

Hello, friends,

Thanks to all who came to the meeting on a different Friday. There is no meeting this coming Friday (our usual second Friday) because of a scheduling conflict with the Card Room on that date. **Our next meeting will be at Sholom Park on May 13th. Details are below.**

We revisited several topics that we've discussed before:

- Vendor list: We are trying to build a robust list of trusted vendors to call upon for any variety of help. If you have used someone that you would recommend for handyman services, car repairs, lawn care or any other service or product, please pass along their information to be added to the list. You can do this by texting, emailing me or calling me, or sending a quick pic of their business card. We also discussed adding a "Buyer Beware" section to the list to warn people of vendors who have given substandard or even fraudulent services and/or who prey on Oak Run residents. If you have had an especially bad experience with someone and would not like to see your neighbors cheated, please let me know.
- The most recent edition of *Southwest Neighbors* contained a couple of pieces of information that might be useful:
 - Hospice is hosting two movie nights in April: Tuesday, April 12 at 5:30 (showing *Ordinary People* with Mary Tyler Moore) and Saturday, April 16 at 11:30 am (showing *We Bought a Zoo* starring Matt Damon). There is no charge, but you must secure your ticket at www.mariontheatre.org and use check out code HOMC22 for both movies.
 - A resident of On Top of the World has created a "Seniors at Work" program through her Senior Resource Foundation. Its purpose is to link employers in the Ocala area with seniors who may be interested in part time or seasonal jobs. They also offer other events and programs. For more information visit www.SRFofOcala.org or call 352-440-3876.
- Bettye Wilcox is working on a list of members who would like to get together for card or board games, day trips and other activities. This would be geared for our members and you will not have to join other Oak Run clubs. If you have a particular interest, please let Bettye know by emailing her at es_wilcox@yahoo.com so she can add you to the list.
- At the suggestion of one of our members, we are starting a "Sunshine" project for our members. Kathylee will make a daily check-in call to anyone who would like to receive a morning call to make sure all is well. If you'd like to receive a daily call, please let me or Kathylee know. The project will also include sending cards to those of our members who are ill or in the hospital. Some members have graciously offered to donate cards or stamps; if you also have cards or stamps to donate, please let us know or bring them to the next meeting. This will only work if we know of an illness or hospitalization, so please keep in touch with your neighbor members and let us know if you are aware of someone who might need a card.
- A trip to the Butterfly Rainforest Exhibit in Gainesville is being planned for May. If you haven't already signed up and you're interested, please let me know. I don't yet have an exact date, but I'll arrange group pricing and find a date within the next couple of weeks. The plan is to carpool to Gainesville for the exhibit and have lunch. The cost for the Butterfly Exhibit is \$11.50. No admission for the related Natural History Museum, but a donation of \$6.00 is customary. Please plan to share the cost of gas with your driver. I will send out more information via email when details are firm, but I could use a volunteer to call members who don't use email or text.

The May meeting will be held May 13th in Sholom Park. We will meet at the Pavilion at 10:30. Ingrid has offered to lead a group walk as she did in November. A short meeting will be held immediately following the walk. After that, we

will have lunch, tentatively set for the nearby Stone Creek Grill. If you are unable to, or don't care to walk, there are benches to wait on while the others walk. If you can take a passenger, please let me know and be at the Orchid Club parking lot by 10:15. If you need a ride, please let me know by May 12th so we can connect riders and passengers. A map of Sholom Park is attached.

A reminder that we have set up a monthly lunch at the Oak Room Grill for the 4th Friday of each month at 11:30. The next lunch is April 22. If you did not sign up at the April meeting and want to go, please call Shelley before April 20. Likewise, if you signed up and can't make it please let me know so I can give the club an accurate count.

An unhappy note: Josie, one of our members, had a bad fall over the weekend and has likely fractured her pelvis. Treatment and prognosis are still being determined, but she is probably looking at some time in rehab before returning to her home. She is in relatively good spirits but could use all prayers for a speedy recovery. Please keep her in your thoughts.

The latest membership roster is attached. For those of you who don't have email addresses, Ingrid Crane will deliver this message and any attachments to your home. *If you don't plan to return to the group, or don't want to receive this information, please let me know, and I'll remove you from the list.*

Thank you, and I hope to see you next month on **May 13th**

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