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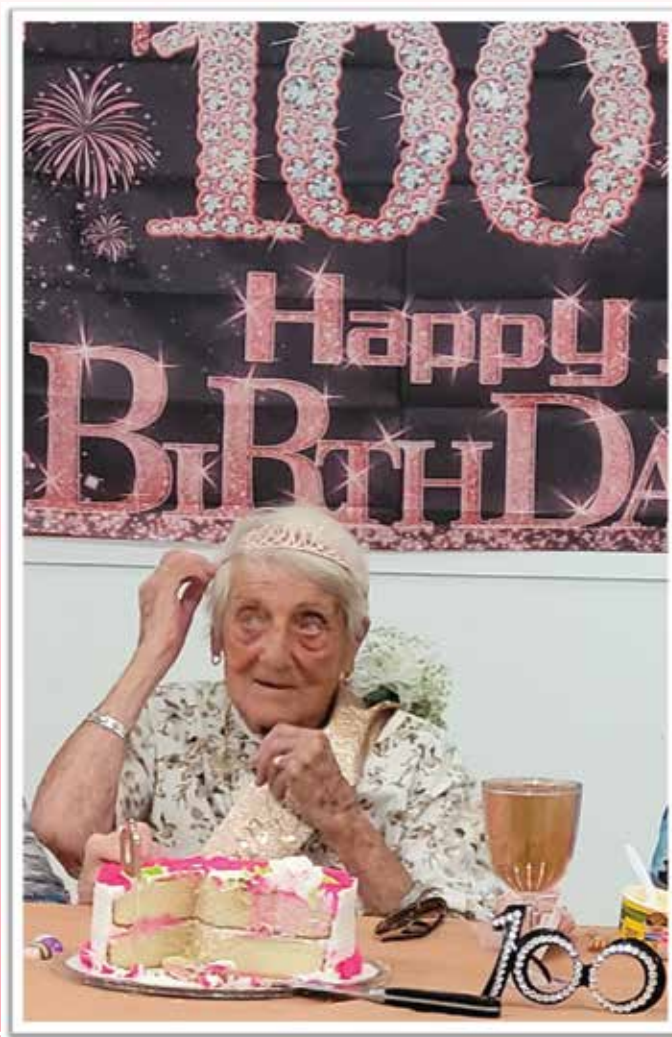
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Submitted by Jan McCoy



So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, goodbye, adieu, au revoir, goodbye, to you and you and you! Our snowbirds brought the music, and we bid farewell with a song. I don't know about you, but I've never experienced a season that passed by in such a flash.

I'd like to take a moment to recognize and thank our staff, all our board members and to especially express my gratitude to the many residents who stepped up to volunteer by sharing their background knowledge. We approved some significant projects (kitchen upgrades: improved electrical and plumbing, new convection oven, vent hoods, sinks, counters, microwave, hot water heater, water softener, ADA enhancements to the clubhouse, new audio system for the clubhouse and the pool area, hurricane prep: addition of back-up power generation and clubhouse storm shutters, shuffleboard court & Wal-Mart gate/Oleander fencing projects) all to be implemented over the coming months. It took a lot of effort to get there. We were blessed by so many of you who came to our aid. The outcomes were far superior, as a result, and the accomplishments moved forward more quickly. Expertise encompassed, but was not limited to: carpentry, electrical engineering, plumbing, construction backgrounds, lift station guidance, kitchen design, web design, audio equipment, fitness center equipment guidance and the list goes on and on. With every request for whoever can help, there was a response with a smile. I can't express enough how wonderful it has been to experience such support.

And that's just the project side of the house! What about all the events organized by the Social Committee led by Jamie Calandra and her band of always ready and never-ending volunteers? We see you and appreciate you all! We can't wait for the Luau!

Jamie & Dominic, thank you both, and your team, for your years of dedication to making Sunset Palms a fun place to live. We wish you happiness and many more joy filled years in which to play instead of work. It will take a lot to fill your shoes but let us not despair, work is already in progress for some summer fun run by the newly elected Social Committee officers. Congratulations to all and good luck with your events. Calling all volunteers!! Come one, come all!

Respectfully submitted,
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MANAGER'S CORNER

Submitted by Marilyn Corazza



Hey there, just checking....

Have you gone to your other home for the Summer?

Did you remember to sign out at the office and make arrangements for your mail to be forwarded and for someone to watch over and take care of your Florida home in your absence? If you did, that's good to hear.

If you did not, it's **NOT** too late.

Call the Sunset Palms Office (727) 577-0287 and let us know that you've left the park and make sure that we have your out-of-state mailing address and phone number so we can contact you if we need to.

Have a wonderful Summer!

Marilyn Corazza, LCAM

FISHING AT THE POND

Submitted by Bet LeBrun



Paul & Darlene Stamp's grandson (501 Rose) LANDON WARD was fishing at the lake March 18. People playing Cornhole saw that he caught a big fish and of course he released it. They think it weighed almost 6 lbs. The next day, CHRISTOPHER WARD (Landon's brother) also caught a fish at the pond, slightly smaller and released it as well.



Now that's a fish story!

Congratulations boys!

HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY CATHY BROWN!!

Submitted by the WeeZee Riders

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FROM THE EDITOR

Submitted by Bet LeBrun



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IMPORTANT!

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.

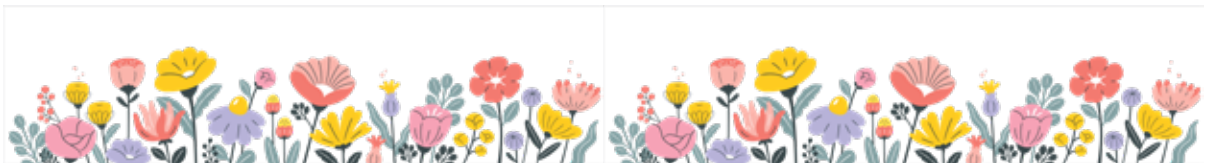
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Many thanks to all who helped with and contributed to this month's newsletter.

You can access the monthly newsletter as well as the calendar at <https://sunsetpalms.org/>.

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CELEBRATING A DECADE OF EXCELLENCE AND JOY

Submitted by Bet LeBrun

Here is a little representation of our Past President of the Social Committee, Jamie Calandra. Congratulations on all your hard work and dedication to the residents of this park.

The journey began in 2014. I accidentally signed up for the Social committee, not knowing it was for Vice-President. Then Bob Lohrman & Cary O'Connor called me in the office and asked me to be President. I had no clue what to do! I said yes and I did it all on my own with no help or guidance.

The rest is history...

Resident of the Year 2017

I was honored with the title of Resident of the Year. This accolade marked the beginning of a remarkable adventure filled with creativity, community spirit, and unwavering dedication.

Craft Fairs and Music at the Lake

My passion for crafts led me to establish The Spring and Fall Craft Fairs. These events quickly became popular, bringing together enthusiasts to showcase their talents and creations. To further celebrate our beautiful lake, I initiated Music at the Lake, transforming afternoons into vibrant musical gatherings.

Engaging Activities and Events

I embraced the opportunity to teach and entertain through various engaging activities. Paint n Sip paint nights became a delightful blend of artistry and relaxation. Music Bingo brought laughter and excitement, while The Super Bowl Party and Cornhole tournaments added a touch of spirited competition. The Hawaiian Luau transported participants to a tropical paradise, complete with festive vibes and traditional celebrations.

Transformative Changes

Our yard sales were enjoyable, yet I felt there was room for improvement. They initially featured only hot dogs and hamburgers outside, but I envisioned a more dynamic experience. Thus, I introduced the Auction, which quickly became a huge hit, and food carts that roamed, offering a variety of delicious options. I revamped the menu, utilizing the kitchen to serve hot lunches, enhancing the overall dining experience.

Community Support and Collaboration

Recognizing the importance of giving back, I collaborated with the Salvation Army to arrange pick-ups after sales, ensuring that unsold items found new homes with those in need. This initiative not only fostered a sense of community but also highlighted the value of compassion and support.

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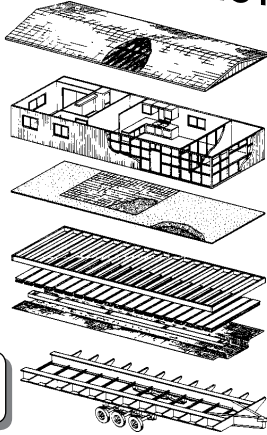
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A Decade of Joy

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Thank you to all the people who supported me and made it all happen.
Jamie Calandra

LINE DANCING

Submitted by Darlene Arsenault



Thank you to everyone who attended Line Dancing this year! We went from a beginner to an intermediate class. So much fun and good exercise! Thank you, Al, for doing the music.

See you all next season, first class December 5th, 2025!
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Thank you
Darlene Arsenault
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Submitted by Bet LeBrun

I will be suspending posts for future events this summer and will add them as they become available later in the year.
Monthly events are still available via the Calendar (center of newsletter) or the online version.

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.

BINGO AT SUNSET PALMS

Submitted by the Bingo Ladies

We would like to thank everyone (Bingo players AND volunteers) for a successful Bingo season. We couldn't have done it without your continued support since it started on January 13th 2025. We look forward to seeing you next season starting December 8th 2025! We would also like to thank all for the beautiful and thoughtful gifts.



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

WAFFLE HOUSE

Submitted by Ralph Payne

WAFFLE HOUSE

No small talk from Jim, no how are you? no hi
Jim is my name he said, not from here, I came here as a boy
The Waffle House only had a few customers that night
Food wasn't bad and after all day on the road, it was a welcoming sight

Jim really didn't ask many questions, mainly talked about stuff
How he made it through life, some good, some rough
I was only five when our family left Louisiana to come here
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SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Submitted by Theresa Chandler



Cards sent this month:

Get Well

Jeri Kallush

John Carnemolla

Sympathy

Myrna MacIlivane

Mary Snyder

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

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Submitted by Pastor Nelson Blount

Dear Sunset Palms Residents,

As I write this, I want you to know that I realize that our backgrounds are so different. I've often said, "If we knew each other's back stories we would be much more compassionate." Another month has passed, and I am thinking about many of you that I have not met and some I don't know very well. My heart desires to write something that will be encouraging, uplifting, thoughtful and most of all something that might connect with your heart.

I'm saying this in this moment and my next thought is... I want to encourage you to pick up a Gospel of John booklet and read it. I have multiple copies that I am willing to give to you.

The reason why my thought went this way is because of how much help that the scripture has given me. Amid trouble which we all experience, it just might be a resource in your life as it has been in mine.

So grab a Bible or booklet of John, and in the privacy of your own home or coffee shop, just read by yourself. No one needs to know.

This evening quite by surprise, Chris and Paul stopped by to express appreciation. This was our first time meeting. Thank you, Chris and Paul, for a beautiful handwritten note (with excellent penmanship) and a box of Turtle Chocolates.

I share this with you because it feels so good to be at the receiving end. Right here I want to thank Bet LeBrun for her faithful oversight of our monthly Newsletter. I want to thank Jamie Calandra for ten years of providing leadership for a wonderful Social Life for us. So here goes... I want to encourage you to send cards to these ladies.

For the month of May maybe we could be motivated to express gratitude to others. It's short and sweet this month. For those of you who have traveled to your northern residence, may your travel be safe and you arrive home with no mishaps.

You all matter much!

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.



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10:00 AM Church Service (L) 2:00 PM Bingo (L)	4 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) Cinco De Mayo	5 7:45 AM Exercise Class 9:00 AM Pool Exercise 9:00 AM Sewing & Quilting Crafts 1:00 PM Hand & Foot (L) 5:00 PM Social Shuffle (S) 6:30 PM Lessons (S)
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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
//sunsetpalms.org/events s Website (SunsetPalms.org)		¹ 7:45 AM Exercise Class 9:00 AM Pool Exercise 1:00 PM Craft Club (L) 6:00 PM Bible Study (L) 7:00 PM Bunco (L)	² 7:45 AM Exercise Class 9:00 AM Pool Exercise 9:00 AM Exterior Alterations Comm (M) 1:00 PM Euchre (L) 4:00 PM Cornhole 6:00 PM Game Night (L)	³ 1:00 PM Hoss Collar League (S)
		National Day of Prayer		
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Hawaii's path to statehood included significant chapters - from the arrival of American missionaries in 1820, to becoming a U.S. territory in 1898, and finally achieving statehood in 1959 as America's 50th state. Today, Hawaii stands as a unique melting pot of North American and East Asian cultures, alongside its indigenous Hawaiian heritage.


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- Hawaii (Big Island): Experience both sides of this diverse island with full days in both Hilo and Kona, allowing time to witness volcanic activity and everything else the Big Island offers.

- Kauai: Again, we dock in the morning and spend a full day, stay overnight, and enjoy another complete day before departing in the evening.

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FLUSH ONLY: Body waste and toilet paper. (The 3 P's = pee, poo, paper)

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- Food, etc.
- When in doubt, **DON'T FLUSH IT!**

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1	Edward Burke	10	Elle Lord	23	Suzann Clark
1	Winnie Tibbo	10	Billy Johnson	23	Al Evans
2	Julie Eveleigh	10	Pat Bianco	23	Steve Webb
3	Bob Shifflett	11	Job Halfyard	24	Gail Peterson
3	Larry Kilgore	11	Bucky Brock	25	Doreen Andrews
4	Terry Flight	12	Brenda White	26	Shirley Marts
4	Phil Grouchy	13	Nancy Anderson	26	Dave Jones
5	Gene Robison	16	Alex Janicki	26	Wesley Jefford
5	Cindy Myers	17	Sarah Baker	27	Merrilyn Quinnan
6	Connie O'Leary	17	Terry Lohrman	28	Nancy Steinberger
6	Shirley Saunders	18	Edna Reid	28	Lorne Benson
7	Edward Moody	19	Jeri Kallush	28	Camile Blount
7	Michelle Gregoire	19	Velma Antsey	29	Nelson Ullom
7	Audrey Whiteside	20	Al Boesch	31	Kim Paquette
7	Cecily Bennett	21	Barbara Hounsell	31	Walter Galuski
8	Ida Babineau	22	Millie Smith	31	Kathryn Bruce
8	Kevin Lawrence	22	Jo Ann Haas		
9	Lisa Bunnell	23	Dave Bell		

Happy Birthday

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

3	Rick & Debbie Middleton	15	Scott & Mary Snyder
5	Joan & Fred Forsey	25	Margaret & Donald Smith
7	Diane & Lorne Benson	25	Maxine & Don Manuel
8	Sandra & Bucky Brock	25	Florence & George Bouchard
15	Sharon & Bill Hickey	30	Sheila & Phil Thoms
15	Pat & Bob Lohrman		



NOTE: If your birthday or anniversary doesn't show up, it may be because we don't have it. If you would like to have it shown in the Spotlight Newsletter in the "event" month, please let me know and I will add it to the master list. On the other hand, if you don't want your event to be published, I can remove it from the list - no questions asked.

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Welcome the newly elected officers of the Sunset Palms Social Committee:

- President - Trish Costa
- Vice-President - Carol Eitenmiller
- Secretary - Carol Perasso
- Treasurer - Karen Harding
- Communications Director - Maggie Stokes
- Liaison from the Sunset Palms BOD - Roberta Maynard

A big thank you to all of our volunteers whose efforts shape our community to be the best place to live.



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- **Cinco de Mayo** (May 5): Celebrates Mexican heritage and pride.
- **Mother's Day** (Second Sunday in May): Honors mothers and motherhood.
- **Memorial Day** (Last Monday in May): Commemorates U.S. military personnel who have died in service.

Notable Observances

- **Mental Health Awareness Month**: Focuses on mental health education and awareness.
- **National Wildflower Week** (First full week of May): Celebrates the beauty of wildflowers.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week** (First full week of May): Recognizes the contributions of teachers.

Fun and Quirky Days

- **Star Wars Day** (May 4): "May the Fourth be with you!"
- **National Chocolate Chip Day** (May 15): A day to enjoy chocolate chip treats.
- **National Bike Month**: Encourages biking for health and the environment.

Daily Observances

- **May 1**: May Day, National Mother Goose Day
- **May 2**: International Harry Potter Day, National Brothers and Sisters Day
- **May 3**: National Garden Meditation Day, National Paranormal Day
- **May 4**: Bird Day, International Firefighters Day
- **May 5**: National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, National Day of Reason

Source:

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On life

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— **Samuel Butler**

On originality

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— **Booker T. Washington**

On friends

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— **Ralph Waldo Emerson**



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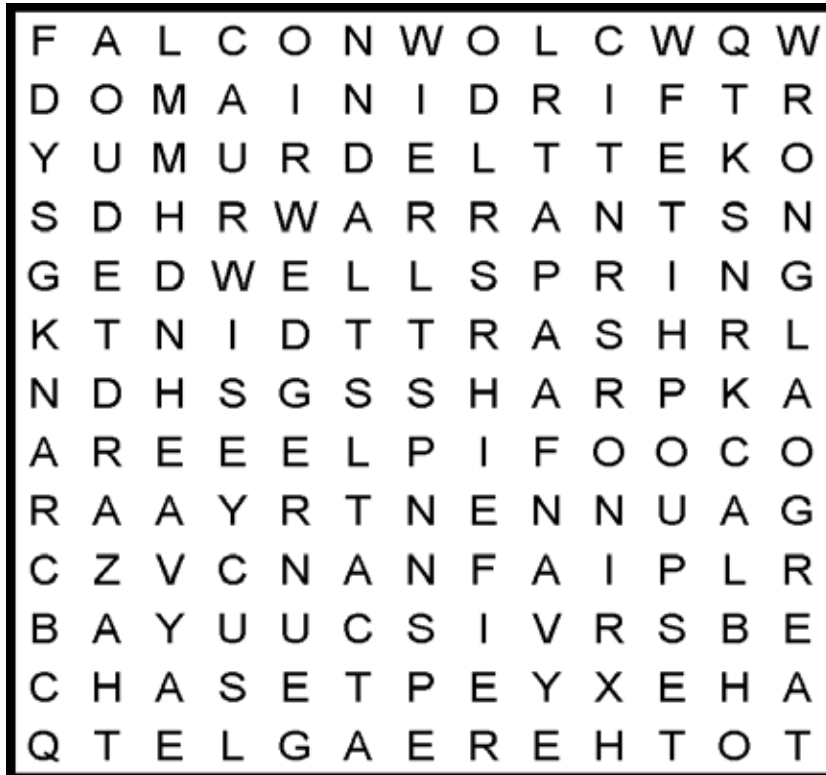
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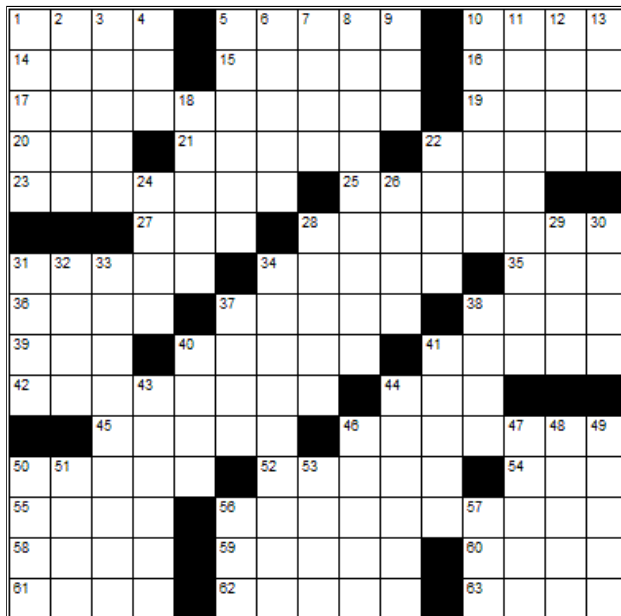
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