Pool Exercise</div> <div>9:00 AM Exterior Alterations Comm (M)</div> <div>11:00 AM Line Dancing</div> <div>1:00 PM Euchre (L)</div> <div>4:00 PM Cornhole</div> <div>6:00 PM Game Night (L)</div> <div>5:00 PM Pancake Breakfast setup</div>	<div>Exercise Class 5</div> <div>8:00 AM Pancake Breakfast</div> <div>1:00 PM Hoss Collar League (S)</div>
<div>Exercise Class 8</div> <div>Pool Exercise</div> <div>Board Approval Comm</div> <div>Billiards (L)</div> <div>Cornhole</div> <div>Shuffleboard Lessons (S)</div> <div>Arts</div>	<div>Exercise Class 9</div> <div>7:45 AM Exercise Class</div> <div>9:00 AM Pool Exercise</div> <div>12:30 PM Art Class</div> <div>4:00 PM Happy Hour</div> <div>7:00 PM Poker (L)</div>	<div>Exercise Class 10</div> <div>7:45 AM Exercise Class</div> <div>9:00 AM Pool Exercise</div> <div>1:00 PM Craft Club (L)</div> <div>6:00 PM Bible Study (L)</div> <div>7:00 PM Oh Hell! Card Game</div> <div>7:00 PM Bunco (L)</div>	<div>Exercise Class 11</div> <div>7:45 AM Exercise Class</div> <div>9:00 AM Pool Exercise</div> <div>9:00 AM Exterior Alterations Comm (M)</div> <div>11:00 AM Line Dancing</div> <div>1:00 PM Euchre (L)</div> <div>4:00 PM Cornhole</div> <div>6:00 PM Game Night (L)</div>	<div>Exercise Class 12</div> <div>1:00 PM Hoss Collar League (S)</div> <div>2:00 PM Luau at the Lake</div>
<div>Exercise Class 15</div> <div>Pool Exercise</div> <div>Board Approval Comm</div> <div>Billiards (L)</div> <div>Cornhole</div> <div>Shuffleboard Lessons (S)</div> <div>Arts</div>	<div>Exercise Class 16</div> <div>7:45 AM Exercise Class</div> <div>9:00 AM Pool Exercise</div> <div>12:30 PM Art Class</div> <div>4:00 PM Happy Hour</div> <div>7:00 PM Poker (L)</div>	<div>Exercise Class 17</div> <div>7:45 AM Exercise Class</div> <div>9:00 AM Pool Exercise</div> <div>1:00 PM Craft Club (L)</div> <div>6:00 PM Bible Study (L)</div> <div>7:00 PM Oh Hell! Card Game</div> <div>7:00 PM Bunco (L)</div> <div>Maundy Thursday</div>	<div>Exercise Class 18</div> <div>7:45 AM Exercise Class</div> <div>9:00 AM Pool Exercise</div> <div>9:00 AM Exterior Alterations Comm (M)</div> <div>1:00 PM Euchre (L)</div> <div>4:00 PM Cornhole</div> <div>5:00 PM Music Bingo</div> <div>6:00 PM Game Night (L)</div> <div>Good Friday</div>	<div>Exercise Class 19</div> <div>1:00 PM Hoss Collar League (S)</div> <div>Holy Saturday</div>
<div>Exercise Class 22</div> <div>Pool Exercise</div> <div>Board Approval Comm</div> <div>Billiards (L)</div> <div>Cornhole</div> <div>Shuffleboard Lessons (S)</div> <div>Arts</div>	<div>Exercise Class 23</div> <div>7:45 AM Exercise Class</div> <div>9:00 AM Pool Exercise</div> <div>10:00 AM SVI BOD Meeting</div> <div>12:30 PM Art Class</div> <div>4:00 PM Happy Hour</div> <div>7:00 PM Poker (L)</div>	<div>Exercise Class 24</div> <div>7:45 AM Exercise Class</div> <div>9:00 AM Pool Exercise</div> <div>1:00 PM Craft Club (L)</div> <div>6:00 PM Bible Study (L)</div> <div>7:00 PM Bunco (L)</div>	<div>Exercise Class 25</div> <div>7:45 AM Exercise Class</div> <div>9:00 AM Pool Exercise</div> <div>9:00 AM Exterior Alterations Comm (M)</div> <div>1:00 PM Euchre (L)</div> <div>4:00 PM Cornhole</div> <div>6:00 PM Game Night (L)</div>	<div>Exercise Class 26</div> <div>1:00 PM Hoss Collar League (S)</div>
<div>Exercise Class 29</div> <div>Pool Exercise</div> <div>Board Approval Comm</div> <div>Billiards (L)</div> <div>Cornhole</div> <div>Shuffleboard Lessons (S)</div> <div>Arts</div>	<div>Exercise Class 30</div> <div>7:45 AM Exercise Class</div> <div>9:00 AM Pool Exercise</div> <div>12:30 PM Art Class</div> <div>4:00 PM Happy Hour</div> <div>7:00 PM Poker (L)</div>			

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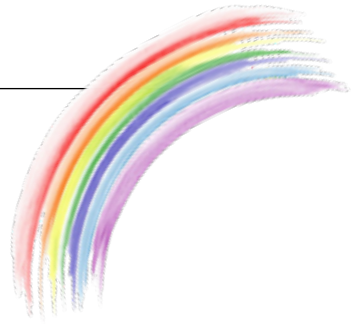




## RAINBOW

Submitted by Ralph Payne

A rainbow paints the scape in the afternoon breeze  
It's a peculiar sight, for the mind so contently pleased  
Only the sun and droplets will exhibit this arresting sweep  
The days brightest skies are elated with the new colours it keeps



An astonishing sight in the afternoon sun  
The colours in layers attend, displaying one by one  
There's always a pot of gold somewhere to be found  
Even if the spectrum is far out over the sea or on this galactic ground

The colours of a Rainbow so diverse, appearing this majestic day  
The seven colours on view as people look, walk and sway  
The light bending to form the colours, dazzling, supremely Inspired  
Seen Uniquely different from every eye, still a pleasant desire

Like all euphoric matters, they all seemingly pass and end  
As the evening draws near, reflecting with wine and a good friend  
It's just a memory, a continuous thought that will grow  
Just an ordinary day when we viewed an inspiring Rainbow

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Submitted by Barbara Kansorka



In the last month, no cards were sent out. We have very happy and healthy residents here!  
**I have passed the baton to Theresa today, so she will take over the Sunshine Committee going forth.**

**Thanks,  
Barb**

If you know of someone who is under the weather or has a loved one who has passed, please contact me.

*Editor's note:*

*After 8 years, Barbara is stepping down from the Sunshine Committee effective March 1, 2025. Thank you, Barbara, for your dedicated work throughout these years. We wish you nothing but the best. Theresa Chandler has replaced her effective March 1st, 2025. Welcome Theresa!*



## TRAVEL CORNER

Submitted by Kim Paquette



Please follow our Facebook page for all upcoming excursions <http://www.facebook.com/sunsetpalmstravel>

### **Sunset Palms Travel Presents a Unique Transatlantic Experience**

This year, Sunset Palms Travel is offering an exciting opportunity to embark on a transatlantic repositioning cruise from Lisbon, Portugal to Tampa. Travelers have the option to extend their stay in Portugal by spending time in a condo before the cruise, taking advantage of the fact that English is widely spoken, making it an enticing and cost-effective choice, especially during the pre-high season months of October and November.

### **The Benefits of Repositioning Cruises**

Repositioning cruises are one-way voyages that cross major bodies of water, often at a lower cost than traditional cruises. For instance, a 14-day transatlantic cruise typically includes accommodations, meals, and entertainment for around \$1,000 per person. Adding perks like a classic beverage package, Wi-Fi, prepaid gratuities, and onboard credits for balcony categories enhances the value even further.

Given the recent 37% increase in airfare from Canada and the U.S. to Europe since 2022, a transatlantic cruise can be a more economical option. It not only saves on flights but also offers stops at exciting ports along the way.

### **This Year's Cruise Itinerary**

This year's cruise from Lisbon to Tampa will be a 15-day journey, offering a unique blend of relaxation and exploration. Before arriving in Tampa, the cruise will visit the breathtaking Azores, followed by stops in St. Maarten, St. Thomas, Antigua, and Grand Cayman. These destinations promise a mix of stunning landscapes, vibrant cultures, and exciting activities.

### **Pricing and Accommodations**

The price for Picture window cabins is \$1,432 CAD per person which currently translates to \$1,000 USD for this 15-day voyage. For more details and to view the flyer, please visit our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/sunsetpalmstravel>.

### **Flexible Flight Arrangements**

To further enhance the value of this trip, flights can be booked from your departure city to Lisbon in the fall, and then return home in the spring from Tampa. Additionally, return flights can be arranged from multiple cities, creating significant savings by avoiding the need for a round-trip ticket from the same location. This flexibility allows you to plan your journey efficiently and cost-effectively.

### **Past Success and This Year's Opportunity**

Sunset Palms Travel has seen great success with past transatlantic cruises, and this year's journey promises to be just as enjoyable. The cruise allows travelers to fly one way and arrive at their winter home by ship, a unique and appealing experience for those who enjoy the journey as

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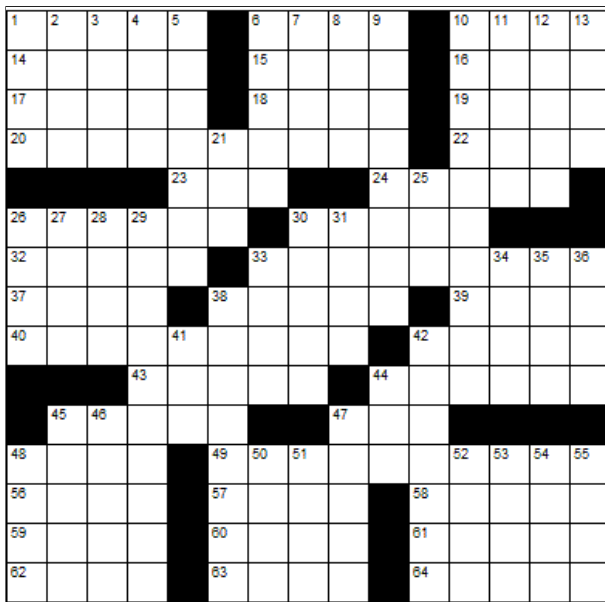
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## ACROSS

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6. Scottish lake
10. Birdbrain
14. Capture
15. African sheep
16. Holly
17. Elicit
18. Waist strap
19. Vitality
20. Ancient tiger
22. Smooth or level
23. Blemish
24. Go inside
26. Lug-nut protector
30. Fortuneteller's card
32. Enlist
33. Lowest female voice
37. In place of
38. Formerly it was a planet
39. Neophyte, in modern slang
40. Heavy rains
42. Useful



## DOWN

43. Instances
44. Candidly
45. Holy person
47. Unusual
48. Whimper
49. A type of seasoning
56. By mouth
57. Dugout shelter
58. Debate
59. Bull
60. Weightlifters pump this
61. Untrue
62. Pitcher
63. Blockhead
64. Thick woolen fabric
21. Faucet
25. Neither \_\_\_\_
26. Grasped
27. Freshwater mussel
28. Beer
29. A member of a council
30. Guided visits
31. Picnic insects
33. Hint
34. A certain cut of meat
35. Fee
36. Follow orders
38. Not requiring stamps

41. Greek god of flocks
42. Upward air current
44. Flowery verse
45. Goat antelope
46. Cognizant
47. Express a thought
48. Speck
50. River in Spain
51. Brace
52. Sticking point
53. Look at flirtatiously
54. Diversion
55. Require



# April

# Crossword





## No one wants to do shoddy work



Charles Handy tells this story about his friend Richard in *Waiting for the mountain to move: Reflections on work and life*.

Richard was made head of a decent-sized business. “One of the first things I did,” he told Handy, “was to gather all the work force together. I told them that I was not going to stand for second-class work going out; we had to produce quality, to be the best. I expected grumbles, but instead they almost started to cheer.”

Richard reported the employees said: “You can’t imagine how ashamed we have been in the past of some of the stuff we have sent out these doors, but we were always told that we could not afford to do it better.”

“I’m telling you,” Richard said to the employees, “that we can’t afford not to do it better.”

The employees then told Richard that they needed some new equipment to do the job better, to which Richard replied, “Point taken. But it will take time. Give me some time.”

The moral: *Doing your best and giving things time can solve some of even the most difficult problems.*

## A shave with death



Once, while actor John Barrymore was traveling in the Riviera, he realized he had undertaken the trip without his razor in his bag. Barrymore realized it was Sunday and the barbershops in town would be closed; he had a date to meet with the belle of the neighborhood and consulted frantically with the hotel manager in an attempt to find some way to rid himself of his two-days’ growth of beard.

“Can’t you find somebody in this town who will give me a shave?” he demanded.

Eventually the hotel manager produced a solemn-faced man. “I must ask you to lie flat on your back,” he said.

Barrymore figured it was a custom of the country to lie on your back while being shaved and he complied. The barber’s touch was so light that Barrymore even dozed while the work was being done. As he was paying, Barrymore remarked, “I can’t understand why you made me lie on my back.”

“Pure habit, sir,” the man replied. “This is the first time I ever shaved a live man.” — As retold from *Laughter Incorporated*, by Cerf Bennett

### ***On breakfast***

*I went to a restaurant that serves “breakfast at any time.” So I ordered French Toast during the Renaissance.*

— ***Steven Wright***

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# April Fools' Day

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## Origins and History

- **Ancient Roots:** The exact origins of April Fools' Day are unclear, but it is believed to date back to ancient Roman and Celtic festivals that involved playful behavior and pranks.
- **Calendar Change Theory:** One popular theory suggests that April Fools' Day began in the 16th century when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar. Those who continued to celebrate the New Year on April 1st, instead of January 1st, were called "April fools".

## Traditions and Customs

- **Pranks and Hoaxes:** People play jokes on friends, family, and colleagues. These pranks can range from simple tricks to elaborate hoaxes.
- **Media Involvement:** Newspapers, radio, TV stations, and websites often participate by publishing fake stories or reports to fool their audiences.

## Famous Pranks

- **Spaghetti Tree Hoax:** In 1957, the BBC aired a segment about Swiss farmers harvesting spaghetti from trees, which fooled many viewers.
- **Taco Liberty Bell:** In 1996, Taco Bell announced it had purchased the Liberty Bell and renamed it the "Taco Liberty Bell," causing a stir before revealing it was a joke.

## Modern Celebrations

- **Global Participation:** April Fools' Day is celebrated in many countries around the world, each with its own unique twist on the tradition.
- **Digital Pranks:** With the rise of social media, many pranks now take place online, with companies and individuals sharing humorous and often believable fake news.

### *Absurdity*

*Absurd: A statement or belief manifestly inconsistent with one's own.*

— **Ambrose Bierce**

### *On common sense*

*Common sense ... is very uncommon.*

— **Lord Byron**

*Judging by common sense is merely another phrase for judging by first appearances; and everyone who has mixed among mankind with any capacity for observing them knows that the men who place implicit faith in their own common sense, are, without any exception, the most wrongheaded and impracticable persons with whom he has ever had to deal.*

— **John Stuart Mill**



# APRIL



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