

River Ramblings

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Happy April/Spring

The weather is coming around, it's finally warming up. Kids were in the pool last week (not me, still too cold). New plants have been put in at the entrance, thanks to Sammi and the Beautification Committee.

The monthly Pot Luck at the Clubhouse was not as crowded as previously, but the food was outstanding as usual.

Wilson and Alfred had a wienie roast with again a turnout of sixty or so, they ate lots of good stuff and many hot dogs.

The monthly dinner dance at the Porch was a St. Patrick's Day delight. Corned beef cooked by Bob Hebert, potatoes, cabbage and dessert by the Porch Committee, Patty, Sammi, Bev, Jim, Janet and me. There were 75 for dinner.

Entertainment by Lora Patton had many dancing the night away.

I want to give a big shout out to Sam, Greg, Jim and Jimmy Suggs for stepping in while Mika was unable to work. That is the spirit of this place. Thanks guys. Glad to have Mika and his smiling face back.

Have you noticed how nice the lattice around the sewer plant is? Probably

not, since it blends in so well. Thanks to Nancy, Doug, Jim and Rick for their good work.

This Park is a treasure of things to do and really nice people. I make an effort to help and join in on as much as possible. Hope you do too.

A happy and blessed Easter from the Ramblers!



Who in the park is this?



Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Jane Boone!

Fishing Report

For the most part, everyone who goes out fishing is going to catch bass lately. They are certainly biting!! Rip's fishing tournament is Sat., April 4th, 7:00am at the Porch. There will be a pre-tourney meeting that morning. If anyone

has questions before hand, please call Rip at (863) 824-0190.

See the posted fliers for more information.

GOOD LUCK to all that participate



Winners
Announced
At 3:00 at
Rick's Party
On Deck!

Last month's picture of the turtle sign was taken behind lot 44, on Fitch Road

TIN FISH RESTAURANT

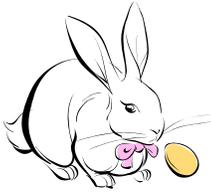
301 N. Parrott Ave.
Okeechobee, FL

A cute place decorated with 2 big gators inside the entrance way and a fish/fishing theme inside. Their menu is large and varied: most of the choices are seafood, however they do have burgers, wings, salads, pork, ribs, chops and steaks. The seafood items include tacos/burritos,

many varieties of fish, sandwiches, frog legs, chowders, oysters and gator. We ordered the calamari served with fries and slaw, and their "famous" fish sandwich served with same. The calamari was excellent and plentiful, and the breading was light and tasty. The fish sandwich was somewhat disappointing as there was only a very small and thin strip of fish on a huge hoagie roll: either not enough fish or too much bread-- whichever way describes it!

Service was good. We both thought the tables were too close together making it feel slightly cramped.

Hours are Mon-Thurs. 11am-8pm. Fridays & Sat 11am-9pm. Sundays 12pm-8pm. Their complete menu including prices are located at www.tinfishokeechobee.com



"Never look down on anyone unless you are helping them up"

Porch News

We had a great St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance. Lots of people came and enjoyed dinner and then stayed for the entertainment by Lora Patton.

Easter Sunday will be a potluck dinner at 4. Hams will be furnished by the Porch and Clubhouse. Bring a dish and join your neighbors.

April 18 is the last Dinner/Dance of the year. Entertainment by Big Freddie and Laura. Dinner 5 – 6:30. Music 7 – 11. \$12.00

Exercise Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri. mornings 8-9am

Hors d'oeuvres Fridays at 6. All welcome, come before Bingo or cards.

Clubhouse News

Mondays at 10am: Sewing Club
Tuesdays at 9:30am: Bible Study
Potluck is Tuesday April 14
Fridays at 7pm: Bingo

There is also Rummikub, 1-4pm on Tues.,Thurs. and Sat.

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 is Canasta and Hand & Foot.

April Riddles

1. What season is it when on a trampoline?
2. When do monkeys fall from the sky?
3. What flowers grow on faces?
4. Why is the letter 'a' like a flower?

5. Why was the Easter Bunny so upset?
6. Why shouldn't you tell an Easter Egg a good Joke?
7. What kind of books do rabbits like?

A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they'll never sit in.
Greek Proverb

Pressure Washing Saturday

A cool, overcast day welcomed a bunch of volunteers to pressure wash the ramps and walkways. There will be another day of pressure washing April 11. Please be sure and help out again or for the first time. Contact Nancy at dunuzu@gmail.com.

Thanks to (in no particular order): Doug, Nancy, Karen T., Arnie, Jan, Rick W., Jerry A., Suanne, John, Kevin & Shawn and their two friends, Ted, Tony C., Mary Lou, Penny, Chris and Howard.

Sammi, Jeanie and Martie did lunch with the food donated by Sammi, Jeanie and Wilson.

Gas was donated by Lance, Bob H., Sam, Ted and Arnie. Several workers donated Clorox.

Thanks to all the great volunteers!

Riddle Answers

- 1. Spring-Time!
- 2. During Ape-ril showers!
- 3. Tulips (two lips)!
- 4. A bee (b) comes after it!

- 5. He was having a bad Hare day!
- 6. He might crack up!
- 7. One with a hoppy ending!

History of April Fool's Day

April Fool's Day is of unknown origin, but may have begun around 1582 in France, when the Gregorian calendar was introduced, and New Year's Day changed from April 1st to January 1st. April 1st is well known in Europe, Austria, Brazil and the USA as a day when people play practical jokes and hoaxes on each other. The joke and their victims are known as April Fools.

Because of the jokes being played and spread to other countries, April Fool's Day has taken on an international flavor with each country. In England, jokes are played in the morning. It is considered bad luck to play a practical joke on someone after noon. In Portugal, April Fool's Day falls on the Sunday and Monday before Lent. In this celebration, many people throw flour at their friends. In India, people play jokes and smear colors on one another celebrating the arrival of Spring.

And, no matter where you happen to be in the world on April 1st, don't be surprised if April Fools call playfully on you.

Beer Bread

3 Cups self-rising flour

¼ Cup sugar

1 12oz can of beer

1 stick of butter

Heat oven to 375.

Mix dry ingredients and beer. Put into greased loaf pan.

Melt butter and pour over mixture.

Bake 1 hour, cool 15 minutes.

Note: if you don't sift the flour "fluff" it up with a spoon.

This makes a very hearty bread with a crunchy, buttery crust.

Maryann

Volunteers are needed to finish pressure washing the walkways April 11. Contact Nancy: dunuzu@gmail.com.

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*Come one come all
to the 60th Birthday Party
of Rick Warren
On the deck, Saturday April 4th, 1 till 6
Music by Prowler
Food provided!*

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