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President's Message – July, 2011

Over and Over Again

"Overs" – leftovers, do-overs, turnovers, make-overs, once-overs – wow, there are a lot of "overs" in our lives. I wonder if this term as being President of the MWFPOA is something of a do-over. Most of the time, do-overs are those times when you're playing a game like golf and you completely miss the ball, or take a mighty swing, just to leave it in the sand 6 inches in front of where you started. Your playing partners, out of sympathy may give you a do-over. I suppose a second marriage could be called a do-over, even if it's not to the same person you wed the first time. Do-overs are traditionally a chance to take another swing, hoping to do it right this time. I feel like we did it right the first time, so maybe this isn't a do-over. Maybe it's just leftovers.

Ever look in your refrigerator? My wife tells me that men can only see the leftovers that are at eye level, leaving everything else to mold, rot, and end up in the garbage. Leftovers are those things you couldn't quite finish in the first pass - like the bathroom you decided to remodel, or that car you really wanted to restore, or the book you so desperately wanted to finish. Most of us are 95%-ers. We finish 95% of every job we start and then move on to something else, leaving the job with, well, leftovers. Since I had three years in this job on my first pass, we had plenty of time to finish what we started, and did. I don't think this year is leftovers either. Maybe it's a make-over.

Make-overs have gained a lot of notoriety on TV. The reality shows will make-over your appearance, make-over your house, or make-over your life. The premise is to take something that just isn't working and completely re-do it so that it works. No, this isn't a make-over either.

I think that I'm being given a turnover. Ok, all you dessert fans, I'm not talking apple turnovers. Think about basketball or football. Turnovers are when you give the ball to the other team and they get a chance to do something with it.

Certainly, all of you basketball and football fans know that turnovers are not a good thing - for the team that's making them. They are, however, a great thing for the team that receives them. One of the routine statistics in basketball is Points off of Turnovers. In other words, how well did you do with the opportunity you were given. That's what we have here. Last year's Board did a fantastic job and they have turned it over to us. The question remains. What will we do with it? If you have ideas, thoughts, or concerns, attend a meeting, send me an e-mail, or better yet, discuss it with someone on the Board. We'll do the best we can to score as many points as we can off of this turnover.

I'll see you around the neighborhood -- Jim



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MINUTES ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE
AFTER THE BOARD MEETINGS AND THE
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
www.meadowwoodfarmsocala.com

A big thank you to those who have contributed baked goods at the Association Meetings.

Contributions are greatly appreciated.

REMINDER

The MWF Directory is in the process of being updated. Please contact Lee Chamberlain, 873-8520 or email lchamberlain@cfl.rr.com with any changes you may have. Those who responded on the inquiry with their invoice do not need to repeat.

PLEASE JOIN

MEADOW WOOD FARMS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. by simply sending your check for \$55.00 (Annual Dues effective 1 Jun 2010 with this form to: Meadow Wood Farms Property Owners Assoc., Inc., P. O. Box 77-1896, Ocala, FL 33477-1896

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Put my/our information in the directory.

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A directory is distributed to MWFPOA members at no charge. It may be purchased by non-members for \$5.00.

TAKE NOTE!

If you initially (FY 2011) requested the Newsletter be mailed to you, you must renew the request for the current Fiscal Year. If you have not already done so, and wish it to be mailed to you, please call Pat Anderson, 237-2521, or email patsis1@hotmail.com Members of the Association get this service free. There is a \$10 annual fee for non members wishing to receive a mailed copy of the Newsletter.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Well, Memorial Day has come and gone so I guess we are officially in the summer season, especially with temperatures already reaching mid 90s during the afternoon. As I reported recently, this is traditionally not the busy selling season for farm properties. However, with historically low interest rates, there are still viable buyers looking to move into the neighborhood. The problem, however, is the lack of available homes to choose from. As of today, there are a total of 17 properties listed in the Ocala MLS for Meadow Wood Farms, 13 "residential" properties and 4 "farm" properties. This is the lowest number that I can recall in my 6 yrs here as a Realtor. The properties that have been listed in the last month are:

RESIDENTIAL

15 Wagon Wheel Way \$419,900 Relist

29 Neverbend Drive \$185,000

FARM

2 Needles Dr. \$309,000

There was one property that went under contract since I last reported:

12 Wintergreen Way \$120,000 Pending

MWF is still one of the most sought after areas for a small, horse friendly community with a friendly country atmosphere. Take advantage of the opportunity to list your property for the upcoming fall selling season. The window for low interest rates is definitely limited, and it is just a matter of time before The Federal Reserve puts a halt to "FREE" money to curb the inflation that is sure to come due to the expansionary monetary policy we have enjoyed for the past 3 years.

I encourage buyers to buy now with low rates, and to repay the loan with ever less valuable dollars. Inflation is sure to increase, making real interest rates even lower.

Talk to your realtor to see what he/she thinks. It is always prudent to get a second opinion.

See you next month,

Mike Hajjar, Realtor, REOS Desiree Barbazon Realty 352-299-0171

The next meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday July 6, 2011

Association Meeting will be held on July 14, 2011

All meetings are held at St. John's Methodist Church, County Road 328, at 7:00 P.M.

Please join us!

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER AT JULY 14 ASSOCIATION MEETING

Barbara Thomas, Regional Director for the "Seniors vs. Crime" program will be the featured speaker at our next MWFPOA general meeting on Thursday, July 14th at 7:00 p.m. Ms Thomas is a twenty-year law enforcement veteran who is still actively associated with the state Attorney General's office in administering this special project aimed at reducing victimization of senior citizens, who are often targeted for specific crimes (financial scams, dishonest businesses, identity theft) based on their age. Since its inception, the Seniors vs. Crime program has recovered millions of dollars for seniors by helping to investigate and resolve complaints brought to them at their storefront offices or via their website at: www.seniorsvscrime.com. There is NO CHARGE for this service which is performed largely by volunteers. Each of us in MWF can either be categorized as a senior (and I know those definitions vary!) or certainly knows a neighbor or two who could benefit from this program, so please come on July 14th and hear more about what Seniors vs. Crime can do for us.

Special thanks to Doris Boesman, MWF Resident and Seniors vs. Crime volunteer, for bringing this suggestion to the Board's attention. Please forward YOUR ideas for interesting and informative speakers for the coming year to one of your Board members.

COOK BOOK UPDATE

The MWF cook book project is moving right along. I think that we can look forward to the arrival of the finished product, perhaps by the end of July.

Again, special thanks to all of the individuals who contributed their delicious recipes and to those individuals who helped me with the project by contributing their time and talents in order to produce a beautifully presented book. Also, many thanks to the benefactor whose generosity has provided our neighborhood with this great opportunity to not only raise funds for MWF but to work together to produce a product that will provide enjoyment for many people for years to come.

The story of Jocko Graves, a black farm boy who served Washington during the Revolutionary War. According to legend, in December 1776, Jocko held a lantern and a horse in freezing weather on the banks of the Delaware River so the find general could his way across and have something ride when he got there. "Jocko froze to death holding the lantern and the horse," Long said. "General Washington was so moved by his devotion that he had Jocko statues commissioned and gave them to his generals. Later, that caught on, and that's why you have these small lawn statues of an African-American boy holding a lantern and a ring for a horse.

Read more: http://www.kentucky.com/2011/06/19/1780205/jockey-discovers-history-of-black.html#ixzz1PqBwTfJJ

Submitted by Sandy Mollberg

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)

Hello everyone,

Lt. Conn with the Sheriffs Dept. has confirmed the classes for our CERT course is currently being scheduled to begin this September.

Classes will start on Wednesday nights mid September. The start time will be confirmed soon, but most likely 7:30 p.m. at St. Johns Church, CR #328.

If you have not filled out an application please contact me for a copy, or go on line. You will need to fax their office by August 29th. If you have given me an application already I will fax them in for you.

Also, please notify anyone who may be new to the neighborhood, or returning from colder states for their winter stay. The more attendees the better.

Thanks for everyone's support with this FREE program that has been offered to our community.

Deni (Buetow) 622-6554 – <u>denisepurple1@yahoo.com</u>



PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS TO BENEFIT MWFPOA TREASURY

The recycle point for your aluminum cans is at the front entrance to the Friendship Park on Lake View Drive East. Barrels are provided for that purpose.

Cans that are rinsed, tab tops removed and crushed are our favorites.

Tab tops may go to any charity you know or bring them to meetings to go to Shands Juvenile Kidney Foundation. **ALUMINUM CANS ONLY PLEASE!**

RACE FOR THE CURE - SUPPORT BK SAWYER

On October 1st, BK will run in the This will be the 13th year of BK's race. We can help find a cure for supporter of the cause. To be a made out to: Susan G. Komen your continuing support.



Susan G. Komen "Race for the Cure". participation in the running of the cancer! BK is a survivor and a great sponsor, please send BK your check Foundation. Thank you so much for

BK Sawyer ~ 13 Lookout Lane, Ocala, FL 34482 ~ 861-8883

Spending too much time online?

The internet is a great resource for information and entertainment, but it's easy to get carried away. Here are a few steps to help you cut back if you need to.

- 1. Start by tracking your Internet usage for a few days. How much time do you really spend? How much time should you spend realistically?
- 2. Set the Stopwatch. If you tell yourself 30 minutes, or even two hours, you may only go to the Websites you must go to, instead of surfing from one to another.
- 3. Make a to do list and check it off. Figure out why you need to go online and then get done what you need to do. If it's answering emails, answer emails.
- 4. Cut back on RSS subscriptions. You can only read so many blogs. Keep the ones you truly like and delete the rest.
- 5. Find other hobbies. Instead of Web surfing, dive into that book you've been meaning to read or call a friend and talk to him or her instead of sending an email.

Beware of Computer Vision

People who spend more than two hours on the computer every day may start to experience Computer Vision Syndrome (CVS).

Some of the symptoms to look for: headaches, focusing difficulties, burning eyes, tired eyes, dry eyes, double vision, blurred vision, light sensitivity, and neck and shoulder pain.

Electronic characters displayed on a computer monitor are made of many, many small dots (pixels). Eyes have a hard time focusing on the pixel characters. They are constantly relaxing and then straining to re-focus, similar to if you'd raise your arm and pump your fist open and closed 40,000 times during an eight hour day.

To help reduce the effects of CVS:

- 1. Look away from your computer screen every 10-15 minutes and focus for 5-10 seconds on an object off in the distance or down the hall, or take a short walk.
- 2. Place your monitor directly in front of you, not off to the side. It should be 20 to 26 inches away from you. Also, make sure it's not too high or too low.

Provided by: Connie Story

KETCHUP

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. "She's hitting the bottle."

Check out Ocala Flight Sim Club. We're a small informal organization of Microsoft Flight Simulator enthusiasts. Our Club has no dues or membership fees.

We are happy to help those just getting started and are equally pleased to have experts. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome. Computer or piloting skills are NOT prerequisites.

We meet at 6:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month at Landmark Aviation at the Ocala Airport. It's on $60^{\rm th}$ Ave.; in the same building with the Tailwinds Café. Ask at the desk for directions to the conference room.

Come join us at any meeting, or contact John Allard (33 Wintergreen Way) by email at allardjd@earthlink.net

Pet Registry & Rescue

If you have FOUND or LOST a pet, you can contact Sandy Mollberg at the number shown below. This service is not part of the Association, but rather is a personal service provided free to the residents of Meadow Wood Farms.

Sandy does not take any pets in as a rescue, nor does she place pets in homes for people. If you wish, you can register your pet with her so that she will have them on file if she gets a call for a lost pet. A registration form is provided in this newsletter for that purpose. Sandy Mollberg, phone number 861-9622.

Meadow Wood Equine Club Inc (not affiliated with MWFPOA) is a social group of horse oriented people. Guests/Visitors are welcome.

Membership is open to anyone - you do not have to live in Meadow Wood Farms or own a horse to join. Membership is \$5.00 a year. Members receive a 10% discount off "most in store items" at Seminole, Tack Shack and J & J Tack. Must show your membership card. Some Restrictions apply - some items are not discounted such as feed, hay, shavings, and warehouse items, ask store for their details.

For more information, please call: Secretary-Treasurer Kathy Rohlwing at 861-7405, or Vice-President Carol Shockey at 873-4719, or President Leroy Conro at 873-2153.

15,000 Watt Generator For Sale – Guardian Ultra Source gas generator. 12,500 Watt constant; 15,000 Watt surge. Purchased new in 2005. Used 2 hours. Needs battery. Sells new at Northern Tool for \$2,200. Make me an offer Bob Skalski (skalskirj@aol.com) ~ 854-5525

Join us for our first Open Mic Morning!



Ever feel the urge to perform in front of an audience? "Open Mic" day is your chance! We provide the microphone – you provide the talent. You can do any kind of presentation - singing, reciting, acting, playing an instrument, whatever.

We're looking for performers of *all* ages – kids, young adults, and those of us with more life experience. We'll kick it off with a recital of Joyce Kilmer's poetry, and then open it up for all comers. A venue for amateur performers, this is your chance to become more at ease in front of an audience.

Your chance to be "on stage" will begin at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday morning, August 20. Come and perform or just to watch, listen, and support your aspiring neighbors.

Please contact Toni Kimball by phone or email to sign up for a slot.

Toni Kimball, 861-4934 - akimball2@cfl.rr.com



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