Hi, Everyone,

I just wanted to say I can’t wait for Y’ALL to get back here to your Winter home. I have missed you!!

We have a lot of fun and exciting things to do this season. Sue, Karen, the staff and myself have been working to get everything ready for you here.

Dieter, MRHM (My Right Hand Man) has been hard at work on the Winter Calendar, Activities Coordinators’ List and Newsletter, getting them ready. Dianna from the office will be assisting me again this season. She is really a perfect addition to my team. The rest of my team is Sue Jorgensen, Deb Pratt, Ann Trine, Jim and Linda Williams, and the list goes on. I really appreciate all you do …

So I will be waiting for your arrival don’t forget to bring all of your partying items and attire. We will once again have an unforgettable season and make more memories.

See you soon -

Sandy Clark,
Activities Director

Our “First 2 Weeks” –

Our first Coffee Meeting is TUE JAN 7, at 8:30 a.m. Coffee & Social & 50/50 draw; 9:00 announcements. This is a weekly event where all announcements – and fun! - take place.

“Newcomers Orientation” – Thu Jan 9, 4-5pm AC; details at Coffee. This is a special, excellent presentation for all Newcomers, followed by questions and answers. Thanks to Deb Pratt and Ann Trine for their initiative.

“Welcome Wine & Cheese” – Thu Jan 15, 4-5 pm; refreshments - courtesy Riverside/Encore; Appetizers - courtesy ‘y’all’.

More details at Coffee & on ‘riversidesnowbirds.com’.

Picture (Re)Takes – everyone and especially Newcomers to Riverside – !!!

It is our custom to have a pictorial directory of all campers (voluntary!) in the main hallway of the Activity Center. This has proved to be a BIG SUCCESS due to the countless hours, expertise and dedication of our volunteer resident photographer, John Goodrich.

We urge and invite you to come and have your picture taken (or ‘retaken’ if you wish):

- Tue Jan 7, 14, 21 – after Coffee - 10:30 - at the Butterfly Gardens
- Sat Jan 11, 18 – 10:30 - at the Butterfly Gardens

There will be more details at the 1st Coffee, Tue Jan 7/20 – and on riversidesnowbirds.com!
Dinner Theatre Show – Sat January 18/20 - from Sandy Clark!

The Dinner Theatre Show this season is “Grumpy Old Men”, and this is an evening show. The cost is $69.00 per person, which includes the dinner and the show. This year it is going to be on Saturday, January 18. This is the only show we could get, and because it is so early, I am starting to sell the tickets at Coffee on Tuesday, November 26th. If you have friends that are not going to be here until January, please make arrangements with them to purchase their tickets so you all can sit together.

Riverside’s Special Website for Campers

A. It’s called riversidesnowbirds.com, and there you will find all information and details about all activities, events, clubs, dinner dances, cruise, trips, the Calendar, etc. etc. And much more ....

If you have never registered for this Snowbird website before, you should register for it and CREATE an account to access the website. Go to:

<http://www.riversidesnowbirds.com>

Look for:

- left side bar - “LOGIN” box
- select “Create an Account”
- follow the instructions – supply the requested information

NOTE: ‘Confirm’ password, email – means – TYPE IT AGAIN -> Register

Do get into the habit of checking the riversidesnowbirds.com website daily 😊.

The other fantastic feature of this website is the automatic emails and information – called Notifications!

B. Riverside Snowbirds “Notifications”

You will receive automatic email notifications, BUT – you must be signed up for them. Here’s how – be sure you are logged in to:

<http://www.riversidesnowbirds.com> (see A. above)

For first time ever “Notification” users:

- (top menu) Go to: Notifications – then choose “Subscribe”
- Follow the instructions, and select the group(s) that you would like to receive Notifications from.

We strongly suggest that you select “Snowbirds Alerts”, to automatically receive Riverside information in your personal email, that relates to the whole Park.

Calendar

On the front page you will see a “normal monthly calendar” with special, “one-time”, non-weekly events, such as our Dances, Blood Drive, Concerts, State and other Parties, Special Happenings, Ice cream Socials, etc.

On the back side of the page you will see the regular, weekly activities, such as bowling, cards, Church, exercising, etc. Also included are bi-weekly events, such as Book Club, JULIET’s, dancing, classes, etc. with their actual dates beside them, e.g. Book Club (1/4, 18) etc.
Please NOTE:

1. **The special, MONTHLY events on the front page take precedence over the regular weekly events.** Every precaution has been taken to avoid conflicts; everyone involved in the scheduling of the events has been notified, but sometimes a special last-minute change does come up.

2. **For any “impromptu” special events, meetings, rehearsals, etc., we ask that you also contact me, for availability.**

To avoid conflicts, everything must go through the MASTER Calendar – NOT THE OFFICE. Just because a place seems to be empty, somebody could be coming shortly, so - to avoid any conflicts, problems, always please contact me, Dieter, NOT the Office, NOT Sandy, but me, Dieter – 863-558-3040, or dieteule@golden.net. Thanks.

“Meet & Greet” at the “Lakes”

This is an OPEN invitation to ALL our Riverside family from your “cousins at the Lakes”. So, for **Wed Jan 22, 3:30**, please **bring a kite** and:

"Let's go fly a kite! up to the Lakes party, where the wind blows free and all are welcome to be"

Ivy Smart - Coordinator

Our first **Dinner/ Dance – Thu Jan 23.** We always have a theme; this year’s is “Pajama Party” so wear your favorite night attire, etc. (but no birthday suits! 😊) Sandy will provide the Dinner Entrée, but you bring your own salad, sides, desserts, etc., with your group! Make or bring decorations galore; D.J. music, byob... More details at coffee & on riversidesnowbirds.com.

Campers’ Directory

There will again be a Riverside Campers' Directory. All entries are voluntary, but are most valuable in contacting Riverside friends. The Directory is ONLY for “Riversiders” who submit Directory information, and will be available mid-January. Detailed information and the directory submission form will be sent out by Jim Williams, our “Computer Guru”.

**Note:** Everyone who wishes to be in the Directory, must fill out the directory submission form, even if you were in it the last year(s)!

Activities/Coordinators’ List – this is a list of all Coordinators for the different activities. It is also an alphabetical list of all activities, events, their dates and times. It can be found on the menu of the Activity page on the website.

It is also included in your Directory, and can be found under ‘Contacts’ on the Snowbird website menu. Please contact the Coordinators for your specific interest or information about an activity.
The **Computer Geeks** are coming!! The **Geeks** are coming!! The **Geeks** are coming – first week in February! Bring all your questions for your computers, and all social devices! Details, as always, on riversidesnowbirds.com.

**Fleamarket & Craft Sale – Sat. Feb 8** - ‘Of course there will be another Fleamarket & Craft Sale’, says our **Coordinator Roy Bull**! So, remember to bring all your ‘treasures’ – to sell and to buy – and some ‘green backs’, too! Details at Coffee, on signup sheets, and on riversidesnowbirds.com.

‘**Judy Klein Memorial**’ **Blood Drive – Riverside wins “blood red GOLD”**

We are sooooo excited!!!!... to tell everyone at Riverside that, with all the generous blood donations, Riverside was **first** in the number of units given and **first** in the ratio of units to the number of people in the Park, in 2019. We had 150 units given, beating all other RV Parks in the area.

That being said, we were awarded the two trophies that will be proudly displayed in Riverside's Park Office. This was **Sue Stellini's and Katie Campbell's** wish they made at coffee, that their sister, **Judy**, now in heaven, who had started the Blood Drive, would be so proud of Riverside, if we could win both trophies in her memory - AND WE DID - and we’ll do it again on Thu Feb 6!

Thank you everyone, for all the lives that you have saved this year! That is why we have the drives; the rest is a bonus, and we are very proud of your accomplishments!!!

*Dianne, Sue and Katie*

**2019-2020 Aluminum Can Recycling**

Riverside had collected 1194 pounds of aluminum cans in our 2019 season. $333 was deposited into the Peace River Wildlife account from Allied Recycling in Port Charlotte.

**Bob Stellini & Earl Wilser** took turns every other week driving to the recycling center. **Gary Willox** assisted Earl a couple of times. **Bob McCabe** did the yeoman’s work of sorting out the garbage from the cans.

As a result of our efforts 23,880 cans were kept out of the landfill. This compares with 20,480 cans last year but a net of $406.80 due to the higher price of recycled aluminum.

Please bring, keep and recycle your aluminum cans in a separate plastic bag. Further details at Coffee.

*Bill Ober – Recycling Coordinator*

**Mardi Gras – Tue Feb 25**

Start the Day off with a Pancake Breakfast at the Coffee Hour – 8:00.

Come dressed ‘New Orleans’ style, bring all your stuff from home, be as crazy as you wish, – every one else will be. At 12:00 there will be a fabulous Parade, so get involved with your group!

At 2:00 the music and the fun starts in the PAV – it’s a big ‘free-for-all’ – bring your friends, BYOB, snacks, games, cards, decorations, make your own Happy Hour, or crash someone else’s – whatever you wish! Get to know people – the only restriction is: you ‘gotta’ leave by 5:00 for your own supper!!

HAPPY MARDI GRAS DAY – Riverside Style!
Concerts:

Don Paye, Chair, Concert Committee

There will again be two famous Riverside Concerts – by outstanding, top notch, national entertainers – read on, please:

“Three on a String”

“Three on a String” (now consisting of “four” on a string!) have been performing for crowds all over the US since 1971. Their show is a combination of outstanding picking, fiddling, harmonica and various other instruments all of which is interlaced with good, clean comedy. The four members have great singing voices that add harmony to many of their numbers. Their music covers a wide range of genres including blue grass, country, rock and roll and more resulting in standing ovations. We know everyone will be well entertained by “Three on a String”.

Friday, January 24 - Doors open at 7 pm
Showtime – 7:30 PM $10/person

“Phil Dirt and the Dozers”

We all need a throwback to remind us of where we came from and why our future rests on the foundation of the past. A Phil Dirt and the Dozers show will take you right back to classic Rock n’ Roll’s golden age, a spiritual place often revisited by modern day superstars for inspiration and direction. For years, Phil Dirt and the Dozers have been praised, honored and downright loved by people everywhere. From their rise in Columbus, Ohio in 1981, the Dozers have kept their eyes keenly focused on musical perfection, quality and entertaining their audiences.

Friday, February 21 - Doors open at 7:00 pm
Showtime-7:30 PM $10/person

Have a great 2020 Winter Season - y’all!!!!

Dieter Euler, Editor